

SUFFOLK DELEGATES MEETING

held on 9 August 2019 at Southwold GC

1. **Lizzie Johnson** welcomed the ladies to the Delegates meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Bramford, Hintlesham & St Clements

3. **100 Club Winners**

The draw results are as follows:

| Prize | Name | Club |
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| £100 | Jude Hanner | Felixstowe |
| £75 | Marion Gusworth | Bury St Edmunds |
| £50 | Sue Drummond | Bury St Edmunds |
| £25 | Anne Lewis | Bungay |
| £25 | Sheila Michell | Flempton |
| £20 | Colly Muttitt | Bungay |
| £20 | Wendy Flack | Bury St Edmunds |
| £15 | Jackie Thomas | Rushmere |
| £15 | Marietta Holmes | Gorleston |
| £15 | Elizabeth Hoare | Bungay |
| £10 | Jayne George | Rookery Park |
| £10 | Ellen Nall | Aldeburgh |

4. **Matters arising**

- **Bronze medal** - 54 handicap limit
- **Captain and Vice-Captain meeting** – Confirmed that a request has been made to the host club for either a morning or afternoon meeting.

- **County Competitions**

Stearn: Concern was raised about the process of why and how changes have been made. LJ advised that the Governing Body had agreed to a two year trial for 2020 & 2021 of 3 x 18 hole foursomes am and pm.

Cranworth: Having discussed the options with their home clubs the majority felt that it should remain a 36-hole competition. The possibility of having more than two reserves was discussed but most felt that it should remain a squad of 8.

A request was made to extend the lunch period between AM & PM matches. The delegate was informed that they should enforce the hard card rules for speed of play and as long as the players play in the correct handicap playing order, they do not have to go out first in the afternoon. It was suggested that Team captains should perhaps address this when they meet prior to play commencing.

Those present also discussed other options ie a 27 hole format (six clubs supported this) and the possibility of changing the points system.

Weston: The possibility of playing the final of the Weston at the weekend is still being considered by the GB. The venue of the final is dependent upon the draw.

Jubilee Shield: It was asked whether the Jubilee could be on set dates and neutral courses as the Cranworth and Stearn but with a flexible start time. The delegates to obtain feedback from their home clubs; to be discussed at the next Delegates meeting.

Home and Away: A delegate asked if there was a way to ensure that the clubs that were home this year are away next. If not, the possibility of having two different bags for a home or away draw was raised; further consideration will be given to the practicalities of this suggestion by the GB.

- **County 2nd team** - The delegates were informed that the GB is currently investigating the 2nd team options. Clubs have been contacted requesting that members interested in joining the 1st or 2nd team contact Suffolk secretary; there has been a very good response. There is someone who is prepared to organise the teams and a Pro prepared to quote on the cost of tuition.
- **Seniors county competitions** – Anne Archer, the Seniors Organiser will be stepping down next year and the seniors competitions will be looked at when her successor takes on the role.
- **Extreme weather “guideline”** - The delegates were grateful that the last round of the Cranworth had been cancelled and delayed by 4 weeks. They requested that a decision be made 48 hours prior to the competition, and more clarity on the process when cancelling ie e-mail and phone call. To be put to the competition organisers.

5. Any Other Business

Venues: A PDF template was sent to all delegates showing travel distance and times for each club. It was explained that when doing a draw, we look for equal travel distance/time between both teams and try to ensure that the teams have not played the venue recently.

WHS: Annette Llewellyn, SLCGA Handicap Adviser and Charlie Wilderspin, Suffolk Golf Union will be doing presentations on the new handicap system soon.

Website/Communication: Di reminded the Delegates that any articles for the website would be very welcome. Any requests for “expertise” should be directed in the first instance to the Secretary.

Course Ratings: Most courses have now been rated but all courses will have their slope ratings done before the new slope rating commences on 1 November 2020.

Buggy Hire: It is up to each individual who has a medical certificate to agree the price of a buggy in County competitions.

Date of next meeting: Friday 18 October, 10.30 am at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club

