



SUFFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Eighty Fifth Annual General Meeting will be held at Kesgrave Memorial Hall/ Community Centre, Kesgrave, Ipswich (IP5 1JF) on Saturday 12 January 2019 at 10.30am

AGENDA

President's Opening Remarks

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 13 January 2018
3. Matters Arising
4. Report and Accounts for 2017/18
 - a) *County Captain's Report – County Competition & Taster Day Summary*
 - b) *Junior Organiser's Report*
 - c) *Senior Organiser's Report*
 - d) *England Golf Report*
 - e) *Treasurer's Report*
 - f) *Handicap Adviser's Report*
5. Election and Re-Election of Officers and Members of the Governing Body
6. Any Other Business

The 100 Club Draw will take place after Any Other Business

Presentation of:

Joy Winn Salver, Weston Trophy, Plate and Bowl, Silver and Bronze Medals, Nigel Birrell Trophy, Junior Golfer of the Year Shield, Team Colours, Junior and Second Team Captains

Di Cunningham
Hon. Secretary

December 2018

Complimentary coffee will be available

Report 4(a) – County Captains County Competition and Taster Day Summary (Miss Vanessa Bell)

County Captain's Report 2018 – County Competition & Taster Day Summary

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS

Division 1 was held at Thorpeness Golf Club. The Sybil Green Trophy was won by Alice Barlow (Hintlesham Golf Club) with a gross score of 82. Felixstowe Golf Club won the Inter-Club Challenge Shield.

Division 2 was played at Hintlesham Gold Club, the winner of the Sybil Green Cup, was Sheila Boath (Ipswich Golf Club) with a gross score 93 the winner of the Joan O'Meara Shield was Woodbridge Golf Club.

Division 3 was played at Diss Golf Club. The Silver Quaiche was won by Patricia Partridge (Stowmarket Golf Club) with 37 points and the Belstead Team Shield by Stowmarket Golf Club.

Division 4 was held at Fynn Valley Golf Club. The winner of the Olive Carruthers Cup, with a score of 34 points was Sue Fraenzel (Kingfishers). Fynn Valley won the Divisional Shield.

I would like to thank Joan Cook and Maggie Porter for arranging these competitions.

FOURSOMES MEETINGS

The Coronation Foursomes was held at Newton Green Golf Club the winners, were Sarah Gotts and Kerry Enever from Diss Golf Club with 106.50 points.

Unfortunately, the Centenary Foursomes was cancelled due to lack of entries.

I would like to thank Dianne Clark for running these competitions over the past three years.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Haskell

The Haskell final was held at Stowmarket Golf Club in October between Rookery Park Golf Club, represented by Hannah Rees and Carole Bostock and Felixstowe represented by Amanda Norman and Jo Woodward, Amanda and Jo won 2 up.

Stearn

Felixstowe Golf Club and Diss Golf Club also met at Stowmarket Golf Club on the 1st Monday in October for the final of the Stearn Trophy. Congratulations go to Diss, who managed to win the match 3 to 0.

The Stearn and the Haskell competitions were run by Debbie Anthistle and Lynne Wright, thank you.

Weston

Division 1 Winners of the Weston Trophy were Ipswich Golf Club, runners up Stowmarket Golf Club.

Division 2 Winners of the Weston Plate were Bury St Edmunds Golf Club, runners up

Rookery Park Golf Club - these two clubs will be promoted to Division 1 next year, Hintlesham and Bungay Golf Club will be relegated to Division 2.

Division 3 Winners of the Weston Bowl were Thorpeness, Haverhill were runners up. Thorpeness and Haverhill Golf Club will be promoted to Division 2. Diss and Flempton Golf Club will be relegated to Division 3. Thanks to Amanda Norman for organising this competition.

Suffolk Seniors Jubilee Shield

Diss and Woodbridge Golf Club teed up in the Final at Ipswich Golf Club. The winners were Diss beating Woodbridge by 5 holes. I would like to thank Anne Archer for running this competition this year.

Cranworth

This final was between Ipswich Golf Club and Felixstowe Golf Club played at Bramford with Ipswich 5.5 to 3.5.

Thank you, Irma Suttle for running these matches.

