



## **SUFFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held  
via ZOOM  
on Saturday 8th January 2022 at 10.00am**

### **AGENDA**

President's Opening Remarks

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd January 2021
3. Matters Arising
4. Report and Accounts for 2020/21
  - a) *County Captain's Report – County Competition*
  - b) *Junior Organiser's Report*
  - c) *Senior Captain's Report*
  - d) *England Golf Report*
  - e) *Treasurer's Report*
  - f) *Handicap Adviser's Report*
5. Election and Re-Election of Officers and Members of the Governing Body
6. Any Other Business

The 100 Club Draw will take place after Any Other Business

Results of Silver and Bronze Medals.

Di Hegarty  
Hon. Secretary

December 2021

## **Reports for 2021**

### **County Captain's**

The year started off with decisions to be made re covid and the golfing year ahead. I would like to thank the GB committee for all their hard work and countless zoom meetings during this time and with a great deal of effort we managed to get most competitions played in 2021 while following the government and England golf restrictions.

### **Training**

We had some very good feedback about the County 1<sup>st</sup> team and Junior training which was held at Felixstowe and we will be going back next for more training. I would like to thank Andrew Robinson and Sam Forgan for their help and support of County golf.

### **County Match Days 2021 Stoke -By- Nayland**

Rain, rain and more rain!

We went into county match days with a small squad and in hindsight maybe we were one player short. But we played very well and I couldn't have asked for more from my team. It was the first time playing the new format of 2 x foursomes and 3 x singles. We beat Hertfordshire (who were the eventual winners) on the first morning which included Sophie Kubitzek gaining her 1<sup>st</sup> point in senior golf, playing with the very experienced Lils James.

After that the rain came and to cut a long story short, we ended up playing 45 holes the next day to make up the lost time.

We lost to Bedfordshire 3-2, Essex 4-1 with 3 matches ending on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, draw with Cambs and Hunts and lost to Norfolk 3-2.

Alice congratulations on winning all your singles matches a fantastic achievement.

A massive thank you to Belinda for all her hard work during County match days and to Joanne for stepping into play so I could rest players. Its not everyday a President and Captain get to play foursomes! A first for Suffolk, I'm sure.

We go again next year at Harpenden Golf Club 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June.

My thanks again go to all of the people involved in running the association. They do a fantastic job and couldn't do it without them.

All the best for the coming golf season.

Amanda Norman  
County Captain

### **Junior Organiser's Report**

Alice Barlow decided to concentrate on her own golf and finished in October. The GB would like to thank Alice and her parents for all their hard work and commitment in organising and supporting the juniors.

The Juniors are all doing very well, and their handicaps are continuing to come down. We took a squad of eight to the junior county match days at The Bedfordshire GC in August.

We were delighted to see 3 Juniors playing in the main championships this year.

The Juniors have supported all of the county competitions

Spring Cup Medal – (13 players)

Gross Juliette Coffey, Nett Sophie Kubitzek.

Stableford - Imogen Potter.

Junior Championships (17 Platers)

Gross Juliette Coffey, Nett - Melissa Coffey

Stableford - Rebekah Meekings.

Autumn Meeting (9 players)

Medal Gross - Juliette Coffey, Nett - Chloe Dixon.

Lady / Junior Foursomes (13 pairs)

M. Coffey / J. Hanner

Di Hegarty

## **Senior Captain's Report**

The seniors, like everybody, had a delayed start to their season. The planned 'get-together' in March had to be abandoned and matches were postponed in the hope that we might play them later in the year. For the most part this happened. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our match against the Suffolk Junior Girls in July due to COVID concerns but all the others went ahead in September and early October - we had 6 matches in about 5 weeks! The results were as follows and more detailed accounts can be found on the County website.

**v Bedfordshire @ Flempton** - Suffolk won 21/2 to 11/2      Excellent matches, all close.

**v Norfolk Vets @ Diss** - Suffolk lost 2/3      A difficult, rainy & blustery day. Well done to those who overcame the petrol shortage to get to the course!

**v Suffolk Vets @ Rushmere** - Suffolk lost 1/3      A delayed start due to torrential rain! Close matches but we suffered from having to give too many shots to some!!!!

**v Norfolk Seniors @ Great Yarmouth & Caister** - Suffolk lost 1/6      A very challenging day - very windy!

**v Hertfordshire @ East Herts** - Suffolk win 21/2 / 11/2      A new fixture - excellent day and a good result!

**v Cambs & Hunts @ Stowmarket** - Suffolk win 3/1      Cambs & Hunts were 2 short on the day due to COVID & flu, an inevitable consequence of our times. We all still had a very enjoyable game.

My thanks go to all the players who participated and/or stood 'in the wings' as reserves and also to the golf clubs who kindly hosted our matches and who looked after us very well both on and off the course.

## **East Region Senior Women's League**

On discussion with the Senior County Captains of Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Cambs & Hunts, Hertfordshire and Essex over the season, we agreed to form a league - East Region Senior Women's League. For the first year, 2022, it was agreed to play each county, either home or away, 6 singles matches off scratch. We will also be trialing playing straight matchplay and Hambro scoring to see which would work the best. How the first year goes will be reviewed when all matches have been played and then final rules will be drawn up. This will be an exciting new venture and I am sure it will add an extra competitive but enjoyable edge to our county matches!

Remember: If you are aged 50 or over, have a handicap index of 14.0 or below, and are interested in representing the County at Senior level please contact me - details are on the Suffolk Ladies website. Those of you who have already registered your details with me need not reapply. I will be contacting you all in the new year! Do not forget to enter the Seniors Championship to be held at Diss Golf Club in July - details on the website.

