

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 29 September 2014 at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club at 10 am

PRESENT:

Ms Ann Graves	President/Handicap Adviser
Mrs Laura Lowe	Captain
Mrs Sarah Siggers	Vice Captain
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs Jeanette Longman	Secretary
Miss Sarah Howe	Junior Representative
Mrs Jo Moore	Seniors Organiser
Mrs Cynthia Stewart	Match & Comp. Venue Organiser
Mrs Jan Pattinson	Division Organiser
Ms Chris Lynch-Bates	Championship Organiser
Mrs Deb Howlett	Foursomes Organiser
Mrs Angela Middleton	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs June Kenworthy	Weston/Suffolk Senior Shield Organiser

1. Apologies

Anne Archer
Mary Wilderspin

2. Minutes of GB Meeting on 21 July 2014

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

3. Matters Arising from GB Meeting

Jeanette had not yet had time to discuss a suggested Events Calendar link to our website with Mick Wilce.

4. Correspondence

a) An email was received regarding an incident at Junior CMW. No further action is required.

5. England Golf Representative's Report – Anne Archer – Appendix 1

- A Regional meeting to discuss the England Golf Strategy Plan is due to be held at Ufford Park on Wednesday 8 October. It was agreed that Laura and Jeanette would attend.
- The England Golf AGM and Conference is due to be held at Hinckley on 16/17 April 2015. The decision as to who would attend will be made at the November GB meeting.
- Anne Archer informed the GB that she is intending to stand down in her role as England Golf Representative with effect from the AGM in January.

6. Handicap Adviser's Report – Ann Graves

Ann informed the GB that Eunice Gray had agreed to stand for election as Ann's replacement at the AGM in January.

7. Competition Organisers' Reports – Appendix 2

A minor change to the General Guidelines for Inter-club Competitions was agreed.

a) County Championship – Chris Lynch-Bates – no report

b) Divisions – Jan Pattinson (report included)

It was agreed that changing for meals following the Division meetings will be at the discretion of the Ladies' Captains of the Host Clubs. Entrants will be informed when the Start Sheets are distributed.

c) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Deb Howlett (report included)

Deb reported that there has been an increase in numbers entering the Foursomes this year. She also expressed thanks to the GB members for their assistance at these Competitions.

d) Weston – June Kenworthy (report included)

It was agreed that, as the Weston is a league format, a Final would not be possible. Following feedback, the majority of Clubs responded to the effect that they wished the Weston to revert to being played in handicap order, this was agreed. It was also agreed that matches won (as opposed to points) should be the deciding factor for awarding the Trophies in each Division. The Rules will be updated prior to the Draw being sent to the Clubs.

e) Haskell & Stearn – Mary Wilderspin (Report attached)

It was agreed that, as the Haskell has a relatively small number of entries, the Draw next year would take place in a traditional manner at September's GB meeting. It was also agreed that neutral venues for the Haskell Semi-finals will be played on a set date and the two Home Clubs will swap venues.

f) Cranworth – Angela Middleton (Report attached)

It was agreed that etiquette on the course and courtesy to the staff at Host Clubs should be the responsibility of the Team Captains and that Laura would discuss the issues raised at the Captains/Vice Captains lunch in November. **ACTION: LAURA**

g) Senior Jubilee Shield – June Kenworthy – (Report attached)

Neutral venues for the Semi-finals were discussed and it was agreed that, to facilitate this, the Semi-finals will be played on a set date and the two Home Clubs swap venues – the Rules will be updated to reflect this and the Club Secretaries will be informed. The date chosen for 2015 is Friday 31 July.

We were asked to review the wording in the rules concerning the players nominated in the event of a tie – it should be a pair who have already played (as opposed to any two from the team of 8) and the Rules will be updated to clarify this.