SUFFOLK GOLF DAY

Once again, our County Day went without a hitch under the eye of Eunice Gray, hosted very kindly by Hintlesham Golf Club and sponsored by Sabona. The winning team was from Woodbridge. The day raised £1,169.

I would like to thank all the County's club Ladies' Captains and their members who hosted our competitions in 2018, you have been more than generous.

SLCGA LADIES TASTER DAY

In May, the SLCGA launched a new initiative to help encourage and support clubs in hosting a Ladies Taster Day with the aim of engaging more ladies into the game and into membership. 16 clubs took part in total and were provided with banners and marketing materials alongside PR in local press and social media.

There has been some really positive feedback from professionals/clubs which is highlighted below:

- * Ipswich GC – 55 took part across three sessions on the day with over 25 now carrying on into further coaching with Ian Scott.
- * Stowmarket GC – 38 attended the taster sessions with 17 moving onto two 4-week beginner coaching courses with Jon Markham.
- * Gorleston GC – 9 attended the taster day with 8 moving onto a 12-week coaching course with Duncan Abbott. 8 have moved onto a 12-week coaching course with Duncan Abbott. All who took part have indicated that they would like to continue further with golf.
- * Rookery Park GC – 27 attendees over two sessions with 21 signing up for further coaching with Gary Kitley.
- * Kingfishers GC - 22 attended the taster sessions across the day and reported a 50% take-up of a 3 month offer of membership.
- * Newton Green GC – ran a successful day with 9 ladies attending in total of which five have gone onto become members.

The SLCGA would like to thank all those who signed up to take part in the initiative and for the time and effort given by the members and professionals to make it a success.

Vanessa Bell
County Captain

Report 4(b) – Junior Organiser's Report 2018 (Miss Vanessa Bell)

Junior Organisers Report 2018

In June this year we said goodbye to Eloise Aldous who resigned from her position due to work commitments and I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for her time and work given to the Juniors. I am pleased to report that Alice Barlow, along with the support of her parents Mark and Jenny, has recently taken on the County Junior Organiser role and I have no doubt that her enthusiasm, ideas and golfing ability will be a great influence to the girls and their golf.

Under the guidance of Ian Scott, County Junior Coach, the Juniors have worked hard over the course of the year reducing and gaining their handicaps. It has been a pleasure to watch them all in practice and competition and to see friendships made and cemented both on and off the course. Participation at County training has been strong, and we are beginning to create a pipeline of players helping to boost team numbers and depth for the future.

Junior County Match Days were hosted by Hertfordshire and each of the girls played to the best of their ability and the team spirit was fantastic. They were an absolute pleasure to be with and represented the County to the highest level.

This year three players will be moving up to the senior ranks: Megan Bailey, Charlotte Gregory and Fiona Stokes. Thank you for your support and commitment to the Junior Girls.

I would also like to thank the parents for their support too. We are greatly appreciative of your own time and commitment given to the girls and the County.

I wish the Juniors all the very best in their practice over the winter months and the best of luck with the new golfing season ahead.

Vanessa Bell
Junior Organiser

Report 4(c) – Senior Organiser's Report 2018 (Mrs Anne Archer)

Senior Organisers Report 2018

Our season began well with a win over Norfolk played at Rookery Park followed by another victory over the Juniors at Royal Worlington. In July when we travelled to Wyboston Lakes to take on Bedfordshire our fortunes suffered a reverse and despite its name the hard and hot track did not do us any favours & we lost 3-1. Next to Haverhill to take on Cambs and Hunts and after a very close match recorded a loss 1 1/2 to 2 1/2. A keenly contested match against the Committee resulted in an honorable draw; followed by a win in our annual fixture against the Vets. Our Scratch Match against Norfolk was held

at Royal Cromer and a team of 7 did not prevail in the very windy conditions. We hope home advantage next year will reverse this result.

Huge thanks go to the courses who kindly hosted our matches and particularly to the numerous players' who participated.

Anne Archer
Senior Organiser

Report 4(d) – England Golf Report (Miss Rebecca O'Hara)

This will be my last report, it has been a great pleasure to serve the county and the collective for the last 5 years but changes in my personal circumstances have taken me back to full time employment and I feel I've not been able to offer this vital role the commitment required.

