

The 79th Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association was held at Kesgrave Community Hall on Saturday 7th January 2012 at 10.30am

Present:

Mrs. Judy Hamshere	President
Mrs. Sheila Jarvis	Captain
Mrs. Laura Lowe	Vice Captain & 2nd Team Captain
Miss Ann Graves	Handicap Adviser
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Hon. Secretary
Miss Hermione Scrope	Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. Kay Anderson	Junior Organiser
Mrs. Maureen Lloyd	Senior Organiser
Mrs. Sandra Ball	Championship Organiser
Mrs. Anne Archer	EWGA Representative
Mrs. Tina Daubney	Division Meetings Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart	Centenary/Coronation Foursomes Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Robinson	Haskell/Stearn Organiser
Mrs. Alison Nielsen	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs. Wendy Wootton	Suffolk Golf Partnership
Mrs. June Stack	Minutes Secretary

Together with 124 members

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Good morning and welcome to you all - to the 79th AGM of the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association.

We have lost a number of friends over the last year so I would like you to stand in their memory.....

Joan Moore, Captain of Aldeburgh and County Secretary during the early seventies and County President in 1991.

Jeanne Templeman, was a founder member of Stowmarket and was President of the Suffolk Veterans Ladies Golf Association.

Sally Dawson was one of Suffolks most prolific Championship winners having been a member of Bury St Edmunds and then Flempton.

Jean Sharman played golf at Lowestoft and represented Suffolk in the first team during the late 60s and early 70s.

Bob Curle was a member of Thorpeness and was the county's first sponsor in the Early 80s. He was a businessman who lived in Snape.

Joyce Girling a ladies captain from Ipswich---so lively and glamorous. Also Margaret Kwint from Ipswich.

Irene Brown---the first ladies Captain from Haverhill.

Joan Battershill, from Gorleston

Patricia Avieson and Linda McFegan from Bury St Edmunds.

And others in your memory.

Thank you.

As most of you know I did not attend last years AGM as I was---unavoidably detained---and I thank Ann Graves who spoke my words so well in my absence (no doubt better than I could have done!) I was well looked after at home by my husband while I was recuperating from my operation---in fact I have dragged it out for most of the year regarding the Hoovering and ironing.

Our new Vice Captain, Laura broke her ankle in January and Mo, Senior Organiser, had to have an ear operation. Was it catching I thought---we were falling like flies!!! Two other committee members were taken in to hospital. You will be pleased to hear that things DID improve.

I would like to thank Cynthia Stewart for agreeing to be competition convenor this year and also taking on the Coronation and Centenary foursomes organisation due to an unforeseen retirement from the committee. As she is so good at booking venues for all our competitions and has such knowledge of county work she has retained her seat on the GB as convenor.

June Stack agreed to be Minutes Secretary---as you will remember we didn't have one at last years AGM. She has settled in extremely well and has shown that she understands all our chat and asides-----and consequently has been able to produce such excellent minutes.

I would like to thank Detmar Hackman of Sabona International for sponsorship again last year. He also provided some fine bracelets as prizes for the Suffolk golf Day.

Ann Graves organised the Golf day and as a result boosted our funds. I felt, for a number of reasons, that we should not have this competition every year. However you made your feelings plain at the presentation (I was almost booed out of the room) so I am able to say that it will continue as before. It will be held at Hintlesham Golf Club on Monday August 13th organised by Judith Dunnett. Entry forms will be sent to all the clubs and will be on the web site.

Our website is looked after by George Hazell, Julie Latimer-Jones and Jeanette Longman-----thank you to all of them. Please remember to send articles from your clubs for inclusion. The more there is to read, the more it will be used.

Julie also sends in articles to the Suffolk/Norfolk Golfer. I do enjoy reading them as her way with words never ceases to amaze me.

Other hard working volunteers in this county are ALL the lady captains and their committees. It has been a pleasure meeting you all over the last 2 years. Thank you for your hospitality.

Judi Walker continues to give a lot of her time (in fact all I expect) to Ladies golf. She is now a stakeholder non-executive director of the newly merged England Golf. – congratulations. I have seen her around the county AND indeed the country, in her capacity as referee wearing her pink jumper zooming around in her buggy.

At the Suffolk Golf Partnership Annual Conference various presentations were made. Linda MacFarlane, chair of Haverhill Golf Clubs Junior Committee was awarded Volunteer of the year for Club Development -----and Sarah Howe (Ipswich Golf Club) was the Young Volunteer for 2011.

Bev Wasp was presented with High Achiever status in her application for Golf Mark accreditation on behalf of Stowmarket Golf Club where she is Junior Organiser.

Many ladies and girls have had a particularly good golfing year---some have been noted in the reports.

Five Ladies from Aldeburgh (Brenda Burtenshaw, Phillipa Collett, Blaize Esmond, Bunty Hunt, Susie Manson-Bahr and non playing captain Lotti Edmunds) went to El Rompido in South Western Spain to contest the semi finals of the Mail on Sunday knockout competition last November. They beat Northamptonshire but were narrowly defeated 3-2 by Ganton to finish in the runner up spot. What an experience for the team. Congratulations.

A team of five ladies from Diss (Di Randall, Sandra Bowman, Kerry Enever, Caroline Grandjean and Marianne Haines) qualified as one of the top four Ladies Team in the country in the “ Help for

Heroes" Volvo sponsored event. They went on to play in the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge held at Turnberry last October.

Jackie van Bergen and Alison Noy (sisters from Felixstowe) won the regional final of the Peugeot Coronation Foursomes at Bishops Stortford and travelled to St Andrews for the Grand Final, where they were runner up, losing by one Stableford point.

The ladies at Waldringfield were thrilled to present Thora Adamson the EWGA medal last year, at a lunch to celebrate her 80th birthday. Thora said it was the most exciting thing she had won in the 21 years she has played in Suffolk-----if not ever. What an inspiration to us all.

Wow-----what great achievements.