We were asked to consider maintaining a list of Team Captains for each Club in each of the inter-club Competitions. However, it was agreed that it should be the responsibility of the Ladies' Captains to ensure communications with their Team Captains is maintained.

h) Stearn and Cranworth

We were asked to consider allowing players who play in the 1st Round – and then reduce their handicap below the handicap limit – to continue to play in the competitions. After some discussion, it was agreed that players whose handicaps drop by no more than 10% of the lower handicap limit would be allowed to play in subsequent rounds of the Stearn and Cranworth (playing off their current lower handicap), provided they have played in the first match of the year (either Preliminary or 1st Round – depending on their position in the Draw). The Rules will be updated to reflect this decision. **DECISION**

8. Team Reports – Appendix 3

a) 1st Team – Laura Lowe

The 1st Team match v Thorpeness Men has been rearranged to 19 April 2015.

Laura attended the Junior Matchplay Final between Abbie Symonds and Alice Barlow and commented on some great golf played – Abbie won 3&1.

Laura also attended the inaugural Eastern Region Junior Competition at Stoke by Nayland – a good experience for our Juniors who finished 4th. Thanks were expressed to Sarah Howe and Michelle Wilce.

Cynthia is in the process of rearranging the annual fixture v Woodbridge Men in order that it can be played later in the year. **ACTION: CYNTHIA**

b) Senior Organiser's Report – Jo Moore (Report attached)

Jo reported that she had played as strong a team as possible for each match and that the results were that Seniors won 3, lost 3 and halved 3 of their matches – all of which were enjoyable.

It was agreed at the April 2014 GB meeting that the age limit would reduce to 50, with effect from 2015.

c) Junior Organisers Report – Sarah H (Report attached)

A meeting is in the process of being arranged with Gareth Jenkins (England Golf Talent Development Manager)

Sarah also wishes to meet with Alastair before the end of October. **ACTIONS: SARAH H**

Sarah informed the GB that, with effect from 2015, the SGP will no longer be running the Junior Training.

Plan for the Future of the Junior Section and Training

Sarah Siggers introduced an initial Plan for consideration. There was some discussion and Sarah received positive feedback from the GB. Sarah will present this Plan for discussion at the next Junior Committee meeting on 2 October. A Final Plan will be produced for the November GB Meeting. **ACTION: SARAH S AND SARAH H**

9. Treasurers Report – Hermione – Appendix 4

County Card sales to date are 82. After some discussion, it was agreed that the SLCGA, as a gesture of goodwill, would provide County Cards to our members from 2015 at no extra cost (the printing of these County Cards will be discussed prior to the next GB meeting). **DECISION**

It was agreed that Affiliation Fees for the SLCGA will not be increased for 2015.

An increase in the transfer of funds to the Junior Accounts was agreed.

10. GB Nominations for 2015

The following nominations were approved and will be put forward for election at the AGM:

Vice Captain – Vanessa Bell

Handicap Adviser – Eunice Gray

Cranworth Organiser – Christine Knappett (Gorleston)

Divisions Organiser(s) – Di Spring and Jenny Cardwell (Southwold)

County Championship Organiser - As Brett Vale are unable to provide a Representative, Chris Lynch-Bates has agreed to continue in this role for a further two years. Laura expressed the Committee's gratitude to Chris.

England Golf Representative – as yet there is no Representative nominated. It was agreed that dates and venues for the Delegates Meetings in 2015 be booked in advance

ACTION: CYNTHIA

11. Suffolk Golf Partnership - Minutes of Meeting on 22 July 2014

Ann Graves asked that, at the next meeting, the Minutes above be corrected to show her correct name

ACTION: SARAH S/SARAH H

12. Suffolk Golf Day – Chris

Chris reported that the Suffolk Golf Day 2014 had been a success, raising approximately £1,000 for County funds. She extended her thanks to Anne A, Laura and Cynthia for all their help.

Hintlesham has been booked for Monday 10 August 2015. Club Delegates have been informed that a ballot will be employed in the event of the Competition being over-subscribed.

13. Inter-Club Draws – 2015

All the Draws have now been completed and sent to the Organisers, together with the Specific Rules. The paperwork will be sent to the GB in advance of distribution to the Ladies' Captains/Secretaries/Vice Captains and the Club Secretaries following the Stearn Final.

