

ENGLAND GOLF
Suffolk Delegates Meeting held at Bury St. Edmunds Golf Club on
Friday, 21st March 2014

1. **Attendees:** Anne Archer, in the Chair, Ann Graves, County President, Laura Lowe, County Captain, Jeanette Longman, County Secretary, Alistair Spink, County Development Officer, Seckford, St. Clements, Cretingham, Ufford, Rushmere, Fynn Valley, Aldeburgh, BSE, Thorpeness, Woodbridge, Newton Green, Felixstowe, Flempton, Southwold, Haverhill, Royal Worlington.
2. **Apologies:** Received from Bungay, Diss, Hintlesham, Stowmarket, The Suffolk & Waldringfield.
3. **Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to those attending their first meeting.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed.
5. **Matters arising:** None.
6. **County Golf Partnership - Alistair Spink:** Initiative has been running for 4-years & Alistair's role is to increase general participation in golf in Suffolk & thereby increase club membership. The number of people playing golf is falling, with nationally only 4500-girls participating, which does not auger well for the future of Ladies golf. The Partnership runs, "Get Into Golf". This takes the form of 4-weeks coaching costing £20, which is followed by a further 6-weeks training, costing £30. These sessions are run by Golf Professionals & require a minimum of 8-participants to make the sessions viable. The challenge is to retain 80% of participants although the figure is currently running at nearer 60%. It is felt general member support would significantly enhance the Partnership's offering. Contact Alistair - alastair@suffolkgolfpartnership.co.uk - with any queries or suggestions. The leading centres are currently those with Driving Ranges, though other clubs are involved. The Partnership will offer assistance in targeting players for each club - www.getintogolf.org supplies the details. More information will be released shortly & the initiative is supported by Archant (EADT locally.) All clubs' should have been advised of the "National Golf Month", which will take place in May 2014. This will provide free advertising & focus attention towards local clubs.
7. **Inter-Club County Competitions:** Entries for the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Day, which will be held at Hintlesham on Monday, 11th August 2014, were over-subscribed within 3-days. However, any teams who may have entered but didn't on hearing the event was full, please could they advise Chris Lynch-Bates of their interest - email: karen.korzack@live.co.uk . Entries for the Suffolk Ladies Stroke, Matchplay & Senior Championships should be made before the 30th March 2014.
8. **England Golf:** Ann Graves attended the England Golf AGM & Representatives' meeting at Woodhall Spa in February 2014 & reported on the meeting highlights, much of which can be found on the England Golf Website. The 3-Year Strategic Plan in particular is a "must read" - <http://www.Englandgolf.org/page.aspx?sitesectionid=353&sitesectiontitle=Strategic+Vision+and+Goals>

9. **County Cards:** The men now pay an extra £1.50 on their Subscriptions & can thus apply to Club Managers' for a card. To do the same the Ladies would have to take this topic to an AGM, so the first time this could be ratified & implemented would be 2016. The GB has therefore decided that Hermione Scrope, County Treasurer, can, on receipt of £5, for 2014, issue a Ladies County Card. This will enable the GB to monitor the Card's popularity.
10. **100-Club:** The draw was made & the results will be published on the County Website. If any members wish to participate, they should contact their Club Delegate.
11. **Website:** The County Secretary has carried out a review, which highlighted a significant increase in visits but with a more focussed approach. Please remember to forward any interesting news & photographs are always appreciated.
12. **AOB:**

GB - Minutes Secretary: Required - apply to the County Secretary. This post involves attendance at 5-meetings per year plus the AGM.

Thanks: Were extended to GB members', Alistair Spink for attending & BSE Golf Club for their hospitality.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting:

TBA

Anne Archer
21st March 2014