



**Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting
held on Friday 8th September 2023
at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club at 9.00 am**

Present

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| Lils James (Lils) | President |
| Tanya McGregor (TM) | Captain |
| Carol Deslandes (CD) | Treasurer |
| Di Hegarty (DH) | Secretary |
| Lizzie Johnson (LJ) | England Golf Representative |
| Vicki Hunt (VH) | Senior Captain & Senior Shield Organiser |
| Jan Fawdry (JF) | Handicap Advisor |
| Joan Hogarth (JH) | Venue Organiser |
| Geraldine Rose (GR) | Cranworth Organiser |
| Tessa Summers (TS) | Divisional Organiser |

1. **Apologies:** Jo Brown, Bud Pratten, Eunice Gray, Charlie Garrod, Sue Hayward & Christine Ashe.

Zoom: Caroline Emeny, Jo Brown & Emily Evans.

2. **Minutes of GB Meeting 31st March 2023** were agreed and signed as a true copy.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Code of conduct for players, members, relatives, and spectators.
Report from Sue Hayward (Junior Organiser)
In respect of the juniors all code of conduct forms signed by parents in the files.

I would suggest Juniors reaching the age of eighteen their code of conduct forms should be extended to age 20. Parents will be informed, and the copy passed to the ladies' section after they leave the juniors.

In respect of the ladies' section consideration needs to be given to who is responsible for ensuring any caddie who is a family member or friend is aware of the code of conduct. This is particularly relevant in the two cases I have recently dealt with.

The GB agreed that all adults should be made aware of the code of conduct when playing in any ladies' county competition and that once the junior is no longer a junior, they will fall under the adult remit. A link to the code of conduct to be sent to all captains at the start of the season to ensure compliance.

- b) Ipswich represented Suffolk in the "English Womens Champion Club 2023" on 2nd September at St Ives GC. It was agreed that going

forward the Weston winners from the previous year would be offered the opportunity to represent Suffolk. Should they be unable to attend it would pass to the runners up, and then to clubs where there are 3 minimum handicappers in single figures.

- c) Suffolk Golfer magazine deadlines: CD will take on the role of writing reports for next year. County is still looking for someone for social media.
- d) Buggy form is now on website under contacts tab.
- e) Form for captains of teams, did not get distributed due to illness. Requests for captains of team will be sent out at the beginning of the season.
- f) [Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy 2023](#) – Policy agreed and to be submitted to EG and posted on website.
- g) IG fund: applied for and awarded.
- h) Glasses have arrived and will be awarded at the AGM for members of the Governing Body who have completed 3 years' service.
- i) A sub-group is to be set up for booking competition venues, tee times and costs. TM's proposal refers.
- j) 2nd Team County Team - 21st to 23rd August at Bungay referees arranged – completed.
- k) Guidance on 2nd team – a sub-committee to be formed. TM's proposal refers.
- l) It was decided that the all-day course (six hours), which would include defibrillator training, for twelve participants would be the best session to go for. Cost approx. £417.60 Inc VAT which will be kindly funded by the delegates 100 Club funds for 2022. – CD to set up a separate account for delegates funds.

4. Correspondence

Jubilee requests not a Wednesday and Aldeburgh River course.
A separate meeting via Zoom to discuss all County Competitions (September 21st).

[Code of Conduct Investigation](#). By SH

5. England Golf Representative's Report.

The Delegates have suggested, subject to confirmation from the GB, supporting the prizes at the East Suffolk and Suffolk Golf Days from the proceeds of the 100 Club as this could benefit all ladies within the county. Any remaining surplus funds could perhaps go to the England Golf Trust?

6. [Handicap Adviser's Report](#)

7. Competition Organisers' Reports

- a) [County Championship](#)
- b) [Divisions](#)
- c) Weston
- d) [Haskell & Stearn](#)
- e) Cranworth
- f) [Coronation and Centenary Foursomes](#)
- g) [Senior Jubilee Shield](#)

8. Team Reports

- a) [1st Team](#)
- b) [Seniors Report](#)
- c) [Junior Organisers Report](#)
- d) [2nd team](#)

9. Treasurer's Report

The Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association Limited is now a limited company. This cost the County £13 and a lot of CD time. The bank account number will change from January 1st. All club captains and club secretaries will be informed of the new account in January 2024.