And I must mention, at my own club Bury St Edmunds, young Lily Kent had a gross 72, nett 60, in the club championship which she went on to win.

And to all of you whether you have won a medal, eclectic or major competition----well done.

Looking forward to the 2012 golfing season, we have the championship at Ipswich on May 11 to 13 and then County week at the same venue on June 11 to 15. To organise a successful County week we will need some volunteers, maybe some caddies as well, from other clubs and I would like to make a special plea here. Please contact Anne Archer, ladies captain at Ipswich if you are free to help.

Before we get on to the real business of the day I must thank everyone on the Governing Body for all their support and friendship and hard work over the last year. Ann Graves has been a very good chairman----wit and charm always wins the day.

Jeanette Longman has worked so hard in her first year as secretary---she has the skill of someone who has been in the job for years.

I have spent many hours on the fairways with Claudia, Alison and the Cynthia Robinson and Stewart, -----they have organised the knockout competitions so well.

A message from Tina, who organised the division meetings---please remember to add your CDH number on the entry forms as it helps in the organisation of the day.

The Secretary read the Notice to convene the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from the following:

Claudia Long (Governing Body)	Julie Latimer-Jones (Aldburgh)
Sam Cooper (Beccles)	Heather Squirrel (Bungay)
Edit Richards (Halesworth)	Karen Perridge (Hintlesham)
Jan Hammett (Bungay)	
Lesley Jackson (Brett Vale)	
Jane Bell (Junior Committee)	
Lil James (County First Team)	
Vicki Inglis (County First Team)	
Trudy Read (County First Team)	

Together with 249 apologies from members and Clubs

2. Minutes of AGM 2011

The minutes have been circulated to all Clubs, and should have been posted in the clubhouse.

Two inaccuracies in these Minutes have been brought to my attention

Firstly - Item 4(g) – Golf Development Report on page 11 should read Item 4(h)

Secondly – On page 13, one of the Ransomes Jacobsen County Academy Award winners should read Jamie Hurren (St Clements).

There being no further amendments, the Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 8 January 2011, were duly signed by the President as a true copy.

3. Matters Arising AGM 2011

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports and Accounts for 2010/2011

PRESIDENT:

I hope you all received the information last year that the reports could be read on the website as well on the ladies notice boards. The Reports were sent to all Clubs with the Agenda and I hope you all have had the opportunity to read them.

These Reports will be taken together and, with your agreement, adopted en bloc.

Report 4(a) – County Captain's Report (Mrs. Sheila Jarvis)

Sheila had nothing further to add to her report and no questions were raised by members.

President:-

Thank you so much Sheila for all your hard work this year --- you certainly have grown into your captain's role and I know you are enjoying MOST of it. I am sure you are well up to the task of County Week this year in your patch.

It has been good fun being with you --- over many fairways and presentation tables. Good luck with your team this year.

Report 4(b) – Second Team Captain's Report – Mrs. Laura Lowe

Laura had nothing further to add and no questions were raised on her report.

President:-

Thank you Laura. Congratulations on your 1st year as Second Team Captain. It must be quite a difference from when you were last on the GB as handicap adviser.

I couldn't get to many 2nd team matches this year, but the ones I have watched were of a very good standard. I know you sometimes have problems with getting a team together due to last minute cancellations --- a plea once again to keep the date free if you are named as reserve, or at least contact Laura so she can make her MANY phone calls.

Report 4 (c) – Junior Organiser's Report – Mrs. Kay Anderson

Kay had nothing to add to her report and no questions were raised.

President:-

We have been unsuccessful in finding a County Junior Organiser for this year. So the post is being shared on a TEMPORARY basis within the Junior Committee until someone can be found to fill the post.

Don't be fooled by seeing my name as Junior Representative in the new blue book --- I am going to be the focal point for emails, letters etc – that's all! But I will remain on the junior committee as I have been for many years. I really enjoy my involvement with the girls---their enthusiasm is catching.

SO, if you know anyone who might wish to fill this post --- please let me know. I know that person will find it a very satisfying and worthwhile pursuit.

Kay, I don't know why someone does not want to follow you as Junior Organiser, as you have left a very well organised set up. Thank you for all you have done for the Juniors --- it has been a pleasure working with you. You have always given a calm and informed input to the Governing Body, who will miss you a great deal.

Report 4(d) - Seniors Report – Mrs. Maureen Lloyd

Mo had nothing further to add to her report and no questions were raised.

President:-

Mo, well done with your organisation over the last 2 years as Senior Organiser.

I know you have enjoyed the post as can be told from your chatty and enjoyable thank you speeches at the meal after the matches. She is a devilish match player and never gives up --- I have had the pleasure of playing with her in a few matches.

So, I would encourage anyone who is over 55 years of age with a handicap of 14 or below to put forward your names for the matches this year.

Report 4(e) – E.W.G.A. Report – Mrs. Anne Archer

Firstly an announcement. The EWGA Operational Board has decided that with effect from 1st January 2012 distance measuring devices will be allowed in all EWGA competitions and championships.

Anne added nothing to report and no questions were raised.

President:-

Thank you Anne for chairing all the delegates meetings this year. As stated many times, these meetings give all Clubs a direct involvement in county decisions. From discussions in 2010 has come the 2 year trial for neutral courses for the Cranworth. This year the Seniors Shield will start and we will also have our first Seniors Champion.

I have really enjoyed meeting up with all the club representatives and finding out what club members want.

Anne also has also covered all the E.W.G.A. meetings and, of course, the merger. By now you should have learnt the way to Birmingham --- I wonder!!!

Report 4(f) -Treasurers Report – Miss Hermione Scrope

The Treasurer has submitted Accounts to 31st October 2011 but had no written report. She stated that the Association has had a good year and that currently finances are in good health.. Although subscriptions were down, income was augmented by the Suffolk golf day, sponsorship and 100 Club which kept income up. Costs have been kept down on the administration side. Looking at next year the situation might not be so good.

No questions were raised on the Treasurers Report.