14. Blue Handbook 2015

Jeanette has received a quote from Southwold Press which will be accepted.

15. Any Other Business

a) 100 Club Draw – following a request from Sue Cook, it was agreed to hold the first of this year's Draw at the AGM in January.

b) SLCGA/SGU Lunch – this has been scheduled for 21 October and is intended to provide a forum for items of mutual interest to be discussed.

c) Hermione requested that all expense claims be submitted by 31 October 2014

16. Dates and Venues for 2015

AGM	Saturday 10 January 2015	10.30am	Kesgrave Memorial Hall
GB Meeting	Monday 19 January 2015	10am	Waldringfield GC
GB Meeting	Monday 13 April 2015	10am	Bury St Edmunds GC
GB Meeting	Monday 20 July 2015	10am	Fynn Valley GC
GB Meeting	Monday 28 September 2015	10am	Fynn Valley GC
GB Meeting	Monday 16 November 2015	10am	Waldringfield GC
AGM	Saturday 16 January 2016	10.30am	Kesgrave Memorial Hall

Date of next GB Meeting

Monday 17 November – 10am – Waldringfield (followed by lunch)

Chairman

Date

Appendix 1

Suffolk Delegates Meeting Bury St. Edmunds Golf Club on Friday, 15th August 2014

1. Apologies: Received from Gorleston, Hintlesham, Royal Worlington, Thorpeness, Ufford & Waldringfield.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed.
3. Matters arising: None.
4. Suffolk Golf Day - Chris Lynch-Bates:
31-teams participated & an excellent day was had by all. Thanks to Chris for all her hard work. Following feedback from Clubs & discussion at the GB meeting, Chris reported this will remain a one-day event with the following entry process:
 - a) Entries will all be opened on the final day
 - b) Priority will be given to those whose entry was not accepted in the previous year
 - c) One team from each club will be entered
 - d) Remaining teams will be drawn at random. Volunteers to assist on the day will always be welcomed.
5. Inter-Club County Competitions:
Haskell: Final between Felixstowe & Aldeburgh is to be played at Ufford on Sunday, 17th August 2014. Supporters will be most welcome.
Cranworth & Stearn: The suggestion was made that if a player, having played in the first round, then has their handicap reduced, they should still be eligible to play in subsequent rounds. This resonated with the Delegates & will be discussed at the next GB meeting. Neutral venues continue to raise challenges. Please remember, it is good to talk!! Bury proposed additional rules be introduced for Cranworth players, which will be discussed at the next GB Meeting.
Senior Shield: Any alterations to the age & handicap limits have been rejected by the GB & the GB will now discuss neutral venues for the semi-finals. The wording in the rules concerning nominated players to play-off in the event of a tie will be reviewed. The Final of the 2014 competition between Gorleston & Rookery Park takes place at Thorpeness on Sunday, 7th September.
Weston: The current rule whereby the winner is the team with the best points total, as opposed to matches won, appears an anomaly & will be discussed at the next GB Meeting. Could all clubs, which participate in this competition, please confirm by 14th September 2014, whether they wish their team to go out in handicap order or not? At the meeting, six clubs said they did, one did not & two were flexible. Replies to June Kenworthy:
RJ4649@btinternet.com
6. England Golf:
Anne Archer reported on the July 2014 Meeting at Woodhall Spa. For ease of reference, attached is a copy of Anne's report on the meeting sent to the GB. Regional Competitions for the Seniors & Australian Spoons both took place at Haverhill Golf Club, who are due a huge vote of thanks for their excellent hosting of these events. Delegates were reminded to encourage entries for the Australian Spoons & Ping 4-BBB Competitions in 2015. It is

great to see the number of Suffolk Players on the England Golf Rose Spoons contenders list. Sue Cook raised the challenges of the new course rating system & was asked to contact Claire Dowling at England Golf direct. All clubs are requested to address any queries on handicaps & rules initially to the county handicap advisor, Ann Graves, before contacting England Golf.