Some of the 100 club winners have not claimed their winnings and there are still vouchers outstanding.

- [Bank Balances](#)
- [Income and expenditure:](#)



Accounts GB meeting
Sept 2023.pdf

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10. Safeguarding & Child Protection Responsibilities Annual Review

SH suggests we have a zoom meeting at the end of the season. Late October? SH will bring the GB up to date provide some documents and give any guidance required. (Action DH & SH)

11. Website

TS asked if the website could stop duplicate entries. This will be investigated. (Action DH)

We now have the facility to produce a newsletter and send out to subscribers via Mailchimp. Email to be sent to invite ladies to subscribe.

(Action TM/EP/DH)

12. Any Other Business.

- a) Disciplinary document was approved by the GB and will be available on the [website](#). A copy to be sent to EG. (Action DH)
- b) Lils proposed Vicki Hunt to be President in 2024. The GB was delighted. VH stated it was an honour to be asked. The Seniors would

be in good hands next year. They have gone from strength to strength and very competitive. The replacement for the Senior Captain will not be organising the Senior Jubilee, therefore this post will be available.

- c) TM proposed a [COMPETITION REPRESENTATIVE](#), one person to work closely with the Treasurer and to arrange the venues, green fees, and food allowance costs for each competition. This Venue Organiser would be on the GB and arrange and chair the new County Organisers meeting (ie as LJ chairs the Delegates meetings) and would feed back to the GB.
- d) TM made a proposal to have 7 directors on the GB:
 - o President
 - o Captain
 - o Vice-Captain
 - o Treasurer
 - o Secretary
 - o England Golf Representative
 - o Competition Representative / Venue Organiser
- e) Meeting with the Competition Representative would be the following Organisers:
 - o Senior and Main Championships
 - o Division Meeting
 - o Haskell and Stearn
 - o Weston
 - o Senior Jubilee
 - o Cranworth
 - o Foursomes
 - o Suffolk Golf Days

The Junior competitions, Spring Meeting, Autumn Meeting, Lady / Junior meeting and any Eastern Region competitions would be booked by the Venue Organiser. The Junior Organiser will remain on the GB but not as a director.

This will make the GB more efficient.

Approved by Lils James and seconded by Di Hegarty. JH stated that she would remain in post for another year and take on this role.

- a) SH would like to have a clearer understanding of how the juniors move through to the first and second teams and the handicaps required. This will now be covered in the new proposal for [PERFORMANCE & SELECTION PANEL "PSP"](#) .

As a County we want to encourage and support as many players as we

can. The PSP panel will consist of 3 experienced players who will liaise, support, and assist in selections with the 1st Team, 2nd Team, Senior Team and Junior Team. This will ensure a clearly defined pathway for training and the clothing is the same throughout the teams to make a smooth transition from Junior to 2nd team to 1st team and Seniors.

There will be performance reviews after each training sessions, and if it is felt that there was no engagement then they will not be invited to the next training session.

There will be liaison with the clubs for talent to come forward and engage.

The 3 names proposed for the PSP Panel are Lils James, Amanda Norman and Jo Woodward who all have vast experience at County and England level.

Approved by CD and seconded by LJ.

If a sponsor has paid for a kit, then sponsorship will go on the sleeve and not the front of the shirts.

- b) For 2024 we will investigate the costings of presenting a medal or ball marker for the winning teams who played in the final knockouts.
- c) TM proposed that GB meetings be held at different venues around the County next year.
- d) TM and EP asked to attend the next delegates meeting in October.
- e) TM suggests that we have a Vice Captain for the Junior, 2nd team and Seniors, so that each team is consistent.
- f) Following the meetings that TM and Lils had with clubs, the request has been raised to have the Blue Book back. The text in the book was so small it was becoming difficult to read. It is felt that the blue books were left around in the changing rooms and because it is sent out via emails to the clubs and is on the website it is not required.

Date of next GB meeting:

8th December – Bury St Edmunds

D Hegarty

Hon Secretary

Appendix 1

Code of Conduct Investigation.

When a complaint is made it should be passed directly to me. It is important documents and statements are not shared before I have undertaken the investigation.

This ensures impartiality and stops the risk of further complaints from those being investigated. The recent matter was investigated, and the appropriate procedure was followed.

The matter is now closed and documents and the warning on file.