President:-

Thank you for looking after our finances with such ease. While you are at the helm, I have no worries that the books will balance.

We can always rely on you for sound advice, both on finance and administration problems. I am sure the new committee will continue to value your input.

Report 4(g) - Suffolk Golf Partnership Report – Mrs. Wendy Wootton

Wendy had nothing further to add to her report and no questions were raised.

President:-

Wendy undertakes a lot of volunteer work for golf, so it is not surprising that she has carried out her role as secretary for the partnership committee VERY well.

It has been another successful year for the Suffolk Golf Partnership and as Wendy wrote in her report --- remember the partnership is here to help everyone.

If any Clubs have any Juniors who might benefit from training --- the talent days will be starting again during February.

I would like to mention --- “Here come the Girls” --- a coaching opportunity for lady beginners at Fynn Valley, which has been so successful in attracting new female golfers. This was started with 12 women and now has 12 groups with 148 women which is rather impressive. There are also similar projects at Bramford and Felixstowe - all helped by grants from the partnership.

The reports were proposed for acceptance by Mrs. Eunice Gray from Woodbridge G.C. and seconded by Mrs. Sylvia Sibthorpe from Bungay G.C. They were carried unanimously.

5. RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions.

6. STEARN AND CRANWORTH

The President stated that the Governing Board Committee had received a suggestion from the EWGA Delegates to consider reversing the format for the Stearn and the Cranworth competitions. She invited Sue Fulcher to explain the rationale behind this suggestion.

Sue Fulcher

Hello, my name is Sue Fulcher and I am the Woodbridge EWGA Delegate. I have been asked, on behalf of the Delegates, to stand up and explain why the Delegates, who represent all the Clubs in Suffolk, would like consideration to be given to swapping the formats for the Cranworth and the Stearn.

Both the Cranworth and the Stearn are 36 hole competitions. However, the Cranworth is an 18 hole foursomes matchplay followed by an 18 hole singles matchplay competition where the players are in the 21-30 (or in some cases, higher) handicap bracket. Points are scored for winning the front nine, the back nine and the overall match so the majority of matches go to the 18th hole in the morning foursomes and afternoon single. This is the more complex and physically demanding of these two competitions. The Stearn is a simpler, more straightforward, 36 hole foursomes matchplay and the handicap limit for this competition is 12-20.

The discussion at the Delegates meeting centred around the assertion that a 36 hole foursome matchplay competition (the Stearn format) is a far easier introduction to competitive inter-club matchplay. The progression to a more complex and demanding competition, such as the Cranworth, as handicaps drop was felt to be the correct route to follow. Some clubs also felt that

their ageing membership meant that they were having to field older ladies in the Cranworth to make up the six players and this was proving more and more difficult.

So, it is this proposal that we would ask the Governing Body to consider – that the Cranworth format be played by the lower handicap players and the Stearn format be played by the higher handicap players

PRESIDENT:

Thank you Sue.

It would be nice to have some of your thoughts on this. One at a time please!!!

There followed a lively discussion where the majority of speakers felt that the current Stearn competition should not be changed as it works in its current format! However, there was general agreement that the difficulties with the Cranworth format should be addressed. A number of suggestions were put forward, which included simplifying the format, reducing the number of holes played and/or re-evaluating the points system that is currently used.

A request was made that, if the Stearn and the Cranworth formats were changed, due consideration would be given to the wishes of the donors of the Trophies.

The President asked for a show of hands to determine the sentiments of those present at the AGM – the majority felt that the two formats should not be reversed, but that the format of the Cranworth should be addressed.

The comments/suggestions raised, both at the AGM and by the Delegates, will be discussed at Committee level over the coming year.

7. ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The Secretary read out the names of those members who were retiring.

Judy Hamshere	County President
Kay Anderson	Junior Organiser
Maureen Lloyd	Seniors Organiser
Tina Daubney	Competition Organiser (Divisions)
Sandra Ball	Competition Organiser (Championship)

CAPTAIN:

At this time of year, not only do we welcome the new committee members joining us but we also have to say goodbye to some and so I would like to say a big thank you to :-

TINA DAUBNEY

Tina has been looking after our divisional meetings. Taking the entries, organising the playing order and overseeing each day.

At the beginning of last year, I went along to the first division meeting early so that I could lend a hand if needed. I don't know why I bothered because Tina had everything so well organised that I had nothing to do and it has been the same throughout the year. Everything has been run like clockwork. For the last 3 years, Tina has been a great member of the committee and on behalf of us all I would like to say thank you Tina for all your hard work and I hope that you have enjoyed your time with us.

SANDRA BALL

We also say farewell to Sandra Ball who has been looking after the Suffolk Ladies Championship. From beginning to end she has run the championships and has sorted out order of play for the matchplay - which I don't think I will ever get my head round.

Sandra has also been with us for the past 3 years and although she has had work commitments, has managed to run this competition very efficiently. Quietly getting on with things, always with a smile and nothing too much trouble. Thank you Sandra. Your hard work has been appreciated by us all.

JUDY HAMSHERE

Finally we say goodbye to our President Judy Hamshere. Judy has always been there to help and assist us all. Even for today, Judy reminded me that I would have to say a few nice words about her, but I said ' It is no good Judy, at times like this you just have to stand up and tell the truth.'

Fortunately the truth is that she has been pretty good. Always with a little suggestion here or an idea there, she has guided us all over the past couple of years. She has given her time and enthusiasm without fail. All this whilst maintaining her commitment to the Suffolk Junior Girls.

Judy – I know that I speak for all of us when I say it has been great having you as our President. I hope that you enjoy a bit more free time for yourself and it's a big thank you from us all for your hard work and support during your term of office.

The Secretary then read the names of those who would remain in office for the coming year.

Sheila Jarvis	County Captain
Ann Graves	Handicap Advisor
Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Anne Archer	EWGA Representative
Laura Lowe	Vice and 2 nd Team Captain
June Stack	Minutes Secretary
Jeanette Longman	Secretary
Cynthia Stewart	Competition Convenor

and Competition Organisers:-

Alison Neilson	Bungay	for a further 1 year
Cynthia Robinson	Ipswich	for a further 1 year and
Claudia Long	Flempton	for a further 2 years

The Secretary read out the names of ladies nominated as Officers of the Association and asked them to stand when their name was called

Pippa Beak	Flempton	County President
Liz Robinson	Bury St. Edmunds	Senior Organiser

The Secretary read the names of those ladies nominated as Competition Organisers to stand for 3 years

Chris Lynch-Bates	Fynn Valley	Championship Organiser
Jan Pattinson	Royal Worlington	Division Organiser

and

Pat Kennedy of Haverhill who has been nominated for 2 years as Foursomes Organiser

The nominations were proposed en bloc by Anne Turner from Bury St. Edmunds GC and seconded by Judith Brown of Cretingham G.C. They were carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT:

On behalf of us all in the Association I would like to welcome the newly elected members. I hope they will enjoy their time on the Governing Body. We are grateful to them for their willingness to serve on the Association.

I would now like to say a few words about PIPPA --- before she gets hold of the badge!!! She has played in the 1st and 2nd County teams and has been on the Governing Body as 2nd team captain and Senior Organiser. She has been Ladies Captain at Flempton.

I have known her for many years and have always admired her attitude to golf. She is friendly, but competitive and it is always a pleasure to have a game of golf with her.

One of the main reasons that she will make a good president is that she is very approachable. With that, it gives me great pleasure to hand over the badge of office

Pippa accepted the badge and said, inter alia, that it is her wish to encourage everyone to enjoy their golf. She was honoured to become President and looks forward to meeting everybody, and will endeavour to serve the County.

The outgoing President continued by stating that for our purposes this morning, the present officers will continue to conduct the business of the meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS. It was queried as to why the Reports had been distributed before the meeting and not read out at the meeting. The President explained that it was to save time at the meeting and as they were distributed to club secretaries and appeared on the website, it would allow members more time to read them. Several views put forward including that maybe a brief summary be given in future.

A show of hands indicated that the majority were in favour of reports being distributed beforehand, although it was felt that a short summary for each Report being read out at the meeting should be considered.

HASKELL Amanda Norman, Felixstowe Ferry GC made the comment that this competition in its new format of not being played with the Stearn had lost its atmosphere and made it seem a non event. Other Members agreed.

Cynthia Robinson, Haskell/Stearn Organiser explained the difficulties in making the Draw for the Haskell in conjunction with the Stearn Draw – this year there are twice as many Clubs entering the Stearn as enter the Haskell. It was felt that allowing Clubs the flexibility of arranging their own dates would give the working members and juniors the opportunity to play

A show of hands determined that there was a slight majority of attendees at the AGM who felt the Haskell should be played on a set date. This will be discussed by the GB.

ROVING MICROPHONE. It was difficult to hear questions from the floor, so a request was made for a roving microphone to be used in future.

PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank Ann Graves and Tina Daubney for running the raffle, which raised £413. And to Alison Nielsen, Anne Archer and Cynthia Robinson for their work in the kitchen and keeping us all refreshed, which raised £76.20. And to Sandra for doing the washing up.

The monies raised will go directly to Hermione to put into the county account.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Cynthia Stewart read out the following results:

Silver Medal awarded to Lottie Whyman of Ipswich with a nett differential of -8 (Lottie is not able to be present – Anne Archer, Captain of Ipswich GC accepted the Medal on her behalf)
Bronze Medal awarded to Melody Aung of Stowmarket with a nett differential of -9.

The President made the presentation of medals.

The President then invited the Captain to present the Nigel Birrell Trophy.

CAPTAIN

THE NIGEL BIRRELL TROPHY

It is always such a pleasure to recognise the achievements of someone who has put a lot of hard work into their golf.

This year's recipient has been extremely busy and she should be proud of her success over the last year. She has been a member of our County Team for the last 3 years and was able to lead the team out in 2011 at King's Lynn after winning the Suffolk Ladies Matchplay Championship held at Woodbridge Golf Club in May.

She won the Scratch Prize at the Suffolk Schools Championship and repeated that success at the Suffolk Girls Autumn Meeting where she also received the 1st Scratch.

At the Stoke By Nayland Junior Championship yet another 1st Scratch was attained, whilst at the East Girls she managed to come in with the 2nd Scratch.

All this was topped not only by winning the East Anglian Ladies Championship but she also posted a course record.

As if this wasn't enough she has figured prominently in 5 County Junior Matches.

In between all this, she has managed to fit in time to play in various club competitions. She was one half of the winning team for the Haskell Trophy and was part of the team that won the Weston Trophy.

Her year culminated in a trip to Spain as part of the hugely successful team from Aldeburgh that won through to the National Finals of the Mail On Sunday, only missing out by the narrowest of margins in the grand final. A fantastic result.

Throughout the whole year she has maintained a cheerful disposition and has done everything asked of her with a smile. In short, she has been a pleasure to have around.

Oh. And did I mention she has also been Junior Captain for the last year.

So it gives me great pleasure to award the Nigel Birrell Trophy to **BLAIZE ESMOND**.

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY COLOURS

Second Team colours were presented to **CHARLOTTE DOUBLE** (Seckford), **LILY KENT** (Ipswich) and **CLAIRE FERGUSON** (Hintlesham), unfortunately neither Lily or Claire were present.

Junior Colours were presented to **LILY KENT**, who was not present, and the Junior Captains Jumper to **EMILY ROTHWELL**.

PRESIDENT:

May I remind Club Captains or their representatives to collection their Handbooks from, the back of the hall and also to check your tickets for the main draw.

Before I formally close the meeting, I should like to say how much I have enjoyed being your President over the last 2 years. It has been ENORMOUSLY rewarding. I have had the opportunity to meet and chat to so many ladies around the county. I will remember the last two years as a busy and very happy time of my life. Thank you. It has been a pleasure and an honour.