7. County Cards:

Hermione confirmed the take-up was only 4.5% & discussions will continue as to whether County Cards for Ladies is a viable option going forward.

8. 100-Club:

The draw was made & the results will be published on the County Website. The end of the current cycle has been reached & it was unanimously agreed the 100-Club should continue. Sue Cook volunteered to continue as organiser -thanks Sue!! Club Delegates' were given their lists & requested to collect the monies due & if possible to increase participation.

9. County Website:

There is more to the Website than just seeking competition information. Please checkout & contribute, photos, anecdotes etc.

10. AOB: a) Division 2: Now being run on the same day as Division 1 at Felixstowe.

Cretingham asked whether it was possible to substitute a player who was in the original draw with another player from the same club if the change of date created a problem. A quorum of GB members present agreed this was sensible & thus ratified on this occasion.

b) County Rota: Jeanette reported it is not possible to obtain a representative from one particular club whose turn it is to organise the Championship. However, Chris Lynch-Bates has volunteered to continue in this role for the time being. This still leaves uncertainty with the County Rota going forward. Various options were discussed at the meeting & will now be taken to the GB.

c) Delegate Meeting: Delegates' are reminded this is a Forum & as such any decisions taken at the meeting are not binding on the GB & consultation with Club Committees/ Members remains paramount. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting: Friday, 31st October 2014 at 10.30 am - Venue: TBA.

Appendix 2

COMPETITION ORGANISERS' REPORT

(b) DIVISIONS

Division 3 - Stowmarket

4 September 2014

55 players played an individual stableford competition in 3 balls at Stowmarket. The ladies of the club, ably led by Vice-Captain Annie Tyler, were very welcoming and extremely efficient especially when emergency arrangements had to be made when the cloakroom facilities in the clubhouse failed completely. Fortunately all was in working order when the competitors came in on completion of their round. The course was in excellent condition and the weather was cloudy, warm and still. A delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by everybody.

Winner of The Silver Quaiche:

	Name	Club	Points
	Rosemary Stratton	Bury St Edmunds	36
2 nd	Anne Fenning	Stowmarket	34 (ocb)
3 rd	Yvonne Southey	Seckford	34 (ocb)
4 th	Pat Cofield	Felixstowe	34 (ocb)

Belstead Shield

Club: Bury St Edmunds 100 points

Team: Rosemary Stratton (36 points)

Josie Aves (32 points)

Jill Harris (32 points)

Divisions 1 and 2 Meetings – Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club

18 September 2014

Because of a lack of entries for Division 2 at Diss and a low entry for Division 1, it was decided to run both competitions on the same day at the Division 1 venue, Felixstowe Ferry. The club could not have been more helpful in allowing us to do this and to fill the course with players.

Commencing at 9.08 the low handicappers went off the 1st tee and at 9.15 the Division 2 players teed off at the 13th. Thirty one competitors in Division 1 and twelve in Division 2 played in a three ball individual medal format.

Felixstowe Ferry was in wonderful condition and the weather was warm and sunny. It was windy, but the locals no doubt considered it no more than a gentle breeze!

My sincere thanks go to Ray Baines the Club Secretary, who was so accommodating in the organisation (and reorganisation) of the event at relatively short notice. Ann Spencer, the Lady Captain was charming and efficient. Her help in running the day was invaluable and Lynne the caterer and bar manager produced a delicious lunch.

We were delighted that Ann Graves, our County President, presented the prizes. Having competed in Division 1 herself she was most surprised to have to make a presentation to herself!

Felixstowe Ferry is to be congratulated on hosting a most enjoyable event and being so welcoming. The green-keepers presented the course in immaculate condition, although clearly it provided a significant challenge to all the lady golfers, therefore underlining the quality of the winning score.

This was my last Divisional duty and I would like to conclude by thanking all those in the Governing Body, especially Jeanette Longman, so much for all the help and support I have received from them over the last three years. It has been invaluable.