Sue Hayward.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances

As of 1st September 2023, the balances held are:

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| Treasurer's account | £1873.02 |
| Business Bank Instant (BBI) | £55,768.09 |

Income and expenditure:

England Golf CTP grant

£1504 has been received from Suffolk Golf Ltd on behalf of EG

Affiliation fees

Total affiliation fees received so far this year are in line with expectations, with a further amount for Q3 due before the account's year end in October.

England Golf are progressing with the standardised affiliation fee collection process as referred to in my last report. We have been asked to confirm the amount payable per member so now would be an opportune time to consider whether any alteration to the current rate is required. I appreciate that this will be an AGM decision.

To aid the thought process the following rates have been in place in recent years:

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| 2023 | £9.00 |
| 2020-2022 | £7.50 |
| 2019 & earlier | £6.50 |

Sponsorship

Sadly, we have not secured sponsorship for 1st and 2nd teams this year. The Seniors team continue to be sponsored by Sandlings Property and we remain extremely grateful for their support.

Competitions

Entries for some competitions have been disappointing this year

Budgets

Whilst the surplus to 1st September looks healthy, there is a significant caveat in that not all venue costs for competitions have been accounted for as yet.

Incorporation

As previously advised, the company registration is complete – company number 14716356. I am pleased to say that as of Monday this week we now have a current account under the company name and the transition process will begin shortly.

[Division Meeting Report](#)

DIVISION 4 (32.0 to 54 hcp index) at Southwold 27th April 2023

We had 16 entries in the end. Last year at Royal Worlington we had 17.

The day went well. The highest handicap was 51. The competition was run using Southwold GC's computer which saved the SLCGA Sec being in attendance.

Nicola Titley of Aldeburgh won the individual with 33 points and the Shield was won by Southwold.

DIVISION 3 (25-31.9 hcp index) at Fynn Valley 4th May 2023

We had 25 entries. Last year at Rushmere we had 24.

Good day although pace slow for players at front because of no starters gap!

Ginnie Hart of Bramford (and FV) won the Silver Quiche Cup with 37 points and the Belstead Shield was won by Stowmarket on count back from Fynn Valley.

DIVISION 2 (18-24.9 hcp index) at Halesworth 20th September 2023

Entries now closed. We have 33. Last year at Ufford there were 21 entries.

DIVISION 1 (up to 17.9 hcp index) at Bungay 14th September 2023

Entries now closed. We have 32. Last year at Newton Green there were 28.

Entries remain at £35 per person for 2023 but only a 1 course meal/snack is provided (instead of 2 courses) as the budget is £10 per person. A green fee of £15 per person is now paid to the host Club instead of a facility fee.

Tessa Summers

Haskell and Stearn

Interim report

The Haskell and Stearn trophies have progressed well through the summer. Although the weather has been indifferent, there have been few problems.

In the early Haskell rounds, there were some issues re scheduling, but these were amicably resolved, and all matches completed on time.

Thanks to Bungay and Southwold for being semi-final neutral venues.

Aldeburgh and Woodbridge will contest the Haskell final at Felixstowe on Sunday 1st October.

In the first round of the Stearn there were concerns re the condition of The Suffolk as a venue. Fortunately, the weather was dry, and the course stood up well.

Overall, the AM and PM six point system seems to be preferred.

Thanks to BSE and Rookery Park for being neutral courses in the semis.

Halesworth and Stowmarket are through to the Stearn final, also at Felixstowe on the 1st October.

Best regards,

Bud.

CENTENARY & CORONATION FOURSOMES

CENTENARY FOURSOMES @ B.S.E. 17 July 2023, Stableford scoring combined HI 39.0 – 64.9: Only 14 pairs took part in this competition. The weather was very kind to us holding off the rain until the end of the day when it really deluged. There were some excellent scores over the first 18 holes with 2 teams vying for first place with 37 points each. The 9 hole afternoon play provided even higher scores but not enough to budge Eunice Grey and Debbie Golding winning with an overall 54 points, pipping Elaine and Georgina Anderson into second place with 53 points. Third and fourth places were 52 points each, so scores were tight.

BSE GC were very helpful, special thanks must go to Viv Whittaker, BSE Lady Captain, and Judy Hamshere, BSE Lady President, who both gave us invaluable help throughout the day.

