

SUFFOLK DELEGATES “VIRTUAL” MEETING

held on Friday 20 August 2021

Lizzie Johnson welcomed the ladies to the Delegates meeting.

Present: Aldeburgh, Brett Vale, Bungay, Bury St Edmunds, Felixstowe, Flempton, Halesworth, Haverhill, Ipswich, Kingfishers, Newton Green, Rookery Park, Royal Worlington, Rushmere, Seckford, Southwold, Stowmarket & Woodbridge

1. Apologies: Diss, Fynn Valley, Gorleston, St Audrys, St Clements & Thorpeness.
2. The 100 Club:

The draw results are as follows:

Prize	Name	Club
£100	Joan Garrett	Bury St Edmunds
£75	Judith Bedwell	Halesworth
£50	Val Shipp	Haverhill
£25	Trudi Laws	Ipswich
£25	Liffy Reeves	Bury St Edmunds
£20	Tricia West	Ipswich
£20	Megan Ellis	was Kingfishers
£15	Sheila Sterry	Gorleston
£15	Amanda Bouttell	Fynn Valley

Hermione asked that Delegates ask their “winners” to e-mail her with their address and the name on their account so that she may send a cheque.

3. Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held on 26 March 2021: None
4. 100 Club 2020 Surplus ie c£1,250: It was suggested that the surplus be rolled forward and two years added together to make a more meaningful sum ie c£2,500? LJ suggested looking for something that would benefit all Suffolk ladies?

Sue Cook asked for confirmation from delegates that their ladies wish to continue with the 100 Club? £5 per number. DH or SC to make contact in early October. Ideally monies should be collected by the end of the year.

5. Joan Cook and LJ have committed to helping DH with the organisation of the 2022 Suffolk Golf Days (Hintlesham, August) & East Suffolk Golf Day (Gorleston, April). Ideally 4 people are required at each event. Viv Kemp and Yvonne Southey volunteered to help at Hintlesham and Caroline Emeny at Gorleston.
6. WHS Handicap Index limits for Stearn and Cranworth competitions. Eleven clubs have responded to date. DH is going to collate the information to forward to the GB for consideration.

The general feeling of those present was that the Handicap Index has not yet had time to “bed in”. Likewise neither has the change of format to the Stearn, which is in the first year of a 2 year trial.

Discussion progressed to the quality of some of the Suffolk courses and their ratings. Sue Cook reminded everyone present that “it is the County who are responsible for making sure that the courses that are available, and the clubs that are playing, have the requisite facilities”. If there is a question about the condition of a course then perhaps someone from County ie county captain, should go and play the course and consider local rules.

With regard to a course rating anyone can query it but cards need to be put in to substantiate it.

With regard to H/I, the East Region have now added a tick box to their entry forms that a minimum of 3 qualifying competitions have been played since 1st April” the preceding year as eligibility. Discussion ensued as to whether 3 was a sufficient number.

A number of clubs are now putting on club competitions for their working members at weekends. Some are considering adding Cup competitions also.

7. Future Delegate Meetings: All agreed that it is more beneficial to have “in person” meetings when possible. LJ to research possible alternate venues to Bury so that travelling is more equidistant for all delegates. **Delegates - could you please let me know if your club has a meeting room that can accommodate c30 people and might be available to use?**

Southwold’s dining room is now the Pro Shop so it is no longer possible to hold the August meeting there and play 9 holes of golf afterwards. Halesworth may be an alternative. Again, if this can be facilitated at your Club could the Delegate please contact me.

8. Any Other Business:

- Elaine Ward was pleased to report that two of their Haverhill ladies had won the Australian Spoons competition. The “spoons” are now on display in the clubhouse.
- Thorpeness asked that the cost of green fees for practice rounds, which are at present £15, be discussed as they have heard a rumour that the SGU are raising the cost to £25. If this is the case for the men will the same be applied to the ladies and juniors? Most felt that this is a significant increase in one go, perhaps £20 might be fairer. LJ to take to GB.

At a number of clubs the cost is picked up by the Club/ladies section. One Club takes the green fee costs and puts them “in a pot” which is then used to pay for their ladies to play elsewhere?

Jeanette Longman thought that historically the cost was agreed amongst the Club Secretaries.

- LJ: At the last EG Update meeting on 13.8.21 all were advised that there have been 282K downloads of the MyEG app; 372K had registered on the WHS platform; 4.5m rounds have been posted of which 3.5 were competition rounds. The Independent Golfer app, IGolf, now has 4,068 subscribers.

9. Date of next meeting: Friday 15 October 2021 at 10.0 am @ Bury St Edmunds

