

SUFFOLK DELEGATES MEETING

held on Friday 18 August 2023 @ Bramford

Lizzie Johnson welcomed the ladies to the Delegates meeting.

1. Present: Bramford (Jan Beard); Bury St Edmunds (Viv Kemp); Diss (Liz Cole); Felixstowe (Fiona Todd); Flempton (Claudia Robins); Fynn Valley (Sally Crosbie); Gorleston (Tonia Connor); Newton Green (Sarah Woodhead); Halesworth (Rita Fossey/Sara Higgins); Haverhill (Anne Reed/Lynne Hart) Hintlesham (Karen Perridge); Ipswich (Sheila Boath); Rookery Park (Jenny Ladusans); Rushmere (Patsi Long/Mandy Read); Royal Worlington (Anne Shneerson) Seckford (Yvonne Southey), Southwold (Ruth Kemp), Thorpeness (Carol Cooke/Kate Chapman); Woodbridge (Annie Hicks) & Secretary @ SLCGA (Di Hegarty)
2. Apologies: Aldeburgh, Brett Vale, Bungay & Waveney, St Audrys & St Clements
3. The 100 Club:

The draw results are as follows:

Prize	Name	Club
£100	Ladies' Section	Brett Vale
£75	Linda Alexander	Haverhill
£50	Jenny Axford	Felixstowe
£40	Susan Rush	Ipswich
£30	Sheila Spencer	Ipswich
£25	Ladies' Section	Aldeburgh
£20	Jenny Chamberlin	Diss
£20	Sarah Driver	Ipswich

Could the Delegates ask their “winners” to e-mail Carol Deslandes (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 has said she is willing to administrate the 100 Club Draw and those delegates present agreed we should continue with it. Delegates to confirm this with their club members ahead of our next meeting.

4. Notes of meeting held on 24 March 2023: Agreed
5. Matters Arising:

The 100 Club 2022 Surplus funds:

- (i) The GB agreed to the suggestion of First Aid Training for those members of the GB who organise/attend events and possibly the referees. The cost is currently being researched by DH.
- (ii) Those present confirmed their agreement to “sponsoring” the East Suffolk and Suffolk Golf Days which are open to all ladies of Suffolk.

- (iii) England Golf Trust. Sue Hayward, Junior Organiser, advised that two of her juniors applied for clubs from EGT– one received her set in June and the other will be getting hers in September. LJ suggested EGT could also be a worthy beneficiary of surplus funds each year. Those present agreed. LJ to take to GB.
6. Consideration of distance when allocating the “home” course for County matches:
DH explained the logic behind who plays where ie ensuring that a team has not already played the course and that both teams travel a similar distance. A lot depends on which clubs are in the competition. The template used is attached fyi.
7. Senior Jubilee Shield:
- (i) Neutral course: Those Delegates present agreed neutral courses works well.
 - (ii) Day and time of competition: Whichever day is selected will cause upset for some clubs but the GB went with a Wednesday (the Stearn being on a Monday and Cranworth on a Thursday). DH advised that in 2024 the competition would hopefully begin from 12.00.
 - (iii) Handicap limits: When WHS was introduced, England Golf Eastern Region decided to keep the handicap limits as they were. Suffolk took an average of all courses (other than the top and bottom) and set the maximum H/I (21.9) to marry up accordingly with the handicap limit of 24.
 - (iv) The use of the River course at Aldeburgh was raised. Aldeburgh’s main course is a designated 2-ball course hence a 4-ball competition has to be played on the River course. Both courses have course ratings. The use of the River course has been discussed and approved by the GB.
 - (v) Aldeburgh have confirmed that the note on their website regarding access to the Clubhouse by players on the River course applies only to visitors and not to guests.
8. Weston – Playing out of matches to a conclusion:
Some clubs are asking whether it would be possible to half individual matches. LJ to take to GB for consideration.

The rules of the competition state:

One point will be awarded for every game won (ie maximum points per match = 5)

In the event of a tie in any Division, it will go back to:

- a) the number of points (ie games won)
- b) individual scores of matches (ie total holes won in the matches played)
- c) the total number of games won in each match for that year. (3/1 would be 3pts, 6/4 would be 6pts).

Viv Kemp suggested that the headings on the results sheet could benefit from being amended. VK to liaise directly with DH.

9. Any other business:
- (i) Turnaround time of Stearn competition. Can be quite tight getting the afternoon teams out (not necessarily because of slow play, provision of food can be slow at some clubs). DH to write to clubs to see if afternoon times can be put back 30 minutes. LJ to take to GB for consideration.

- (ii) Yvonne Southey was happy to impart some positive news following a match that had been played between Seckford and Stowmarket in great spirit.
 - (iii) Job Vacancies: There is a vacancy for a Venue Organiser. Could anyone who is interested please contact Di for a job description.
 - (iv) East Suffolk Golf Day @ Bungay – 4 April 2024
Suffolk Golf Day @ Hintlesham – 29 July 2024
 - (v) Any lady whose handicap drops during the year is now able to play in 2 division meetings if they so wish. Also, from next year the Division Meetings are to be held at a weekend.
10. Date & Venue of next meeting: Friday 13 October @ 9.00 o'clock @ Bury St Edmunds (to be followed by optional 9 holes golf)