

## SUFFOLK DELEGATES MEETING

**held on Friday 19 August 2022 @ Felixstowe**

Lizzie Johnson welcomed the ladies to the Delegates meeting.

Present: Aldeburgh (Helen Lane); Brett Vale (Hilary Archer); Bury St Edmunds (Viv Kemp); Diss (Gina Peliti); Felixstowe (Carol Deslandes); Flempton (Hermione Scrope); Gorleston (Julie Harbord); Halesworth (Sara Higgins/Kiran Brice); Haverhill (Lynne Hart/Linda Alexander); Hintlesham (Karen Perridge); Ipswich (Sheila Boath); Newton Green (Margaret Hills); Rushmere (Patsi Long/Carol Perks); Seckford (Yvonne Southey); Southwold (Ruth Kemp); Stowmarket (Anna Suggett); Thorpeness (Carol Cooke) & Woodbridge (Jeanette Longman)

1. Apologies: Bramford, Bungay, Fynn Valley, Rookery Park, Royal Worlington & St Audrys
2. The 100 Club:

The draw results are as follows:

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
£100	Nan Beecham	Haverhill
£75	Jayne George	Rookery Park
£50	Beverley Allen	Bury St Edmunds
£40	Jacqueline Parsons	Royal Worlington
£30	Beverley Shand	Bury St Edmunds
£25	Molly Smith	Bury St Edmunds
£25	Ladies Section	Aldeburgh
£20	Ladies Section	Aldeburgh
£15	Carolyn Mahony	Royal Worlington

Could the Delegates ask their “winners” to e-mail Carol Deslandes ([treasurer@suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk)) with their account details so that she may send payment via BAC’s, or alternatively the name of their account and address so that she may send them a cheque.

Sue Cook reminded all that it is nearing the time for Delegates to confirm renewal of the 100 Club with their members. Sue to send out a list of current members to each Delegate. It is helpful if details/subscriptions can be received by mid-December.

Woodbridge asked whether it would be possible to know what the surplus funds were going to be used for in advance rather than retrospectively? Clearly this would have to be an approximate figure (c£1,000?) as membership cannot be predicted in advance. County and Clubs to be canvassed for ideas/suggestions.

As the on-line competition entry forms have been so successful this year the decision was made to bring them “in-house” and incorporate them on the SLCGA website meaning that there is no longer a requirement for the JotForm subscription. The ‘County Contacts list’ will remain on Jotform for now but there is no charge for this. Delegates were asked if an e-mail address and telephone number were necessary for all

contacts within each Club. All agreed e-mail address only for everyone other than the Ladies Captain and Club Secretary.

NB: For access to the 'County Contacts list' please contact Di Hegarty directly and she will send you a link. [secretary@suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk](mailto:secretary@suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk)

All present agreed that Di should purchase a new windows based Laptop and PDF writer for use by the County Secretary with the 2021 surplus and, if necessary, can make up any shortfall from the 2022 surplus.

3. Notes of meeting held on 25 March 2022: Agreed
4. WHS Handicap Index limits for County competitions ie Cranworth, Stearn & Jubilee Shield:

In determining the Handicap Index limits for the County competitions, an average slope rating of all courses in Suffolk was taken. This worked out at 125 across the County. Therefore, to keep the competitions in line with the original handicap parameters, an adjustment was needed to take into account how the WHS H/I changes to a course handicap. So, taking the Stearn as an example: The original parameters were 10.0 to 20.9. On the slope rating system, a H/I of 8.6 becomes a course handicap of 10 and a H/I of 19 becomes a course handicap of 21, roughly in line with the original parameters.

- (i) Jubilee Shield: Delegates asked if the H/I limit could remain at 24 given that it is a competition for the over 60's and a significant number of ladies have seen their H/I increase. Di to organise GB Zoom meeting to discuss.
- (iii) Cranworth: The question was asked that as the format is changing next year whether it would be possible to move the start time back. After discussion Delegates concluded that it should remain at 9.30.

It was however felt that the "new format" should be reviewed at the end of next year.

- (iv) Weston: Delegates felt that games should be played in handicap order in each division.

The 'trial' play-off to make the Weston "more of an event" this year is unlikely to happen again as it has proved exceedingly difficult to find a Club that is prepared to give up 15 tee times on a Sunday afternoon.

5. "Blue Book" – Although there was a much smaller print run this year there are still surplus copies in ladies changing rooms. It was agreed that from 2023 it will be available on the SLCGA website to download and print if required.
6. County Competitions:
  - (i) Cost of entry. In an endeavour to keep costs down all felt that a lighter meal afterwards would be acceptable.
  - (ii) The increased cost of practice rounds together with the cost of fuel/living are definitely deterring players from doing as many practice rounds.

NB: Please also ensure that any player having a practice round at Aldeburgh is made aware that it is a two ball course.

- (iii) An *aide memoir* that the “Home” Team Captain inform all players/caddies on match days of the menu selection on the day. A host club has advised that tea/coffee was not ordered by the Home Team Captain and that it reflected badly on them as a club when it was not provided.

7. Caddies in County competitions:

- (i) As the Jubilee Shield format is a 4BBB the GB have agreed that it will continue to be played without caddies.
- (ii) Caddies are discouraged from going on the greens.
- (iii) Sue Cook clarified that county competitions have to follow the Rules of Golf.

8. Buggies – Clarification of use: Suffolk follow the England Golf guidance that any person using a buggy has to provide a letter of authorisation from their GP/Physio. The letter is valid for one year. After the third consecutive letter the permission will be granted for 5 years. If you are in a competition the caddy is not allowed to ride in the buggy with you, they have to manage the trolley/clubs independently.

Any Other Business:

- (i) Ladies Opens – is it possible to enter cards retrospectively as general play cards? In short, the answer is no. (It is up to an individual club how they organise their opens.)
- (ii) Jubilee Shield: Would the GB consider having fixed dates and neutral courses? Perhaps the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the afternoon.
- (iii) Ipswich reported that they have introduced the minimum of 5 qualifying competition cards in a rolling 12 month period for their Trophy competitions. Perhaps something that other clubs could consider?
- (iv) - There is a vacancy on the GB for a Handicap Secretary starting next year.  
- Di plans to retire as Secretary in 2024. It is possible that the role may be split into two; but Di would be happy to work alongside a possible replacement.  
- There will also be a vacancy from 2024 for an England Golf Representative.  
If anyone has any interest in any of the above positions please get in touch.

7. Date of next meeting: Friday 14 October 2022, 10 o'clock, @ Halesworth  
(to be followed by optional golf on the 9 hole course)