I have enjoyed my involvement in county golf. It's clear that I'll never get a call up to represent Suffolk in a playing capacity so to serve in administrative is a great honour.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the delegates who I've worked with. We have always enjoyed a lively debate and I will miss that a great deal.

Lizzie Johnson has been proposed by the committee as the Suffolk England Golf Voting Member. Lizzie is a member at Newton Green in Suffolk and also Hunstanton in Norfolk. She is an experienced golfer who has many years' experience of playing in county competitions and most recent the Newton Green Lady Captain. Lizzie brings with her an enthusiasm and commitment and I firmly believe she will be an asset to the county and you. I wish her every success.

I'd like to thank the past and present captains and presidents who have made my time so enjoyable and supported me in my position. Thank you, Vanessa and Mo for everything you've done both for me personally and for the county, Special thanks go to Hermione who I affectional call Boss, she has served the county tirelessly for many years and is a true stalwart of Suffolk golf. Also retiring this year is Di Cunningham who is our county secretary, Di has worked especially hard for Suffolk. The role of county secretary is not an easy one and Di has worked tirelessly behind the scene to ensure we all get to enjoy county golf.

I wish you all happy golfing and I look forward to seeing you on the course soon.

Rebecca O'Hara
England Golf Representative

Report 4(e) – Treasurer's Report 2018 (Miss Hermione Scrope)

Treasurers Report 2018

This year the Association has incurred an excess of expenditure over income of £2,870. Our main source of revenue is from the affiliation fees that our members pay. These are now collected in “real time” which gives us a more accurate figure as to how many members we have. The numbers for 2018 show an increase of 5% over the previous year. The inter-club competitions continue to be popular with members and fund themselves. The County Championship and the Divisional meetings show a decline in the number of members entering them, a situation we are trying to address. The Suffolk Golf Day is a valuable source of income as well as being very popular with our members and this year raised £1,169.

Membership of the 100 Club continues to grow and this year raised £1,165. As in previous years we have asked members, through the Delegates, to tell us how they wish the money to be spent.

Our major expenditure this year was on “Get into Golf”. This was an initiative to encourage Clubs to hold taster days for Ladies to come and try golf. The feedback from the clubs has been positive and we hope to see this reflected in our membership numbers for 2019.

We continue to monitor our expenses and again this year we have managed to contain our administration accounts.

Hermione C. Scrope FCA CTA
Hon. Treasurer

Report 4(f) – Handicap Adviser's Report (Mrs Eunice Gray)

Handicap Advisor's Report 2018

Apart from receiving enquiries on individual handicap dilemmas and queries there is little to report for 2018.

The focus of England Golf has been to introduce the changes to the R&A Rules, which are live as of 1st January 2019, and the World handicapping System which will start in 2020.

I attended an introductory meeting of the WHS at Kings Norton GC in February. This gave a comprehensive overview of where England Golf were in planning the launch. There have since been follow up workshops around the country for Club handicap secretaries to attend. I went along to the presentation at Fynn Valley last month. Initially the new system will seem very complicated, but everyone must keep in mind that the calculations will all be done on the computer. Before the new system is launched all golf, courses will have to be sloped, where this doesn't happen in time the course will be allocated a temporary rating.

England Golf highlighted the need for clubs to carry out an annual review of all players this year. Where necessary adjustments to handicaps should be made as the more accurate the CONGU handicap the less of a change upwards will happen on transition to WHS. It is also extremely important for clubs to check their CDH listings of players are there are still many instances of players being entered more than once with more than one CDH number.

There are further WHS workshops planned for April 2019.

I am not the rules guru but I would make a plea here for all clubs to ensure they hold a meeting on the main changes to the rules for 2019.

A second plea is for all team captains in County, and in fact any other matches, to please check the handicaps of the players before the match is played. There was a very unfortunate incident this summer when a player played off the incorrect handicap for the competition. It resulted in a lot of correspondence between the GB and the two clubs involved. It shouldn't happen so please, players and captains check and double check.

This is my last meeting as Handicap Advisor. I have enjoyed the role very much, it has been educational and a great privilege to work on the committee with a great group of ladies. Being part of the governing body is not at all daunting and I would urge any lady golfers to be brave and put yourselves forward when vacancies occur-you will not regret it.

Happy golfing in 2019

Eunice Gray
Handicap Advisor