



The 86th Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association was held at Kesgrave Memorial Hall on Saturday 12 January 2019 at 10.30am

Present

Mrs Mo Pearson	President
Mrs Amanda Norman	Acting Captain
Mrs Di Hegarty	Hon Secretary
Mrs Lizzie Johnson	England Golf Representative
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs Annette Llewellyn	Handicap Advisor
Miss Alice Barlow	Junior Organiser
Mrs Anne Archer	Senior Organiser, Senior Jubilee Shield Organiser
Mrs Joan Cook	Divisional Meetings Organiser
Mrs Maggie Porter	Divisional Meetings Organiser
Mrs Linda Gilham	Haskell & Stearn Organiser
Mrs Jill Symonds	Foursomes Organiser
Mrs Joan Hogarth	Venue Organiser

Together with members 120

The President, Mo Pearson welcomed everyone to the 86th AGM of the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association.

The President asked everyone to stand whilst we remember our friends who have died during the last year. In particular, Vanessa's Mum, Barbara BellThank you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have thoroughly enjoyed the past year working with Vanessa our county captain; she has worked quietly and efficiently throughout the year during some personal difficult times. Thank you, Vanessa for making my year so memorable. Between the both of us we have managed to attend the finals of all county competitions and it was a pleasure meeting so many of you and visiting so many clubs in the process. Thank you to those individuals who organised those events for us.

County Week was held in Woodbridge and I would like to thank everyone involved in making it such a lovely week. Oh, what a busy week it was especially for the team Vanessa did a sterling job with her much-reduced squad of only six players. She had to draft two players in to give some of

her girls a well-earned rest on a couple of afternoons. What a fantastic effort from the team to come in as runners up, well done Vanessa and your truly inspirational team. You have been a splendid Captain and over the last six months Junior Organiser too, I hope you will have some more free time for yourself now that your two years as our Captain comes to an end today.

On behalf of the Ladies I would like to thank Mr Detmar Hackman of Sabona for his continued sponsorship. He also gives generously to our Suffolk Golf Day. Thank you to Eunice Gray who organised the golf day this year and to Henry Roblin for his continued support in allowing us to hold this event at Hintlesham Golf Club.

Rebecca O'Hara has been our England Golf Representative this year and had done a great job in keeping the Governing Body and the Clubs through the delegates informed with what is going on at England Golf. Thank you, Rebecca, and enjoy your retirement from this committee.

Rebecca and Julie Latimer Jones have been looking after our web site, we are in the process of having a new web site very soon so watch this space. Thank you, Julie, for all your reports, we have all thoroughly enjoyed reading these report of the various events over the year.

Di Cunningham our Secretary has had yet another busy year and done a grand job in looking after the GB and making sure the Clubs are informed with all that is happening in the county, Di is also leaving the committee today, enjoy your retirement and thank you Di for a job very well done.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the GB for their hard work over the past year, you have all performed your duties quietly, efficiently and with good humour, and to those who are leaving us today, enjoy your free time.

The Secretary read the notice to convene the Meeting

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from the following Amanda Norman, Lottie Whyman and 239 apologies from 16 Clubs.

Please will you ensure that you have all signed the attendance register.

2 MINUTES OF THE AGM 2018

There being no amendments or alterations to the minutes of the AGM held on 13th January 2018, the president signed them as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING AGM 2018

There were no matters arising.

4 REPORTS & ACCOUNTS FOR 2017/2018

It was agreed that these reports would be taken together and adopted en bloc.

a) County Captain's Report – Ms Vanessa Bell

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the report sent out in preparation for today, you will have seen the results of all the County competitions along with an update on the successes of the Ladies Taster Day held earlier in the year.

Once again, the County First Team have been under the watchful eye of Kevin Lovelock. He has been a great support to both myself and the team and has helped to build a really strong group of players. Our training sessions were held over the course of the winter and spring months focussing on short game, course management and building on our team spirit. Training was supported by coaching vouchers issued to the players for use with their own swing coach.

The First Team practice matches against Aldeburgh, Ipswich and Woodbridge were played in the new year and as ever, we were met with a warm welcome and a competitive spirit. I would like to thank all those who played against us and their respective clubs for hosting us.

The 2018 County Championship and Senior County Championship were both held at Woodbridge Golf Club and kindly sponsored by Sabona.

Alice Barlow (Hintlesham GC) is our County Champion, beating Vanessa Bell (Ipswich GC) in the final. Our Stroke Play champion is Vanessa Bell (Ipswich GC) with Alice Barlow (Hintlesham GC) as the runner up. Abbie Symonds was the winner of the nett prize. Once again, the Plate was not played due to the low number of entries into the Championship.