CORONATION FOURSOMES @ Rookery PARK GC 11 July 2023, Medal scoring combined HI no greater than 38.9: This was a large entry of 54

competitors, the highest number post Covid. Rookery Park were extremely helpful with all entries on their V1 golf system thus doing all the calculations for us, which was a great help. The winners were Chris Kilgallen and Tracy Ward from Bramford, which were presented by our SLCGA County Captain Tanya McGregor.

Rookery Park were very helpful especially Lady Captain Jenny Ladusans, and her team of helpers.

The winners were:

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| 1 ST | Chris Kilgallen & Tracy Ward | Bramford | 107 |
| 2 nd | Rebecca Draper & Liz Cole | Diss | 109 |
| 3 rd | Judy Taylor & Julia Calver C/B | Rookery Park | 109 |
| 4 th | Jackie Milton & Jill Hallett | Rookery Park | 112 |

Both competitions were challenging with knowing how to score the cards, and correctly allocate the handicaps, especially the Coronation Foursomes scoring and allocated handicaps. This was resolved with the help of the manager and golf pro at Rookery, England Golf advice, and Mike Reid, all of whom we contacted on the day to ensure we were correct. I am confident that the correct system is now in place moving forward and the handover notes have been suitable updated for the next club who takes over from me in 2025.

Caroline Emeny

Seniors' Jubilee Shield 2023

The final is on Wednesday 20 September at Ipswich Golf Club between Bramford and Fynn Valley. Tee off time 11:30. I would like to thank Ipswich for agreeing to host this final.

All the matches have gone ahead without too many problems but there have been various comments sent to me. I have therefore attached them here as I think it is important that everyone is aware of the feelings of some of the clubs before any decisions are made for change if any. I believe these points have also been raised at the Delegates Meeting.

I think the following points need to be discussed/decided upon:

- The use of the Aldeburgh River Course.
- Should tee times be stipulated for the competition?
- Should the competition be Hambro scoring or should it be changed to straight matchplay to possibly reduce the time the matches take to be played?

- Do we always have to use the 'home' courses in each round? If we could use any of the courses then there could be more flexibility in where clubs played to reduce travel time.
- Is the handicap limit correct?
- Anything else from the club's comments on the competition???

Also, as you will see on the Ipswich comments, they would like the following points to be raised:

- In the Weston Competition the current format states that there has to be a result in every individual match. In Division 1B Ipswich, Felixstowe and Stowmarket all felt that a draw after 18 holes, gaining half a point, would have been a fairer conclusion to their games.
- Item 2 in the Cranworth Trophy format states that the neutral venue for each match will be determined to try and reduce travelling times. How then do you justify taking Bramford and Ipswich to Gorleston for their fixture?

Vicki Hunt

Jubilee Shield Organiser

Handicap Advisor's Report

I have only had 4 queries since the meeting on 31 March 2023, all for advice.

They were:

One was about being able to play a Greensomes knock out as a singleton playing every shot, to which the answer was No.

One was from a member who plays in Portugal and has her handicap administered by WHS FPG (Portuguese golf fed) but returns her scores to the UK. She wanted to know if qualifying competitions held in Portugal under a 'novelty' name would count as club/County qualifying scorecards. The answer is Yes but dependent on the how the competition is set up.

The next was about playing in a 4BBB competition and submitting an individual score card for handicapping purposes, the answer is No.

The last was from Aldeburgh GC who have a Framlingham College student at their club from Switzerland, they wanted to know how to register with WHS and it transpires that, "Until the Swiss system is merged with the rest of the world the only solution is for the golfer to maintain identical records here and overseas, by returning scores to each club - where they are manually processed by the handicap committees." Aldeburgh GC have decided that this is too cumbersome and will find a workaround outside of WHS while reporting the student's scores directly to their home club in Switzerland.

Jan Fawdry 31 August 2023

1st Team

1ST TEAM TRAINING / PRACTICE MATCHES

Training started in March and continued through April, May and June at Felixstowe in preparation for CMD's in July at Wensum Valley. A number of players from the 2nd Team Squad were invited to join the 1st Team Squad Training Sessions, some of whom were then chosen to represent the 1st Team at County Match Days.