Now, may I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and successful golfing 2012.

Thank you all for coming. Safe journey home and I hereby declare the meeting closed.

A vote of thanks to the Committee was given by Marianne Haines of Diss G.C.

Meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

President

Date

REPORT 4(a) COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1st TEAM

The first team had 5 practice matches for 2011 but unfortunately 1 of these had to be cancelled so they were only able to play 4 of them. Three were during the spring and one in the autumn. The results were that we won one, halved one and lost two.

I would like to thank all of the clubs that were able to host these matches and also all of the gentlemen who played in them and gave the team such valuable practice. I would also like to thank Keith Preston for the excellent coaching given to the squad early in the year.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

In May, the County Championships were played at Woodbridge Golf Club and I would like to thank their Lady Captain and all of her helpers in making sure that the event ran so smoothly.

Thanks also go to the club in allowing us to hold the championships at their course.

The strokeplay was won by Vicki Inglis from Woodbridge with a gross score of 153.

The nett trophy was won by Lizzie Laflin with a nett score of 149.

The matchplay, as usual was an exciting event with some surprise early exits. It was great to see our two juniors Blaize Esmond from Aldeburgh and Sarah Howe from Ipswich working their way through to the final. They both played brilliant golf and Blaize eventually went on to become our matchplay champion. I would like to congratulate winners and all those who made it through to the matchplay.

Special thanks go to Sandra Ball who organised the whole event and also to Sue Cook who helped out with the results.

COUNTY MATCH WEEK

The County Match Week this year was held at King's Lynn Golf Club.

The team selected were:

Lil James	Rookery Park
Lizzie Laflin	Stowmarket
Vicki Inglis	Woodbridge
Sharon Luckman	Felixstowe
Amanda Norman	Felixstowe
Charlie Damonsing	Felixstowe
Trudy Read	Fynn Valley
Blaize Esmond	Aldeburgh
Lotti Edmunds	Aldeburgh
Sarah Howe	Ipswich
Sarah Siggers	Ipswich

The week began very hot and humid with thunderstorms on the Tuesday resulting in all afternoon matches being called off and declared halves.

Day 1 – Was against Essex. We lost 3 ½ - 5 ½ . Needing only one match to swing the other way.

Day 2 – Was against Beds. We lost 4 - 5. All afternoon games were halved due to the storm.

Day 3 – Was against Norfolk. We lost 3 - 6. Loosing two afternoon games that went all the way to 18.

Day 4 – Was against Cambs & Hunts. We lost 4 – 5. Again two afternoon matches were lost on the eighteenth.

Day 5 – Was against Herts. We lost 2 ½ – 6 ½ .

I really felt that the golfing gods were not with us all week as it would only have taken 1 or 2 games to swing the other way on the 18th to have posted wins on at least a couple of occasions.

My thanks go to the whole team for their efforts throughout the whole week. Also to Laura |Lowe and Judy Hamshere for all their help and support throughout the week.

DIVISION MEETINGS

Division 4 was held at Seckford Golf Club on 18th May.
The winner was Susan Whymark from Woodbridge with 43 points.
The shield for the best three score went to Ipswich.

Division 3 was held at Newton Green Golf Club on 7th September.
The winner was Mary Walker from Woodbridge with 35 points.
The shield for the best three scores went to Felixstowe.

Division 2 was held at Halesworth Golf Club on 14th September.
The winner was Kerry Lee (best scratch) from The Suffolk
The shield for the best 3 nett scores went to Woodbridge.

Division 1 was held at Aldeburgh Golf Club on 26th September.
The winner was Amanda Norman (best scratch) from Felixstowe.
The shield for the best 3 nett score went to Woodbridge.

CENTENARY FOURSOMES

This competition was held at The Suffolk on 6th July.
The winners were Joan Plumb (The Suffolk) and Teresa Lankaster (Bury St. Edmunds)

CORONATION FOURSOMES

This competition was held at Bungay Golf Club on 21st July.
The winners were Kim Davis and Joan Beale from Stowmarket.

CRANWORTH

The winners were Bury St. Edmunds. The Cranworth Trophy final was held at Waldringfield Golf Club on 22nd September between Woodbridge and Bury St Edmunds.

This was the first year for neutral venues which seemed to prove very popular.

STEARN

The final of the Stearn Trophy was held at Bungay Golf Club on 3rd October between Stowmarket and Gorleston.
The winners were Gorleston.

HASKELL

The final of the Haskell Trophy was held at Felixstowe Golf Club on 21st August between Aldeburgh and Woodbridge.
The winners were Aldeburgh.

Check - This year for the Haskell we left it for each club to arrange as to when they would play the early rounds.

On the whole this seems to have worked well although we have received one request to specify the dates of each round. We will bear this in mind as we continue to monitor the new format .however for 2012 we will continue with the new system until we have completed the two trial period.

WESTON

The finals of the Weston Trophy were held at Woodbridge Golf Club on 11th September. In division one winners of the trophy were Aldeburgh who beat Ipswich. In division two winners of the Sue Birrell Plate Rookery Park beat Rushmere.

SUFFOLK GOLF DAY

Suffolk Golf Day was held at Hintlesham Golf Club on August 22nd . My sincere thanks go to Ann Graves who organised the whole event and the grand amount of £1169.00 was raised. As usual this event was very well supported and I can't thank Hintlesham enough for allowing Suffolk Ladies to use them yet again. Due to the popularity of this Golf Day, it has been decided to continue with this event and we look forward to another successful day at Hintlesham in August 2012.

Of course I have to express my sincere thanks to all those who served on the Governing Body during the last year their knowledge and hard work has been invaluable in making the whole process run so smoothly. Thanks also to Laura Lowe (Vice Captain) for all her support and help.

Special thanks go to those ladies who are leaving at the end of this year.

Judy Hamshere	President
Tina Daubney	Divisional Meetings
Sandra Ball	County Champs./Regional Competitions
Maureen Lloyd	Senior Organiser
Kay Anderson	Junior Organiser

Report 4(b) – Second Team Captain's Report (Mrs Laura Lowe)

The Second Team began its year with practice matches against the Junior Girls and the Flempton Men in March both of which we won.

