

**ENGLAND GOLF**  
**Suffolk Delegates Meeting held at Bury St. Edmunds Golf Club on**  
**Friday, 31st October 2014**

1. **Apologies:** Received from Sue Cook, Gorleston, Halesworth, Hintlesham, St. Clements, Seckford, Southwold & Waldringfield.
2. **Report from the last meeting:** Agreed.
3. **Matters arising:** None.
4. **Inter-Club County Competitions: Haskell:** Felixstowe - should the Haskell & Stearn Finals be played at the same time/venue? GB to consider. **Weston:** To played in handicap order. **Stearn & Cranworth:** A Player whose handicap has dropped (by no more than 2 shots for the Cranworth and 1 shot for the Stearn) below the lowest handicap limit are permitted to play in the later Rounds (off her current lower handicap) PROVIDED that she has already played in the Preliminary or 1st Round (whichever is her Club's earliest Round) - so, that would be 11 for the Stearn and 19 for the Cranworth.
5. **Friendly Matches:** Arrangements & format for these are purely at the Captains' discretion. However, the predominance of the Greensome format, could be varied following review by all. Singles, Foursomes, 4-BBB & Guildford Greensomes were all mentioned as possible variations, but much would depend upon course availability.
6. **County Cards:** 84 have been issued in 2014 & subsequent to a meeting between the SLCGA & SGU Treasurers' it has been agreed that for 2015, the same system as for the men will apply. Namely, Ladies will obtain their County Card from their Club Manager.
7. **County Website:** County Secretary reported some events, dates & venues are already published on the Website for 2015, with more to come. Please remember, your reports & pics are always welcome.
8. **100-Club:** Forward any names/money to Sue Cook & the draw, which is usually made at this meeting, has been deferred until the County AGM on Saturday, 10th January 2015. Once again, Sue Cook was thanked for her commitment to the cause!!
9. **England Golf:** Anne Archer reported that together with the County Secretary & County Captain, she attended a Regional Meeting, sponsored by England Golf, to introduce the EG strategy going forward & the key players. The discussion, which followed provided a good forum to contribute to the debate. What was clear is the different agendas for large & small counties, plus the differing needs of Member & Proprietary Clubs. Whilst EG have hurdles to overcome, an encouraging start has been made. The integration of male & female golf still has some way to go. Anne also attended a Regional Meeting at Cambridge on 24th October 2014 where changes to the role of County Representative were refined & agreed.
10. **England Golf - County Representative:** Anne confirmed that at the SLCGA AGM she will be standing down from the role. There is procedure to be followed, which is as follows: 1. Delegates & thereby their clubs are asked to put forward nominations for the role. 2. Nominations considered by the subsequent GB Meeting. 3. GB decide on the new Representative. 3. GB's nomination ratified at the AGM. There is currently one

candidate, Chris Lynch-Bates, but others are encouraged to put forward their names. Attached is the Job Description for the County Representative role. Following discussion it was agreed pre-requisites for the post should be, a past or present delegate or a lady who has at least served on their club committee. All nominations should be sent to the County Secretary by 15th November 2014.

#### **11. AOB:**

**BSE:** Reported on their success at a recent recruitment drive (Tri Golf): Out of 90 ladies who took part: 55 signed up for additional information: 17 have purchased Academy Passes on their 9 hole course (valid for 6 months): 3 have expressed an interest in full membership.

**Rookery Park:** The Captains/Vice-Captains' meeting is taking place at Rookery on 26th November 2014 & all clubs are reminded that replies should be sent to Diane Spall - email: [dianedreemer@btinternet.com](mailto:dianedreemer@btinternet.com) - by 5th November 2014.

**Handicap Survey:** The County President advised that next week there will be a short survey pertaining to handicaps on the England Golf Website. Please encourage all to participate.

**Slow Play:** Delegates were reminded that all should be encouraged to fill in the Slow Play Survey on the R & A website. After a lively debate it is clear that education & "it is good to talk" are the best ways forward. It is also in the interests of all players, this thorny issue continues to be aired.

**England Golf - County Representative.** Anne was thanked for her hard work over the past 5-years. Anne in response thanked all Delegates both past & present & County Officers for their support.

**BSE:** Will be thanked for hosting the meeting.

**Date, Times and Venues of 2015 Meetings: TBA**

**Anne Archer**

**31st October 2014**