Senior Champion is Vicki Hunt (Ipswich GC) beating Lottie Edmunds (Aldeburgh GC) in the final. Jane Darling (Stowmarket GC) was the winner of the stroke play with Ann Marie Fosker (Felixstowe Ferry GC) taking the runner up position.

This year's County Championship will be held at Ipswich GC on 10th-12th May. Entries are now open.

Team selection, once again, will be announced the week following the Championship.

County Match Week, June 2018

This year, Suffolk hosted the event which was held at Woodbridge Golf Club. The team selected to play included: Alice Barlow (Hintlesham GC), Vanessa Bell, Vicki Inglis (Ipswich GC), Lils James (Bungay GC), Sharon Luckman, Abbie Symonds, Lottie Whyman (Ipswich GC) Amanda Norman

(Felixstowe Ferry GC) and Jo Woodward (Felixstowe Ferry GC). Samantha Annis (Ipswich GC) and Fiona Stokes (Haverhill GC) were named as reserves.

As the East Region Trophy holders, the Suffolk team went into the week positive and ready to defend our title. During Sunday night we lost Lottie Whyman to illness and despite being a small team, we finished in second place.

Our first match of the week saw us lose against Essex 5.5 – 3.5 followed by a narrow defeat on Tuesday against Cambs & Hunts 5 - 4. However, the rest of the week the team were victorious beating Hertfordshire 6.5 – 2.5, Norfolk 5 – 4 and Bedfordshire 5 – 4.

Once again, I would like to thank the team for their commitment and belief in me as a Captain and for playing so well.

I would also like to thank Jeanette Longman for heading up the organising committee and for flawlessly leading the delivery of the event. My thanks to the committee: Pat Crissell, Judi Hamshere, Sheila Jarvis, Mo Pearson and Jill Scott Nichols for their help and support and to Sean Clark (Club Secretary, Woodbridge GC) and his staff for their hospitality and support in the organising and running of the event. And thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to help over the course of the week.

Finally, we would be lost without Julie Latimer-Jones, her golf coverage and entertaining reports as well as her support of women's golf in Suffolk. She has also been keeping the website up to date and has been working on getting our new website up and running – Julie, thank you.

I have been honoured to have been Captain of Suffolk during the past two years. I am incredibly proud to have led the team to the National County Finals in 2017 with only a narrow margin preventing us from going again this year. The hard work and support of the Governing Body has been outstanding, and I certainly wouldn't have managed without them.

I have mixed emotions about my role coming to an end but might just take some relief in the dramatic reduction of emails hitting my inbox! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and thank you for having me as your Captain.

The president invited questions for Vanessa. None were raised.

b) Junior Report – Miss Vanessa Bell

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 announce 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 held at Letchworth Golf Club. 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 and preparation over the winter months and the best of luck with the new golfing season ahead.

The president invited questions for Vanessa. None were raised.

c) Senior Report – Mrs Anne Archer

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 at Aldeburgh 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.

On this note if there any members who have reached the milestone of 50 and have a handicap of 13 or less and please let me know if you are interested in playing next year.

Thank you very much for the opportunity for being your captain.

The president invited questions for Anne. None were raised.

d) England Golf Report - Mrs 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 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.

The president invited questions for Rebecca. None were raised.

e) Treasurer's Report – Miss Hermione Scrope

Good morning Ladies.

I have attached a report to the Accounts which have been circulated to all the clubs highlighting and explaining the salient points. I hope that that is self-explanatory but if anyone has a question I will be very happy to answer it.

The president invited questions. None were raised.

f) Handicap Adviser's Report – Mrs Eunice Gray

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 as 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 and also higher up. It shouldn't happen so please; players and captains check and double check.

This is my last meeting as Handicap Advisor. Annette Llewyn has been proposed as handicap advisor by the GB. Annette is a member of Woodbridge GC where she is also competition secretary and will be handicap secretary for the coming year. She is enthusiastic, efficient and is very committed to her golf and I am sure she will bring those attributes to the GB. 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.

I would like to mention that as you will have noticed the blue book is back. What you may not have noticed is that all competitions are open from now, you do not have to wait for a date to come up you can enter from 1st January for all competitions.

Happy golfing in 2019

The president invited questions for Eunice. None were raised.

The reports were then proposed for adoption by Sharon Cozens, Fynn Valley GC and seconded by Maureen Duckett, Gorleston GC. They were carried unanimously.