The County matches began in May with our match against the Norfolk Second Team at Newton Green Golf Club. This was the first time that Newton Green had hosted one of our matches and we were very well looked after. Unfortunately Norfolk came with a very experienced team and we lost though several matches went to the 18th.

Our next game was at Brampton Golf Club against Cambs & Hunts. Most of the opposition were members at Brampton but we were able to win with good play from both our experienced and inexperienced players.

We then went to Romford to do battle against the Essex Second Team. Their highest handicap was 5 so we had a tough day with Lily Kent being the only Suffolk player to win a point.

Our match against Bedford Second Team was held at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club on a beautiful day. Most of the Bedford team had travelled over the day before and had a practice round. We managed to win quite easily though 3 of the singles went to the 18th.

The revamped Finals Day was held at Chelmsford Golf Club on 22nd August 2011. 2 players from each county played 2 singles matches against the other counties. To maintain our position in the table I had to ensure that we won our matches against Cambs & Hunts which we duly did and came 2nd in the table to the all conquering Essex Second Team.

My thanks go to Sheila Jarvis for organising all the fixtures for my first year and to all the players who played in the matches. Whether they won or lost their contribution was important to me. My congratulations to Essex on their superb performance and, though we are a much smaller county, they give us a standard to aim for which can only be good for our county and country as a whole.

Special congratulations to Charlotte Double from Seckford, Claire Ferguson from Hintlesham Hall, and Lily Kent from Ipswich for winning their Second team colours this year.

Report 4(c) – Junior Organiser's Report (Mrs Kay Anderson)

2011 has seen much individual success and some spectacular handicap reductions, but more mixed fortunes for the girls' teams.

Competitions have been run on the established pattern, with good numbers of girls taking part. The Championship was held at Aldeburgh GC, when the Moss Blundell Trophy and Daily Telegraph Qualifier were won by Sarah Howe (Ipswich). Melissa Schroeder (Rushmere) won the Handicap Plate; both girls later represented Suffolk in the Champion of Champions tournament. The Holly Cup for the Stableford winner was not awarded this year as all the 18 hole entrants qualified for the Medal competition. Sarah Howe retained the Matchplay Championship, contested between the top 8 qualifiers from the Strokeplay. She defeated Emily Rothwell (Woodbridge) in a closely fought final at Waldringfield GC.

The High Handicap Championship, held again at St. Audry's GC, was won by Alice Iron (Haverhill) in torrential rain, and in the Lady/Junior Foursomes played at Hintlesham GC in unseasonable heat, Michelle Wilce and Abbie Symonds (both Ipswich) retained the SVLGA trophies. We were delighted to receive the gift of a trophy for the Autumn meeting, played at Ipswich GC, and the first winner, appropriately, was our Junior Captain, Blaize Esmond (Aldeburgh). The Handicap prize was won by Emily Rothwell.

The Easter Texas Scramble played over the 9 hole course at Orwell Park School again proved an excellent introduction to competition golf for our younger girls.

The Girls' 1st. team was rather depleted by the loss of 3 players who were 18 by the end of 2010, however they won a practice match against Ipswich GC juniors before being narrowly defeated by the Ladies' 2nd team. Despite a number of changes through the season due to examination and other commitments, they won their matches against Norfolk and Cambs. & Hunts., drew with Bedfordshire but lost to Hertfordshire and Essex.

The 2nd. team had two practice matches against Haverhill GC juniors, and despite having to lend players to the 1st. team for most matches, they had wins against Norfolk and Cambs. & Hunts. although they lost to Bedfordshire and Essex. For the second year, Hertfordshire were unable to field a 2nd. team.

Sheila Laws (Ipswich) and Pam Ratford (Haverhill) again managed the teams most ably, with assistance from Sue Cook (Aldeburgh).

It has been agreed that to reduce the amount of travelling involved in playing 5 separate fixtures, the East Region Girls' 1st. team matches in 2012 will be held on 3 successive days in August, with the teams staying overnight; Hertfordshire will be hosts. We intend that 2nd. team matches will continue, so as to give girls important experience.

Girls again figured prominently in the Ladies' County Championship at Woodbridge GC, when Blaize Esmond won the Matchplay, defeating Sarah Howe in the final. Blaize and Sarah both played in County Week at Kings Lynn GC, while Emily Rothwell and Lily Kent (Ipswich) have played in 2nd. team and practice matches. Several girls have played in inter-club competitions, and Blaize Esmond was a member of the Aldeburgh team which won the Haskell and Weston.

In the English Girls Championships, Alice Barlow (Newton Green) came a very creditable 11th. in the U13 section. Amy Bray (Diss) was 7th. equal in the Abraham Trophy for the most improved girls in England.

Blaize Esmond retained the East Anglian Ladies Trophy with a course record, Sarah Howe won the handicap prize, and their scores, along with Trudy Read's, secured the shield for Suffolk.

10 girls played in the East Junior Championships at East Herts. GC, when Blaize Esmond won 2nd. scratch and Lily Kent had a level par round in the afternoon to take 2nd. place.

Around 45 girls currently attend training at Bramford and Bungay, under the direction of Sarah Wilson and Andrew Collison, assisted by members of the Junior Committee, and by Sue Strutt- Holmes and Mary Wilderspin at Bungay. Ann Graves also ran a very useful session on Golf Rules which was appreciated by parents as well as the team players at whom it was aimed! We are very grateful to the coaches and to all the ladies who give their time to ensure that the sessions are enjoyable and profitable for the girls involved.

Each year now some girls from the Beginners groups move on to the Suffolk Academy, creating space for more newcomers. At present a further 28 girls are involved in Suffolk Academy training, and 6 were among the Academy group that met Pdraig Harrinton at Princes GC - Melissa Schroeder even played 3 holes with him!