Practice matches using the CMD format were played against Suffolk Senior Men at Halesworth where we lost 0.5 – 4.5 and against Woodbridge Hambro Team at Woodbridge where we lost 1.5 – 3.5. We hope to repeat these matches next year but with a better result. Thanks go to Halesworth and Woodbridge for providing courtesy of the course for these games. We are currently trying to arrange a practice match at Felixstowe in October against the NLCGA 1st Team and we have been offered a practice match against Felixstowe Stenson Team for next season with possibilities of additional matches against Halesworth and Gorleston.

1ST TEAM COUNTY MATCH DAYS

With several experienced players missing from this year's team, there were first time appearances by Molly Newson, Juliette Coffey and Emily Evans

A start against Essex on the Monday morning resulted in a 3/2 loss followed by a halved match against Bedfordshire in the afternoon. Tuesday brought a 5-0 loss against Norfolk in the morning and a 3-2 loss in the afternoon against Cambs & Hunts with the final session on Wednesday morning resulting in a 4-1 loss against Hertfordshire which unfortunately put us last in the final table. Congratulations go to Essex for beating all 5 counties and who now go forward to represent the East Region in the National Finals at Kings Lynn in September.

This year's match points go to:

Singles:

Abbie Symonds 1 ½
Juliette Coffey 2

Foursomes:

Lils James & Jo Woodward 3
Sophie Kubitzek & Juliette Coffey 1

Championships

MAIN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT (in the absence of Wendy Walpole)

It was pleasing to see an increase in numbers from last year's event (23 entries but both Lils James and I had to withdraw) with some players taking part for the first time. In the absence of a Championship Organiser and County Secretary, this year's event at Stowmarket was organised and co-ordinated by Emily Evans, Lils James and myself but huge thanks must go to Stowmarket GC for their assistance with the running of the event and processing the scores.

An incredibly wet and windy morning made scoring difficult in the 1st round of the strokeplay with most players improving their scores in slightly better conditions in the afternoon

Strokeplay (Scratch)

Winner Alice Barlow (77+74=151)

Runner-Up

Abbie Symonds (81+76=157)

Both matchplay finals went to the 18th hole

Strokeplay (Handicap)

Winner Jasmine Points (74+76=150)

Runner-Up

Mary Cuthbert (80+73=153)

Abbie Symonds ended Alice Barlow's reign as County Champion

Sammy Annis came out on top in the handicap matchplay at her old home club

Matchplay (Scratch)

Winner Abbie Symonds

Runner-Up Alice Barlow

Matchplay (Handicap)

Winner Sammy Annis

Runner-Up Sarah Anderson-McKee

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT (on behalf of Christine Ashe)

Entry numbers were up 5 from last year for this year's event at Aldeburgh in July. The players enjoyed a mix of dry and wet conditions with the club doing an amazing job in processing all the scores and providing their course in excellent condition.

Strokeplay (Scratch)

Strokeplay (Handicap)

Winner Vicki Hunt (81 ocb)

Winner Sarah Gotts (69)

Runner-Up Ann Fosker (81)

Runner-Up Ann Fosker (72)

The matchplay produced some good golf with the final of the scratch final going to the 18th hole

Matchplay (Scratch)

Matchplay (Handicap)

Winner Rachel Goldsmith

Winner Kristina Matthews

Runner-Up Sophie Warner

Runner-Up Sarah Gotts

SLCGA "ON TOUR"

Lils James and I were invited to Southwold GC to give a talk about what SLCGA have to offer as some of their lady members were not aware of Division 4 even though it was being hosted at their club. Our chat resulted in more Southwold Ladies playing in the Division 4 event and they went on to win the Club Trophy.

I was invited to Bury St Edmunds GC by their Lady Captain to give a talk to the ladies section during their coffee morning to promote the SLCGA. As expected, there were some ladies that were not familiar with all of the events run by SLCGA but I received positive feedback from some ladies that plan to enter Division Meetings for the first time next season.

PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMANCE & SELECTION PANEL “PSP”

Having attended 1st Team, Junior and 2nd Team County Match Days and having had discussions with Captains and Presidents from other counties along with input from previous SLCGA Captains and Presidents, it is apparent to me that, although each of the Suffolk Teams are run incredibly well within their own right, we do not have a fully structured and joined up pathway to produce winning county teams for the future.