Division 2

Winner of The Sybil Green Cup:

	Name	Club	Score
	Linda Miller	Woodbridge	91 (Gross)
1 st H'cap	Carol Brown	Cretingham	72 (Nett)
2 nd H'cap	Elizabeth Bezance	Bury St Edmunds	74
3 rd H'cap	Lin Smith	Halesworth	80

Joan O'Meara Shield

Club: Cretingham Team Score: 242

Team: Carol Brown (72)
Rosalind Ford (82)
Margaret Upton (88)

Runners-Up Woodbridge (243)

Division 1

Winner of The Sybil Green Trophy:

	Name	Club	Score
	Tanya McGregor	Bungay	77 (Gross)
Runner-up	Sharon Luckman	Ipswich	78
1 st H'cap	Sharon Davey	Stowmarket	74 (Nett)
2 nd H'cap	Jo Moore	Bungay	75
3 rd H'cap	Ann Graves	Woodbridge	76

Division 1 Challenge Shield

Club: Ipswich Team Score: 232

Team: Sharon Luckman (76)
Dianne Hitchcock (78)
Joyce Caracciolo (78)

Runners Up: Felixstowe (233)

(c) CORONATION AND CENTENARY FOURSOMES

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HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB – 10TH JULY 2014

A large entry of 56 competitors braved the elements on Thursday, taking part in this 27 hole Foursomes competition held at Halesworth Golf Club. Gale force winds buffeted the course for both the morning and afternoon rounds but the players enjoyed the course which was in wonderful condition with fabulous greens. There was quite a ‘buzz’ in the clubhouse at the end of the day as the big screen displayed the final scores. The winners of the beautiful trophies were Margaret Scales and June Kenworthy presented by SLCGA President, Ann Graves. It was compliments all round for Eileen Whiting, Ladies Captain and her wonderful team of helpers for their warm hospitality both in the clubhouse and on the course and to the caterers for superb refreshments.

The prize winners were:

1ST	Margaret Scales & June Kenworthy	Rushmere	108.5
2nd	Liz Laflin & Julie Blemings	Stowmarket	109
3rd	Judi Walker & Jane Darling	Stowmarket	109.75
4th	Sarah Beeton & Pat Crissell	Woodbridge	111.75
5th	Sue Montgomery & Viv Kemp	Bury St Edmunds	112.25

CORONATION FOURSOMES

NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB – 3rd JULY 2014

There was a good entry of 48 players who took part in The Centenary Foursomes competition held at Newton Green on Thursday. Competitors enjoyed playing the course in glorious sunshine and the results were close with just two points dividing the first five prizes. The winners were Patricia Havers and Jennie Leech from Newton Green. Many thanks to Sue Thurgate and her willing team of helpers at Newton Green who certainly lived up to their reputation for wonderful hospitality. It was also great to see our Suffolk Ladies Captain, Laura Lowe back in action presenting the prizes, after recuperating from a recent operation.

1st	Jennie Leech & Patricia Havers	Newton Green	52 pts
2nd	Jeanette Longman & Sheila Burgess	Woodbridge	51 pts (on cb)
3rd	Judith Brown & Sarah Gotts	Cretingham	51 pts (on cb)
4th	Samantha Edwards & Helena Honour	Diss	51 pts
5th	Sue Hellman & Val Smith	Halesworth	50 pts

(d) WESTON

All matches have now been completed and the results are as follows.

- Div 1 Winners of The Weston Trophy - Ipswich
Second Aldeburgh
- Div 2 Winners of The Weston Plate - Felixstowe
Second Woodbridge
- Div 3 Winners of The Weston bowl - Gorleston
Second Rookery Park

(e) Haskell/Stearn

Haskell - The final of the Haskell was played at Ufford Park on Sunday 17th August between Aldeburgh & Felixstowe Ferry Golf Clubs. The match was very close with Felixstowe Ferry winning on the 34th hole.

Our thanks go to Ufford Park for hosting the match and all the supporters who came to watch a very exciting day.