Eloise Aldous and Alice Barlow (both Newton Green) have been accepted for EWGA Birdie squad training, and Lily Kent has been accepted for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence course which is part of England Futures programme. Sarah Howe and Blaize Esmond successfully completed the 2 year AASE course this summer.

The Handicap Challenge continues to highlight girls who have achieved the greatest reductions during the year, and 10 girls will receive awards for a 30% reduction. A further 5 girls have come down by 20% or more, 2 girls have gained CONGU handicaps, and 6 have gained junior handicaps. A total of 26 girls have reduced their handicaps.

Other individual achievements in 2011 include:

Heidi Baek who was a member of the English team at the French Lady/Junior Championships in April, when she reached the semi-final, and at the European Girls' championships in Sardinia. She also won the London Foursomes with Alex Peters, but her season has been restricted due to injury.

Melissa Schroeder played 1 over par at Woodhall Spa in the English Schools' team final and is the Ransomes Jacobsen Junior Award winner for 2011.

Blaize Esmond retained the Suffolk Schools Championship, Alice Barlow won the U16 section and Eloise Aldous won the handicap prize.

Abbie Symonds retained the South Suffolk Schools Scratch trophy.

Lily Kent won the Bury St. Edmunds Ladies Championship with a new course record.

Lottie Whyman won the Ladies Scratch and Handicap Championships at Ipswich GC; Sarah Howe was runner-up.

Emily Stebbings played in the Thorpeness Junior team at Woodhall Spa in the English Junior Club Championships.

Layla Farthing qualified for the UK Kids final.

We are ever grateful to SVLGA for their support, and congratulate them on their 50th. anniversary. Their donation this year has funded the Handicap Challenge and the smart new fleeces for the Girls' 2nd. team, as well as contributing to the cost of training.

The Autumn meeting was the only singles competition without a cup, so we are most grateful to the anonymous donor of the new trophy, and also to the other individuals who have donated prizes. These are always most welcome! Thanks are due too to the golf clubs which allow us to hold events and matches, and to the Ladies' captains and members who help ensure that all runs smoothly.

Particular thanks go however to the members of the Junior Committee who are always supportive and prepared to 'go the extra mile', whatever the weather! Without them the programme simply would not happen. We have been fortunate in having County Captain Sheila working with us this year, and contributing to many of our events. Eva Harris is stepping down from the Committee at this point, after a long association with girls' golf in Suffolk, and we thank her for this outstanding commitment. Beverly Waspe is also stepping

down due to work and club commitments, and we are pleased to welcome Michelle Wilce as a new member.

As you will have learned from the frequent mentions of her name, our Junior Captain, Blaize Esmond, has had an outstanding year both in terms of leading the girls 1st. team, and in her own competitive golf. We thank her for her contribution and wish her continued success as she moves out of junior golf. Her successor will be Emily Rothwell who has progressed through the Suffolk girls' ranks from the Beginners group to Suffolk/EWGA Birdies, 2nd. team, then 1st. team and Junior County Colours in 2010, as well as Ladies team training and matches. We are confident that her experience will be an asset in taking on this role for 2012, and wish her every success.

I have now completed my 4th. and final year as CJO, and have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Junior Committee, the Governing Body, the girls, their parents and the coaches, and with the different Suffolk clubs. I feel that we have a good structure in Suffolk and that we are achieving positive results, but it is important to maintain momentum and ensure that as girls grow up and move into Ladies golf, their talent is replaced. The Junior Committee has therefore put in place a 'holding' plan which will ensure the 2012 programme is fulfilled; we should be very grateful that they are willing collectively to share out the extra duties, but it can only be a temporary solution and I personally regret that it will not be possible to hand over to a new CJO. I would urge you all to ensure that this situation is remedied for 2013.

Report 4(d) – Senior Organiser's Report (Mrs Maureen Lloyd)

Our year always starts in April, with the annual match against the Suffolk Senior Men, which took place at Waldringfield. This time, we “persuaded” the men to play us off our full handicaps, sadly though, and once again, they won the day. Some of the results did not reflect how close the games were – I believe we gave them a good run for their money. It was as always a good friendly contest between the two Suffolk Senior sides and proved that all “Seniors” are still more than capable of producing good golf.

The next match was in May against Norfolk at Eaton G.C. This year, Norfolk produced a very strong side and we lost this one 3 matches to 1.

June saw us as the home side against Essex at Stowmarket G.C. Again, Essex came with a very strong side, with one or two of the ladies barely reaching the age of 50 (the qualifying age for Essex senior ladies), We lost 3 matches to 1, but lots of the games went to the 18th.

In July we were again the home side, this time at Flempton against Bedfordshire. As usual a keenly fought match ending in an honourable half.

August saw us against Cambs & Hunts at Gog Magog G.C. Again, a most enjoyable, friendly match with the Suffolk side losing 3 matches to 1.

Our last match of the season, as usual, was against the Suffolk Vets at Aldeburgh. This has always proved a very popular match. Seniors won the day 3.1/2 to 1/2 - a really keenly fought match played in the very best of competitive spirits. Unlike the match in 2010, the day was blessed with superb weather.

Overall results for the year; we lost four matches, won one, and halved one.

I know all Senior Ladies will admit, our results definitely do not show how close all the games were – with the matches producing a really good standard of competitive golf. Our matches versus the Counties, are 4BBB matchplay played off scratch, the match v men 4BBB matchplay (full handicap this year), and the match against the Vets as Foursomes Matchplay.

I have enjoyed my two year term of office looking after the Senior Ladies very much indeed. It has been a privilege to be involved with such a friendly, keen and competitive group of ladies.

On behalf of the Senior Ladies, my thanks must go to all the Clubs in the County for allowing us the courtesy of their Courses to play our matches.

Special thanks to all of those who supported me and played this year – I wish you much success in 2012 and look forward to meeting up with you at some of next year’s matches.

I also would like to add very best wishes and good luck to my successor – hopefully you will get as much enjoyment out of the role as I did. Additionally I would like to wish you and the County much success with the new County Senior competition starting in 2012.