Finally, huge thanks go to East Anglian Builders, Sandlings Properties who have very kindly offered to sponsor the seniors team for the next two years.

Vicki Hunt, Seniors Captain

### **England Golf Report**

Covid continued to present issues again this year but fortunately elements of “new” normal resumed.

Regular “virtual” meetings with England Golf took place throughout the year and in September the General Meeting was able to go ahead at Woodhall Spa.

Restrictions meant that it has taken longer than anticipated for golfers to become familiar with WHS. Figures released in mid-November showed that 404,000 had registered on the WHS platform and 7.3 million rounds had been posted.

In July England Golf launched iGolf, a platform to enable independent golfers to benefit from a WHS handicap. There are already in excess of 9,500 subscribers though gender breakdown shows only 4% being female.

The Delegates Meetings also proceeded “virtually” until October when we were once again able to meet in person. My thanks go to all who have attended and supported these meetings; I think we are achieving our goal of an effective two-way communication between the County and the Clubs.

Lizzie Johnson

### **Treasurer's Report**

In spite of the restrictions that were in place at the beginning of the year we have had a satisfactory year resulting in an excess of income over expenditure of £5,908. We were able to run the championships, the Divisional meetings and the Foursomes, all of which were well supported.

It is encouraging to note that our membership increased by approximately 14% resulting in Affiliation Fees of £15,502. The Governing Body has decided to keep the fee at £7.50 for 2022.

Both the Suffolk Golf Day and the 100 Club continue to attract support for which we are very grateful.

The Governing Body continued to have their meetings via Zoom for the year which resulted in a reduction in travel costs. County Week has been reduced from 5 days to 3 days which has also reduced our expenditure this year. During the year we took the opportunity of having all our trophies checked, repaired and valued.

The increase in sundry expenses is accounted for by the need to have DBS checks undertaken and courses attended by appropriate officials.

Hermione Scrope FCA,ATII  
Treasurer

## **Handicap Adviser's Report**

The year started with a Covid lockdown, but by April we were back playing socially distanced golf, which has gradually become more and more normal.

The world handicapping system is in full swing and we are all getting used to it. Sorting playing handicaps for competitions is a bit of an issue with 95% allowance, although the system takes care of that automatically. The reason that 95% is used, is to create equality and fairness between higher handicaps and single figure players, based on the par golfer. Players are grudgingly accepting it.

Similarly, Open competitions require organisers to be up early to check everybody's HI in case they have changed overnight!

Club friendly greensomes competitions need a calculator at hand to work out 60% of high handicap and 40% of lower handicap players. These cannot be worked out until the day of play because someone may have recently entered a result which changed their handicap.

County KO competitions also had a few issues and consideration was given to altering the handicap ranges for the knockouts. After consulting with the delegates, a questionnaire was sent out to the clubs. The consensus was that it was too soon to alter anything yet and that we let it run for another year as it is.

Surprisingly, it has been quite a quiet year from my personal perspective with only a few local issues to deal with.

Overall, I feel that WHS is working well.

Annette Llewellyn  
Suffolk Ladies Handicap Adviser

## **County Championships**

The Main Championships were held at Felixstowe Golf Club on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May while we were still under some Covid 19 restrictions. There were 20 entries for the Strokeplay with the top 16 finishers going forward to Matchplay on the second day.

Strokeplay - 1<sup>st</sup> gross and winner of the Woodbridge Challenge Bowl was Alice Barlow with 143. 2<sup>nd</sup> gross and winner of the Maggie Ivor Jones Plate was Amanda Norman with 157.

Nett winner for the Berendt Handicap Jug was Sophie Kubitzek with 140.

Match Play – winner of the Churchman Challenge Cup was Alice Barlow and runner-up for the Lady Eddis Silver Box was Amanda Norman.

The Seniors Championships were held at Thorpeness Golf Club on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. There were 29 entries for the Strokeplay with the top 4 finishers going forward to Matchplay on the second day.

Strokeplay - 1<sup>st</sup> gross and winner was Fiona Edmond with 75 and 2<sup>nd</sup> gross was Pippa Neall with 83. Nett winner was Jennifer Aston with 72.

Match Play – The winner was Fiona Edmond and runner-up Pippa Neall.

Philippa Bridges

## **Divisional Reports**

**Division 4** was held at St Audrys (for the first time I believe) on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Despite COVID restrictions of not being able to hold a presentation or provide a meal the entry of 29 competitors was extremely good. Many of the players (handicaps ranging from 32.9 to 47.3) had never played outside their own club before. St Audrys won the Team Shield and Elizabeth Ballam of St Audrys won the individual trophy.

**Divison 3** was held at Seckford on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It was extremely windy conditions for the 30 competitors. Due to COVID there was no meal or presentation. Brett Vale won the Team Shield and Jeanette Shea of Brett Vale won the individual.

The date and venue for **Division 2** was rearranged to Purdis Heath Golf Club on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The weather and course conditions were excellent and the venue proved to be very popular with 36 entries. Woodbridge won the Joan O'Meara Shield and Jeanette Longman of Woodbridge the individual Sybil Green Cup.

**Division 1** was held at Rookery Park on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The 23 competitors were treated to an outstanding meal, great weather and a golf course in superb condition. Rookery won the Team Shield and Alice Barlow representing Bury St Edmunds comfortably won the individual cup.

Tessa Summers