The proposal to introduce a Performance and Selection Panel in no way diminishes the role of the County Captain, 2nd Team Captain or Junior Organiser but is intended to provide a high level of experienced support and direct engagement between the training professionals and team captains/organisers and to support all squads and all players. The proposal also considers that this would reduce the workload and pressure involved in carrying out a Team Captain or Organiser role with a view to encourage more ladies to put themselves forward for these roles/posts in the future. The PSP will consist of 3 members, all of whom should have played at county level or higher. They will work collectively as a team providing support across all county squads. They will not be part of the GB but will report to the County Captain.

The PSP will, in conjunction with the Captain/Organiser:

1. Schedule, plan and implement training programmes in partnership with our training professionals
2. Organise practice matches and county match days
3. Carry out player performance reviews with our training professionals and monitor/measure player development, improvement and future potential
4. Introduce and implement a code of conduct for squad members
5. Monitor player commitment, behaviour and engagement
6. Review club and inter-club county performances
7. Review regional and national performances
8. Engage directly with clubs regarding talent acquisition and development

PROPOSAL FOR COMPETITION REPRESENTATIVE/GB RESTRUCTURE

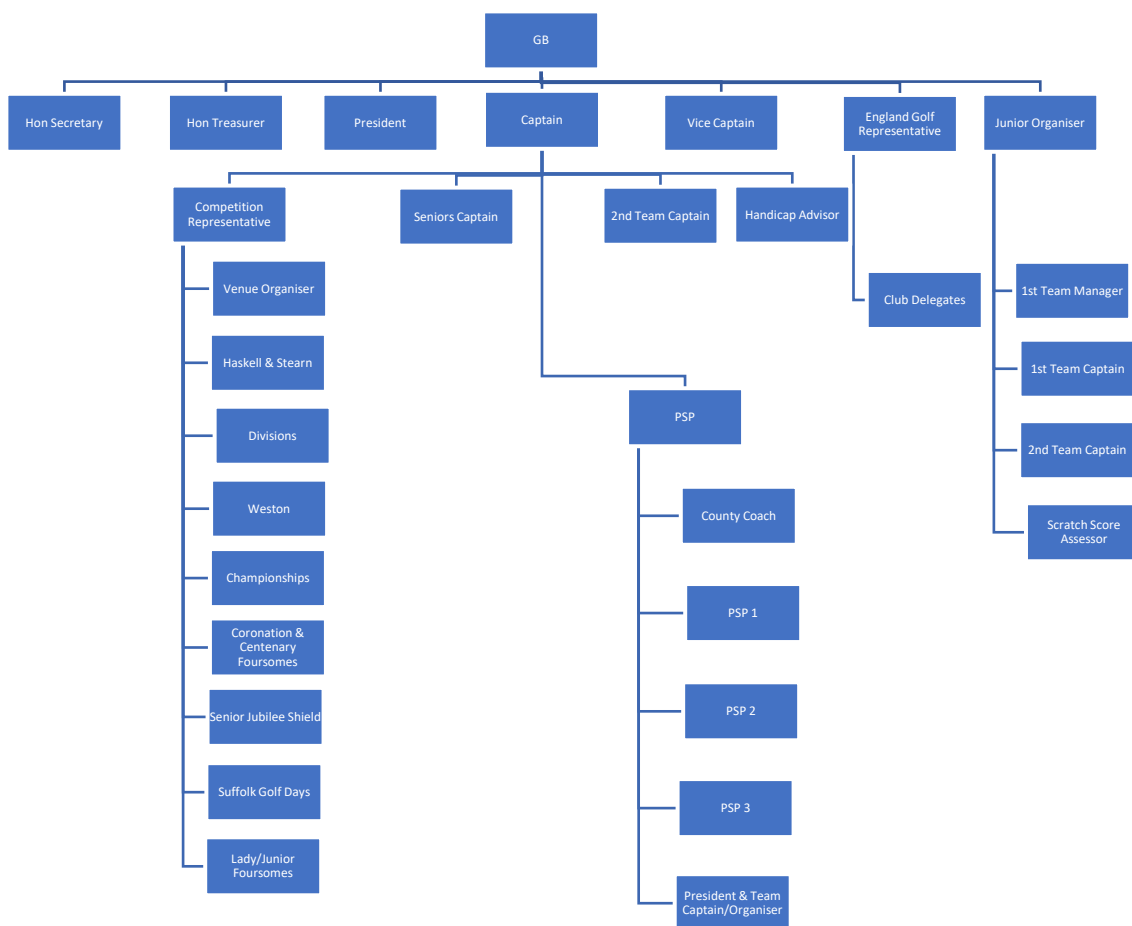
In conjunction with the proposal from Vicki Hunt (Senior Captain) for a separate Senior Jubilee Shield Organiser and following discussions and feedback from Di Hegarty (County Secretary) regarding the number of members on the GB, this proposal is for a restructure of the GB to include a “Competition Representative”. The CR will then chair meetings with the competition organisers (in the same way as the England Golf Representative meets with the club delegates) and then feed back