5 ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The Secretary read the names of those members who are retiring: -

Vanessa Bell	- County Captain
Di Cunningham	- Honorary Secretary
Rebecca O'Hara	- England Golf Representative
Eunice Gray	- County Handicap Advisor
Dianne Clarke	- Foursomes Competition Organiser
Debbie Anthistle and Lynne Wright	- Competition Organisers – Stearn & Haskell

At this time of year, not only do we welcome the new committee members joining us, but we also have to say goodbye to others. The committee is comprised of people who willingly give up their own time to help organise the backdrop of county ladies golf, to run events and to support the members of the SLCGA and their clubs. They do this freely and to the best of their abilities and I implore you to remember this. So, a huge thank you to:

Di Cunningham as our County Secretary and being so wonderfully organised. She has been an incredible support to myself and the committee, keeping each of us informed of all activity both within the county and nationally. She has flawlessly taken the minutes of all meetings, fielded the copious amounts of emails that come in and guided in key decision making. It is a large task to take on, especially with a full-time job, and she has been a credit to the County.

Rebecca O'Hara leaves her role as England Golf Representative. We appreciate her time in travelling to Woodhall Spa as well as organising and chairing the Delegates meetings which are an extremely useful link between England Golf, the County and the Clubs.

Eunice Gray leaves us after serving her term as Handicap Secretary. She has been fantastic in helping us to understand the various handicap rules and changes that are taking place.

Dianne Clarke has been our Coronation and Centenary Foursomes organiser for the past three years. Thank you for organising these competitions so efficiently.

Debbie Anthistle & Lynne Wright for their time and hard work in ensuring the smooth and professional running of the Haskell and Stearn. Not only did they run the competitions so brilliantly well, but they also brought insight and new ideas to meetings, always with a smile.

The secretary read the names of those who will remain in office for the coming year.

Mo Pearson	County President
Hermione Scrope	Honorary Treasurer
Anne Archer	Senior Organiser/Senior Jubilee Shield Organiser

And Competition Organisers: -

Amanda Norman	Felixstowe for a further 1 year
Carol Cook	Thorpeness for a further 1 year
Irma Suttle	Woodbridge for a further 2 years
Maggie Porter & Joan Cook	Seckford for a further 2 years

I will read the names of ladies nominated as Officers of the Association:

Please would those nominated, stand when their name is called

Vicki Inglis	County Captain
Di Hegarty	Honorary Secretary
Lizzie Johnson	England Golf Representative
Annette Llewyn	County Handicap Advisor
Alice Barlow	Junior Organiser
Joan Hogarth	Venue Organiser

And the names of the ladies nominated as Competition Organisers

Sarah Williams – nominated for Foursomes Organiser for 3 years

Linda Gilham Stowmarket (for the Haskell & Stearn Organiser) – nominated for 3 years

The nominations were proposed en bloc by Rachel Goldsmith of Halesworth Golf Club and seconded by Joan Hunter of Stowmarket Golf Club. 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.

As I said in my opening remarks Vanessa has been an exceptional captain over the last 2 years, she led her team to the National County Finals in 2017 coming in 3rd place - a great feat. Last year her leadership during County Week was fantastic as she led her depleted team to second place especially in some very personal difficult times. Well Done Vanessa.

CAPTAIN:

Vicki started playing golf at the age 9 having been introduced to the game by her father. She picked up the game quickly and was able to drop her handicap to 1. She has been playing for Suffolk from a very young age growing from the juniors to the 1st team over the years. She has played in many tournaments and has also been county champion a couple of times. She is very much looking forward to taking on the role of captain and will hopefully be able to bring the east region trophy back home to Suffolk.

Vanessa then presented Vicki with the Captains Badge

Vicki said she was looking forward to taking on the role and hoped she would do as good a job as Vanessa.

For our purposes this morning the present officers will continue to conduct the business of the meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please can I remind you to state your name and Club if you wish to speak and that no decisions can be taken here at this meeting. A show of hands to indicate the feeling of the meeting may be called for if appropriate.

Sue Cook updated the meeting on the USGA course rating.

2018 has been a very busy year for course rating. The number of courses to be rated has increased year on year as the proposed introduction of world handicapping system gets closer. Historically all ladies' tees in Suffolk have had a slope rating since 2002 when the first courses were rated the using the USGA system. The urgency has arisen now because the England golf union the forerunner of England Golf decided not to use the USGA rating system when all other golf unions decided to use it and so of course there is no slope for the men's tees in England there are everywhere else, hence the need to rate as many courses as possible before the spring of 2020. Those courses that will not be rated prior 2020 will still have a slope rating for the red tees and England Golf intend to calculate a slope for the men's tees as Eunice has already said from the red tee slope reading. In 2018 the following courses have been rated Stowmarket, Rushmere Diss, Bungay & Waveney, Bury St Edmunds and Halesworth. All now have a new standard scratch and slope rating. Ipswich and Thorpeness are awaiting their final calculations and these should be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

It is intended to rate another 8 courses in 2019. Those courses are Felixstowe Ferry, Ufford Park, Bramford, Aldeburgh (both courses), Fynn Valley, Gorleston and Newton Green.