Stearn - Both of the Stearn Semi-finals were very exciting matches. At Halesworth Aldeburgh beat Cretingham 2 & 1 with 1 match going to the 37th hole and another finishing on the 36th. Thanks go to Halesworth for hosting the match and to the Lady Captain for a very warm welcome.

The other Semi-final was played at Hintlesham between Ipswich and Stowmarket, this was also very close with the deciding match going to the 37th hole. Ipswich won 2 & 1. Thanks to Hintlesham for an excellent day.

Aldeburgh & Ipswich will play in the final at Newton Green on Monday 6th October

(f) Cranworth

The Semi's took place on an overcast day in August but some good golf was enjoyed by all four teams.

Aldeburgh and Felixstowe progressed through to the final.

Thankyou to Pat at Waldringfield who allowed us to use her course and facilities at short notice due to an overbooking at Felixstowe.

The Final on 25th September at Fynn Valley was a gloriously sunny day which matched the atmosphere which pervaded throughout, right until the end of the delicious evening celebratory meal.

Thanks to Chris and Karen for all their help both before and on the day. Also to all her friendly ladies with their warning flags and ball spotting, much appreciated by both players and spectators alike.

Many thanks too to all the staff at Fynn Valley who were courteous and helpful and managed to keep smiling.

The winners were Felixstowe 6-3

(g) Senior Jubilee Shield

The competition started in April with nineteen clubs taking part, hambro scoring resulted in all matches being closely contested.

The semi-finals saw Bury St Edmunds away to Rookery Park and Gorleston away to Fynn Valley. Rookery park won at home by nine holes while Gorleston won by just one hole at Fynn Valley.

The Final between Rookery Park and Gorleston was played at Thorpeness Golf Club on Sunday 7th September. The day was perfect and the course looked in great condition as we watched some brilliant golf from both sides. It was a very close match with Gorleston the winners of the trophy by two holes.

Many thanks to Thorpeness and their staff for allowing this final to be held there and to the ladies' captain, Sheila Sheldrake, for welcoming the two teams on the day.

A special thank you to our County President who attending on the day and officiated at the presentation.

Appendix 3

TEAM REPORTS

(b) Senior Organiser's Report

In 2014 the Seniors have now played all planned fixtures. 8 matches have been played with 4 matches at home and 4 away.

Results

- Verse Norfolk Ladies Vets (Bungay GC) lost 3 matches to 1
- Verse Suffolk Senior Men (Southwold GC) halved
- Verse Essex Senior Ladies (Colchester GC) halved
- Verse Bedfordshire Senior Ladies (Mowsbury GC) won 3.5 matches to 0.5
- Verse Suffolk Girls (Waldringfield) won 3 matches to 2
- Verse Cambs and Hunts (Flempton) won 2.5 matches to 1.5
- Verse Suffolk Lady Vets (Aldeburgh) lost 4 matches to 1
- Verse Norfolk Senior Ladies (Eaton) lost 5 matches to 1

For each match we have fielded a strong team suitable for scratch matchplay. The team has been well supported and no issues. Each match has been played in good spirit and enjoyed by all.

Norfolk Senior Ladies

As stated this year we have forged a relationship with Norfolk Senior Ladies resulting in the match at Eaton. This fixture will now be an annual event. The format of this game was 6 singles played of scratch.

(c) Junior Organiser's Report

Junior County match week went well, the girls all enjoyed themselves and there was some good golf played by all, we did come 6th but the girls gained experience for next year. A big thank you to everyone who organised it and helped. Next year Junior county week is at John O'gaunt Golf Club on 17th – 19th August.

The Junior Finance Sub- Committee met up, comparing the budget to the current Junior financial situation, the main discrepancy arises as we allowed for 62 girls paying the county Subscription of £10, but there are currently only 35. Other areas are much closer on comparison. Most events are now self financing or better. It is currently not possible to produce 2015 budget until the Governing body working party had met and reported.

We entered a team to the East Region Junior Trophy at Stoke By Nayland, although we came 4th out of 5, the girls enjoyed themselves and gained experience from this.