to the GB. I have put together a **draft** organisational chart to show a visual representation of the proposed restructure.

Tanya McGregor

SLCGA Captain

5th September 2023



Seniors Report

Reports of all our matches and photos of the teams are on the County website.

- 1) Friendly matches Unfortunately our match with the Juniors was cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to find a suitable time for next year.

v Bedfordshire @ Ipswich Suffolk lost 0.5 to 3.5 We played 4BBB off handicap which proved to be a tough ask.

v Norfolk Vets @ Rookery Park Suffolk won 4 - 0 We play 4BBB off scratch. Norfolk Vets are usually a strong team and I therefore used this match as a 'warm up' for the Seniors Squad. We had a great match though I think some of the Norfolk Vets found the course a tough challenge as it is long.

Still to be played: v Suffolk Vets - 29 September @ Halesworth

- 2) East Region Seniors Women's League

v Cambs & Hunts @ Woodbridge

Suffolk won 3.5 to 2.5

v Hertfordshire @ Welwyn Garden City

Suffolk won 3.5 to 2.5

Well done to the Seniors Squad - keenly contested matches!

Still to be played:

v Essex - 11 September @ Ipswich

v Norfolk - 19 October @ Royal Norwich

When I receive it, there will be a link on the County website to the League results from all the Counties.

We have been trying to persuade Bedfordshire to join the league. Cambs & Hunts were reticent at first, saying they did not have enough low handicap players but it proved what I hoped that, once there was a proper league to participate in, these golfers would be keen to play. We are hoping that Bedfordshire will follow suit at some point.

Many thanks, as always, go to Sandlings Properties who are kindly sponsoring us again this year.

The Senior ladies have been a delight to work with; competitively minded, keen and enthusiastic. I have been able to field strong teams and also give others a chance to play in the friendly matches and reserve in the league matches.

I am proposing Ann Fosker, Felixstowe, to take over from me as Seniors Captain next year with Gillian Smith, also Felixstowe, to be her Vice-Captain. I think that now the Seniors have a more high-profile place in the County with the Seniors League it is important for the captain to have someone to help and also be ready to take over with some experience of what's involved. At

the moment we do not seem to have a set time for how long a person should stay as Seniors Captain. I am proposing that it should be 2 years if possible. It will be easier to recruit someone to take on the role if there is a finite duration and someone in the 'wings' as vice-captain ready to take over. Page 1 of 2 Seniors Report-Sep'23

I am also proposing that the Jubilee Shield is separated from the Seniors Captain's role. The Seniors Captain has enough to do without having the responsibility for this competition as well. I think that the Jubilee Shield should be run as the other inter-club competitions are.

Vicki Hunt

Seniors Captain

Junior Report:

The year has passed quickly and has not been without challenges.

The commitment to training and the team events has been poor with cancellations of training and friendlies.

The challenge remains between County and Club. I have discussed this with Rob and Sam at Felixstowe, and we are looking at a way forward.

We must have the parents on our side as they organise and transport.

I can inform the girls I am disappointed, but they are children and reliant on parents. So we are looking at a meeting with Juniors and Parents to find a way forward which works for all.

On a positive note Junior Championships was once again a success with junior boys and girls competing on the same day.

County week was at times a challenge, getting up at 6am to get the girls to the golf club for 7am.

They were a pleasure to work with and played well. We lost out being third by two games. I enjoyed being their Captain which included getting out of bed once or twice to prevent putting in the hallway of the hotel and keys being locked in the room.

The girls showed their thanks with a lovely gift and card.

I would like to thank Tanya, Emily, Lizzie and Judy for attending their support was much appreciated by me and by the girls.

The development groups have continued, we have gained two players for the Junior second team. The development groups will continue. I will work with the Junior Boys organisers to continue to promote girls coming into golf.