I would like to thank all those ladies and gents who have helped with the rating. It is a time consuming job which on very hot or in fact very cold days can be exhausting. As raters become more knowledgeable the exercise becomes more complicated and therefore longer. Several new ladies have shown an interest in helping with the rating and I thank them for coming forward. Thank you very much.

Captain:

Mike Rees has asked if anyone is interested in taking a qualification to become a referee to please can they contact him. Di Cunningham has his contact details.

PRESIDENT:

Thank you very much.

I would like to confirm that the Raffle this year has raised £366.00. Thank you to you all.

Finally, before the Presentations, we would like to make the Draw for the 100 Club.

And just before we do that, I would like to thank Sue Cook sincerely on behalf of us all for all the work she has done to run the 100 Club since its inception and to make it so successful. Thank you, Sue.

Now I would like to invite Rebecca as Chairman of the Delegates to draw the numbers.

Sue updated the meeting on the 200 club.

A record entry this year of £2775. This means we will be giving £1520 in prizes, that's £380 per draw as you know there are 4 draws in the year. The county will receive £1255. This year about £2000 of the money raised by the 200 club will hopefully be allotted to new website but the delegates will need to confirm this. Sue thanked all the delegates for their hard work in collecting money from members and all who contributed as because this is over and above your subscription to county.

100 Club Draw took place, information regarding the winners can be found on the SLCGA website.

PRESENTATIONS:

Joy Winn Salver

This is the fifth year that the Salver has been played for. It is for the lowest scratch scores achieved over the year.

I am delighted to present it to Alice Barlow, Bury St Edmunds GC, for the third year running.

Weston Trophy, Plate and Bowl

Can I invite the winning Clubs in each Division onto the stage to collect their trophies:

The Weston Bowl was won by Thorpeness

The Weston Plate was won by Bury St Edmunds

And, finally, many congratulations to the winners of the Weston Trophy - Ipswich

The Secretary announced the Medal winners:

The Silver Medal is awarded jointly to Pippa Beak, Flempton & Sarah Gotts, Diss -7

The Bronze Medal is awarded to Louise Overberry Ipswich - 10

Many congratulations to them all.

Captain:

It is always so difficult to pick out one particular player from all those that sit on the county squad but one who stood out for me this year and the winner of the Nigel Birrell Trophy is Alice Barlow. Alice is a strong supporter and representative of the SLCGA. Her commitment to the county first team is exceptional attending all training and practice matches and she has now thrown herself into the role of County Junior organiser. She is our county champion and represented Suffolk at county match week where she put 7 out of a possible 10 points on the board. She has also represented Suffolk playing a number of national events notably placing four in the Critchley Salver at Sunningdale. Well done.

President

The Eva Harris Shield is awarded for achievements in junior golf. The winner this year is Georgia Parker. Georgia has had a very successful year reducing her handicap from 9.6 to 6.9. On her debut she reached the knockout stage of the County Ladies Championship, she represented Suffolk in the East Region Junior Match Days having a successful time against some experienced players. The biggest achievement of her year was being selected for England Golfs U18 East Region squad after impressing the coaches at her trials weekend.

Junior Improver of the Year: This trophy has been won by Sophie Kubitzek. Sophie has had a fantastic season reducing her handicap from 33 to 16. She has had two top three finishes in Suffolk Junior Opens, and two top five finishes in Suffolk Schools Championships. She has also had seven top three finishes in her clubs' junior competitions including three individual wins.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Junior Captain for 2019 is Georgia Parker.

The 2nd Team Captain is Natasha Gregory.

PRESIDENT:

Finally, please can I remind you to check your tickets for the raffle?

Thank you for attending the meeting today.

I now declare this meeting closed at 11.24am.

Sarah Gotts from Diss Golf Club gave the vote of thanks. On behalf of all the lady members I would like to thank Mo, the committee, members and volunteers for all their hard work this year. What we see is only a fraction of the work goes on, the day to day organisation and the back-office tasks that we don't get to witness. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and we hope that 2019 is as successful. I would like to wish the retiring members all the best and welcome the incoming ladies.

Di Cunningham
Hon Secretary

January 2019

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 Quaich 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.

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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 and 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)

Treasurer's 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 slop rated, 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 as 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 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

Signature

Date

Mrs Mo Pearson
President