Finally, can I wish the County Governing Body and all ladies, happy and successful golf in 2012.

Report 4(e) – EWGA Report (Mrs Anne Archer)

Thanks: Go to all Club Delegates, Diss, Rushmere, Seckford & Halesworth Golf Clubs for hosting the meetings, to Judi Walker, Eastern Region Chairperson for attending the February 2011 meeting and to Ann Graves who came and spoke at the November 2011 meeting, on the CONGU Handicaps changes for 2012

EWGA/EGU Merger: There was much discussion during the year, with Suffolk voting in favour of the Merger, which was approved on 16th November 2011. Congratulations go to Judi Walker who will be Board Member of the merged organization. The Merger will not be obvious to the average Club Member and is expected to take time to bed-down.

100-Club: Continues to go from strength to strength with £1260 raised for County Funds during the year. Prize-winners have been spread throughout the County including St. Clements' Ladies Section and this year there will be a £100 first prize plus three prizes of £25. It is not too late to join. Please contact your club delegate, who will be able to assist. Thanks go to Sue Cook for her excellent organization!!

County & Eastern Region Competitions: Much discussion throughout the year has taken place concerning the main inter club county competitions with various thoughts/recommendations being passed to the Governing Body for their consideration. The inaugural Eastern Region Seniors' competition played at Haverhill was considered a success and thanks go to Karen Wilby and the Haverhill Members for their help and support. The Seniors Shield Competition will be introduced in 2012 and the meetings were instrumental in constructing the format for this new event. There could and probably should be more support from Suffolk members for the Eastern and National EWGA competitions and I can only urge golfers of all abilities to take advantage of these competitions where appropriate

Meeting Minutes: These are sent to all clubs and I hope they are seen by as many members as possible, encouraging debate and participation in promoting the game we all enjoy.

Report 4(g) – Suffolk Golf Partnership Report (Mrs Wendy Wootton)

The Partnership has enjoyed another very busy, but successful year with a strong and very supportive committee and a dedicated and very effective County Development Officer. This has combined to ensure that progress has continued apace and most key objectives and targets have been met.

Throughout the year the Suffolk Golf Partnership has run the successful County Academy programme – over 100 children having received coaching. The programme helps to identify and encourage talented junior golfers aged between 9 and 15 years and the three coaching centres are based at Newton Green, Bramford and Bungay. The coaching year ended with the County Academy Championship held at Seckford with approximately 60 children attending. Again I would urge Junior Organisers to contact the Partnership if they feel they have any Juniors who might benefit from this training as we will be running Talent Days during February.

GolfMark Accreditation – to date Suffolk Golf Partnership has encouraged 17 Clubs to achieve the GolfMark accreditation and with the encouragement of Alastair Spink, the County Development Officer, Suffolk has the highest number of “High Achiever” Clubs (11 clubs) compared to Norwich, Cambridge and Essex. A further six clubs are actively working towards gaining their accreditation. Upon completion of the accreditation the club is presented with a Certificate and a GolfMark plaque as well as receiving financial and ongoing support. One of the main benefits is the ability to apply for the Club Coaching Grant which is £500 and is to assist the club to increase adult and junior participation.

16+ Project – this is part of the Active Wellbeing project and is aimed at encouraging new golfers aged 16+ to participate in an 8 week coaching course. Any Club who wishes to participate will receive adequate funding from the Partnership and to date, 10 Clubs have taken up the offer which represents well over 100 new golfers in the county. Funding will continue along similar lines in 2012 so again if any Club wishes to host a project please get in touch with Alastair.

However 16+ funding is most definitely not just constrained to only this project. The Suffolk Golf Partnership is happy for clubs to apply directly to the Partnership should they have an initiative or a project that they feel we may be able to help with.

National Skills Challenge – has been developed for young golfers and is designed to be challenging at all levels, but above all is intended to be FUN! The National Skills Challenge is a series of 10 activities which aim to improve junior golf and make practicing more enjoyable.

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Both boys and girls under the age of 18 can take part in the Rookie and Tour Challenges and these categories are split into two further age groups. Golf facilities are asked to run Challenge events for their players within the two given dates. We have 20 clubs currently signed up to National Skills and although clubs are asked to input the players' scores after each challenge, many of the clubs have not done so.

The winners of the Regional event progress on to the National Final and this year not only were Suffolk represented but the county were the National winner. Many congratulations to Joshua Robertson from Ufford Park who won the Boy's Under 14's section.

Junior Golf Awards – these have been sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen for the second year. These awards are open to young golfers under the age of 15 whom golf clubs feel deserve recognition for their achievements in golf.

Suffolk Show – once again, with generous support of Suffolk Sport the Partnership were able to attend the Suffolk Show and pitch our inflatable net within the Sports Village. We offered Taster Sessions throughout the two days and 8 local Professionals and volunteer coaches very kindly donated their time to help. We estimated giving 250 lessons over the two days. This year was the first year we also had the opportunity to showcase our sport in the main Marquee area.

Disability Project – our links with disability organisations and in particular, Suffolk New College, has helped us to continue to deliver golf opportunities for both young adults and children with disabilities. Three projects have run this year – 2 in the Ipswich area and one at the West Suffolk Golf Centre with a total of 50 students regularly receiving coaching and support.

Our Website – we have struggled to always keep this up-to-date but we are hoping to imminently add to our workforce and take on a dedicated person to help look after all the updates. We would, however, like to emphasise that websites are only as good as the information displayed so please send through any information or project or initiative that you are organising. www.suffolkgolfpartnership.co.uk

Finally, the Suffolk Golf Partnership is here to serve ALL CLUBS IN SUFFOLK. We are here to advise Clubs with marketing and spreading the word, or gaining access to other organisations and resources. Your Club may be looking for an idea for an Open Day theme, or looking for some positive suggestions and events that have worked in other areas. Please remember, the Suffolk Golf Partnership is here to help everyone.