Thankyou to Lizzie for her advice about the England Trust Charity. Two of the younger girls have been awarded New fitted Ping Golf Clubs no cost for two years.

Junior Organiser.

2nd Team Report

The Suffolk Ladies 2nd Team has developed and built friendships, a great bond, are entering opens, coronation and east region foursomes competitions together and the standard of golf from everyone has improved throughout the year.

The team has greatly benefited from the Training sessions at Felixstowe with Andrew and Sam. Everyone enjoys them and gains knowledge and skills every time. We finished the last session in July with some valuable course management on the course followed by a rules session hosted by our very own team mate Nicki McMahon who is one of the top referees in the country.

In preparation for the home hosted County Match Days, we played 2 Practice Matches:

Norfolk at Bawburgh GC on Sunday 30th July 2023

We played half and half singles and foursomes to maximise the opportunity (as County Match Days are both Singles and Foursomes). It was a very useful match enabling the trial of new partnerships which proved invaluable knowledge during County Match Days. The match was played in good competitive yet friendly spirit with our local rivals.



Left to Right – Charlie Garrod (Captain, Charlotte Fawdry, Sam Cooper, Nicki McMahon, Jackie Thomas, Zoe Schofield, Kris Matthews, Rachael Goldsmith.

Bungay Hambro team at Bungay & Waveney Valley GC on Sunday 13th August 2023

We were lucky to play against home players who were kind with their advice regarding how to play the course yet competitive, it was a great match enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Bungay for hosting and the men for their support for the team.





Left to Right: Sharon Davey, Issy MacDonald, May Bird, Karoline Chan, Rachael Goldsmith, Jules Harboard, Kris Matthew, Charlie Garrod (Captain), Sam Cooper, Nicki McMahon (sitting), Charlotte Fawdry and Charlotte Rust.

County Match Days

Suffolk hosted the 2nd Team East Region Inter-County Match Days at Bungay & Waveney Valley GC on Sunday 20th-Wednesday 23rd August 2023.

Team selected:

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| Zoe Schofield | Rookery Park |
| Charlotte Fawdry | Ipswich |
| Kris Matthews | Brett Vale |
| Nicki McMahon | Flempton |
| Rachael Goldsmith | Halesworth |
| Charlie Garrod | The Suffolk |
| Jules Harboard | Gorleston |
| May Bird | Hintlesham (who stepped in for an injured Lynne Barrett) |
| Issy MacDonald | Bungay |
| Sam Cooper | Bungay |

The team had a brilliant 4 days (including practice) together, were wonderfully flexible and played as a team giving 200%.

We beat Essex and Cambs & Hunts and only lost to Norfolk and Bedfordshire 3-2 so we came a fantastic **joint 2nd** (3rd due to winning 10 game points).

Bungay hosted amazingly, thank you to each and everyone who contributed:

- The club board and even Club Chairman himself was fully behind the club and team all week. We can't thank Sam Cooper (Course Manager), Chris Potter and wife Sally, and Lils for everything they did leading up to the event, they were absolute stars!
- The Greenkeepers worked all hours to prepare the course (despite having greenkeeper injured and course manager unable to help due to being part of the

team, special thanks to the Professional Chris Potter and good friend / International England Senior Sally Shayler for stepping in to assist).

- Kevin, Jules and the Catering team did themselves and the county proud serving some lovely food in a very timely professional manner.
- The club and the member hostesses, volunteer ball spotters, flag directors and members who came to support were wonderful, we are very grateful for their support.
- Super special thanks to our County President Lils who was incredible helping me organise, giving her total support, opening up before 6 every morning, closing everything up at the end of each day, and stepping in as Team Adviser to enable me to be playing Captain.

Thank you to the GB admin team (Di, Lizzie, Sue and Emily) who did a fantastic job, it was such a relief for me to be able to hand over the preparation to safe hands to carry on and keeping everyone organised.

Everything ran smoothly and couldn't have gone better, even the weather shone on us!

We've had glowing thanks and well done from all the other counties.

Thank you to all the caddies and supporters, wonderful that some of the 2nd team squad supported for all 3 match days and fantastic to see other Suffolk supporters.

The team played so well individually and as a team, building on experience from last year and next year we will be stronger yet! So proud of them all!





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