

SUFFOLK DELEGATES MEETING

held on Friday 15 October 2021 @ Bury St Edmunds

Lizzie Johnson welcomed the ladies to the Delegates meeting.

Present: Aldeburgh, Brett Vale, Bury St Edmunds, Diss, Flempton, Fynn Valley, Halesworth, Haverhill, Ipswich, Kingfishers, Newton Green, Rookery Park, Royal Worlington, Seckford, Southwold, Stowmarket, Thorpeness & Woodbridge

1. Apologies: Bramford, Bungay, Felixstowe, Gorleston, Hintlesham, Rushmere, St Audrys & The Suffolk
2. The 100 Club:

The draw results are as follows:

Prize	Name	Club
£100	Liz Cardnell	Woodbridge
£75	Maggie Lambert	Haverhill
£50	Celia Bramwell	Haverhill
£25	Sylvia Studd	Felixstowe
£25	Pam Evans	Felixstowe
£20	Diane Spall	Rookery Park
£20	Heather Chandler	Bury St Edmunds
£15	Sandra Churchill	Rookery Park
£15	Linda Whybrow	Felixstowe

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

Delegates in attendance agreed that the 100 Club should continue.

Collection of 100 Club subscriptions for 2022 – it would be helpful if “subs” could be sent to Hermione by 31 December.

3. Notes of meeting held on 20 August 2021: None
4. Matters Arising:

(i) 100 Club 2020 Surplus ie c£1,250:

DH has sourced JotForm who provide web based entry forms. A “dummy” competition entry had been sent to delegates for completion prior to this meeting and all agreed that it was a simple and straightforward process. An e-mail acknowledgement of entry is generated automatically.

Payments will continue to be made via BACs/cheque.

DH explained in more detail to those present the benefits of the system.

JotForm have agreed to honour their “24 hour 50% discount” so the cost for 12 months will be c£200 – considerably more reasonable than the £2,000 DH had previously been quoted. All present agreed that we should go ahead subject to GB approval.

LJ thanked DH for all the work that she has done on our behalf.

A suggestion was made, and agreed by all present, that the balance of the 2020 surplus could be used to provide prizes for the Suffolk Golf Days and therefore keep the entry cost down.

LJ suggested that going forward perhaps the annual JotForm subscription could come out of the annual 100 Club surplus? However consideration will still need to be given as to how best to utilise the remainder of the surplus.

- (ii) Volunteers to help with organisation of the Suffolk Golf Days from 2022:
LJ thanked Viv Kemp & Yvonne Southey for their offer of help at Hintlesham and Caroline Emeny & Rachael Goldsmith at Gorleston – in addition to Joan Cook, Di and myself.

5. WHS Handicap Index limits for County competitions ie Stearn, Cranworth & Jubilee Shield:

- (i) At the last GB meeting it was agreed that the H/I would remain the same for 2022 to give handicaps a chance to settle down.
- (ii) The GB will review the collated responses received from Clubs regarding H/I limits for the above competitions early next year. Any amendments will come into effect from 2023.
- (iii) Those present discussed the criteria for players to be eligible to play in all County competitions ie having submitted a minimum number of competition cards in either the preceding year or a “rolling year”.
After much discussion it was proposed that we start with 5 competition cards in a rolling year. This would not apply to players entering Division 4.
Responsibility would lie with the Team Captains to ensure that their players qualify for entry in each round.
LJ to take to GB for confirmation and possible introduction in 2022.

NB: The Haskell and Weston are played off scratch so H/I does not apply.

- (iv) Ladies’ Opens: Clubs should follow England Golf guidance ie 85% of H/I for teams of 4.

6. Delegate Meeting Venues:

Someone is always going to have to travel but LJ feels that the distance travelled should be more equitable to all. In 2022 the March meeting to be at Bury St Edmunds, the August meeting at Felixstowe and the October meeting at Halesworth. Dates to be agreed.

DH suggested possibly playing 9 holes of golf after every meeting? All present seemed to like the idea of optional golf after the meeting. Action LJ

7. Green Fees for practice rounds: LJ advised that the GB have no influence on the price of practice rounds which are normally set by the Club Managers. HS advised that practice rounds only apply to Trophy competitions - and are for squad members, not caddies.

8. Any Other Business:

LJ advised that the number of subscribers to The Independent Golfer app, IGolf, now stands at 8,197 - an increase of more 4,000 since August.

LJ also extended thanks to Hermione as she is retiring from the GB in January, although will hopefully continue to be the Flempton delegate.

9. Date of next meeting: Friday 25 March, 10 o'clock at Bury St Edmunds
(followed by golf on the 9 hole course – optional)