

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report -BCLGA AGM 30<sup>st</sup> October 2019

I am delighted to report that the 2<sup>nd</sup> team enjoyed another excellent year.

In early June we played Oxfordshire at Harewood Downs GC and won the match 6-3. Then later the same month we played Berkshire at Reading GC and also prevailed by a margin of 6-3. We used a good mixture of players from across the county. This put us at the top of our mini league and qualified us for the Midlands South Regional Final against the Northern winners, who were Hereford & Worcester.

The final took place on 19<sup>th</sup> July at Wellingborogh GC, as Northants were hosting. Many thanks to Tracy Bishop, the Northamptonshire Captain who welcomed us to Wellingborogh, a lovely course and fantastic clubhouse, and hosted the day. This was the first time that all the counties participated in the Finals Day and I think the new format proved a success.

The morning matches were very tight with Hereford & Worcester taking an early advantage with 2 wins, although Sue and Katie managed to win for us by a very good margin, 5 and 4.

After a well- earned lunch break and a couple of team changes, the singles matches commenced. We introduced some youth to the team with Ciara Egan and Eleanor Barnett earning their first caps for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. The sun finally shone and we got off to a great start taking the first 2 matches, with Deeya playing well and winning handsomely. H&W fought hard to win the middle matches, and with Kadda prevailing in the penultimate match – we were tied 4-4 with the last match still out on the course.



Eleanor arrived at the 18<sup>th</sup> tee 1 down, with Bucks needing her to get a half – after a perfect drive, she made the green in regulation and holed a lovely 2 footer to get a much needed half. With a couple of handsome wins in the morning foursomes and singles we were awarded the trophy by virtue of superior match wins. This retained our title, making us winners for the third year in a row!

The winning finals team (minus Pamela King) is pictured to the left.

Thanks to Northants for hosting a great day at an interesting and

challenging course, and to Herefordshire & Worcester who proved to be steely competitors and great sports.

Thanks also to Gail Sharp County Captain, for coming along to support the team in some unpleasant weather conditions – it was very much appreciated.

The following players have represented the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the league matches this year:

Janette Psyllides – Gerrards Cross Katie Reid – Gerrards Cross Powatti Ramchand – Abbey Hill Pamela King – Gerrards Cross Lyn Fitzpatrick – Burnham Beeches Eleanor Barnett - Ellesborough Sue Holdship – Gerrards Cross Henrietta Watkins – Burnham Beeches Kadda Mohammed – Gerrards Cross Liz Keens – Gerrards Cross Deeya Aggrawal – Stoke Park Ciara Egan – Woburn

The players have been brilliant all season; we have had a great blend of youth and experience and a great team spirit. This is my last year in charge as I will be stepping down after 4 years in charge – we have a good pool of players and a winning formula – so let's home we can continue to build on this success.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time managing the team and working on the Executive Committee. I'm very proud of the team's results and spirit as well as the wider work within the committee that I have contributed. I hope I will be able to continue to support the team and the county in the future.

Janette Psyllides – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain