



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES' MEETING MINUTES

BUCKINGHAM GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 5th December 2018

	PRESENT	Sally Harborne	President
		Gail Sharp	Captain (in the Chair)
		Susanna Mitterer	Seniors Captain
		Christine Bishop	Handicap Adviser
		Gilly Stimpson	Competitions Secretary
		Phillipa Cook	EG Voting member, Course Rating, Website Admin

	Affiliated Club	Delegate	Additional Attendee
1.	Abbey Hill		
2.	Aylesbury Park	Beth McCunn	Bobbi Ecob
3.	Beaconsfield	Jan Bradford	
4.	Buckingham	Elaine Harrison	Liz Harris (LVC)
5.	The Buckinghamshire		
6.	Burnham Beeches	Jackie Maher	
7.	Chartridge Park		
8.	Chesham and Ley Hill		
9.	Chiltern Forest		
10.	Datchet		
11.	Denham	Dot Kelleher (sub)	
12.	Ellesborough		
13.	Farnham Park		
14.	Flackwell Heath		
15.	Gerrards Cross	Louise Cosslett	
16.	Harewood Downs	Gilly Brewer	
17.	Harleyford	Pat Elwell (sub)	
18.	Hazlemere	Xandra Morley	Linda Pore (Secretary) Nancy Forrest (LVC)
19.	Huntswood	Jenny Haynes	
20.	Iver		
21.	Ivinghoe		
22.	Lambourne	Gay Clough	
23.	Magnolia Park	Anne Terry	
24.	Oakland Park		
25.	Princes Risborough		
26.	Richings Park		
27.	South Buckinghamshire		
28.	Stoke Park	Anne Worby	
29.	Stowe	Cheryl Dawson	Joy Thorne (LC)
30.	Thorney Park		
31.	Three Locks		
32.	Weston Turville	Debbie Gibb	Sheila Cadge
33.	Wexham Park	Rose Norey	
34.	Whiteleaf		
35.	Woburn	Julie Clarke	
36.	Wycombe Heights		

1. **APOLOGIES**

Maura Spencer	Hon. Secretary
Janet Beal	CJO
Tony Bowers	County Coaching Officer
Carolyn Rivett	Hon. Treasurer
Janette Psyllides	Second Team Captain
Lesley Cropper	Harleyford
Lesley Curtis	Chartridge Park
Pat Mullins/Diane Wilson	Denham
Jenny Masterton-Smith	Whiteleaf
Rowan Revell	Huntswood
Janet Crooks	High Wycombe
Caroline Bond	Thorney Park
Marilyn Plummer	Ellesborough
Linda Liston	Oakland Park
Sandra Eland	Chesham and Ley Hill
Gina Lloyd	Buckingham

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true copy. Marilyn Plummer's name is being added to those present at the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing specific to report.

4. **CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Gail Sharp**

It is with regret that I report the death of **Monica Green**, a past County Captain and stalwart member of Ellesborough Golf Club. BCLGA sent a condolence card to Monica's family.

Website - The initial content is virtually fully uploaded. Anne Terry (who has helped us with the design and will be the new website administrator) and I have what I hope will be a final changes meeting this afternoon. We hope to go live before Christmas. The website address will be the same as now. Thank you to the Delegates that looked at the draft website after September's meeting and gave us feedback. We hope we have addressed comments made; the only one that we may have some difficulty with is the search engine because this is a standard product from Club V1 systems, and not something we can alter. However we hope that our layout and drop down tabs will be self-explanatory. There will be a "contact us" facility, so you can email us with any queries. I would like to thank Anne for her hard work preparing the new site for us. I would also like, on behalf of you all, to thank Phillipa Cook for the many thousands of hours she has put in maintaining the existing website over the last 16 years. It has been a true labour of love and much appreciated.

Gala Day - The planning is progressing for our Gala Day on Friday 26th July. We will update you in more detail at the February Delegates meeting.

Grants 2019 - The closing date for the first tranche of grants for 2019 closes on March 1st 2019. Application forms are on the existing website, so please pass the message onto anyone,

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adult or junior, who you think might benefit from some financial assistance.

County Lunch - This is on Wednesday 27th March at Gerrards Cross. I was discussing menus with the Head Chef yesterday and full details will be posted on the website in January. I will revert to this in more detail at the February Delegates meeting.

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5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Sally Harborne

The main matter that I want to bring to your attention is our **annual Tri-fold** of useful information about BCLGA committee, contact details, meetings and competitions for 2019. I have printed off a few copies for you today; please display prominently in your clubs and print off more copies as required. We will be sending this out with the minutes and also will have it available on the new website. Please note that we are now using generic email addresses, which will make it easy when someone changes roles in future.

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The other matter that I would like to bring to your attention is the **Championships in 2019**. The 36 hole qualifying stroke play rounds are on Sunday 12th May and the matchplay knockout will take place on the following Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May - all at Burnham Beeches Golf Club. We are grateful to Burnham Beeches for allowing us the use of their course for these weekend championships and I hope we will get a lot more entries as a result. Please encourage your ladies to keep the dates free.

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6. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

(i) **HON SECRETARY** - Maura Spencer

None

(ii) **HON TREASURER** - Carolyn Rivett - *read in absentia*
Balances and Transfers as at 1st December 2018

Account Balances	£
HSBC Current	£42,887.96
Close Bros Deposit	closed
Significant Income	£6,227.00
Significant Expenditure	None

(iii) **2nd TEAM CAPTAIN** - Janette Psyllides

None

(iv) **SENIORS' CAPTAIN** Susanna Mitterer

All **League & Friendly Matches** for Senior Ladies are now arranged for 2019 and I've emailed the dates out to all eligible players in the county – dates are also on our website. Whilst I've compiled a list of all eligible Bucks players I would still like to hear from you if you have any **new ladies joining with handicap 14 and lower/or any of your ladies turn 50 this year**. I want to make our Seniors matches as inclusive as possible! Generally League matches I need to field ladies with very low handicaps, but for the friendly matches handicaps up to 14 are welcomed.

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A couple of other key dates for 2019 for your diaries are:

- **Our Seniors Spring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2019** at the Buckingham GC. This is for all Ladies over 60 and we will be playing a 3-ball alliance – two best shots to count.
- The **Autumn Meeting will be on Thursday, 2 October 2019** at Oakland Park.

Entry forms for both competitions will be available on the Website. Please promote them.

I am looking forward to welcoming many of you to our Seniors Meetings and to having fun on the golf course in the new season.

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(v) **JOINT COMPETITION SECRETARY - Gilly Stimpson**

The first round of the **Winter League** Greensomes Competition is now to an end with the 2nd round starting on 10th December. The results are up to date on the website. As there are only 14 teams entered this year, there are only 5 clubs per division with only 4 in the 2nd division. The first round of the **Winter Foursomes knockout** has now finished and those left in the competition have been advised of their next matches.

The **entry forms for the Knockouts, Bucks Shield, Leagues, Coronation Medals, Cygnet Trophy, Charity Eclectic and the Summer Meeting** will be on the County Website by the end of December,

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With the introduction of General Data Protection Regulations, (GDPR) I have added a few lines on the entry forms to say that we will keep your details for the purpose of running the competitions and will be sharing with your opponents. By signing up for competitions there is an understanding that the organiser is happy to share their details with the opponents for the purposes of arranging the various competitions.

I am pleased to announce that the **Summer Meeting will take place at Harpenden Golf Club, in Hertfordshire**. It will take place on Wednesday 10th July 2019 and promises to be a fun day of golf with great company and super food. Book early! The sign-up form will be on the website by the end of February 2019.

(vi) **CJO - Janet Beal** *read in absentia*

I hope you all saw the **Autumn Newsletter**, which ran to 4 pages, as there was so much to report.

I went down to **Royal North Devon** in September to watch the county team, including 8 juniors, play in county finals and getting the best result ever for Buckinghamshire. The girls played some wonderful golf in very difficult conditions and I was very proud to be the county junior organiser. They were all a credit to the county, their clubs and their families.

The **county autumn meeting** was held at Gerrards Cross and was won by Hannah Cash. We also presented the **season long Order of Merit** – the **Gross OOM was won by Grace Rigby-Walden from Gerrards Cross** and the **Nett OOM by Georgia Lloyd from Buckingham**.

I am pleased to announce that **Eleanor Barnett, from Ellesborough**, has been appointed **Junior County Captain for 2019**.

We have a great bunch of girls in Bucks at the moment, and we run competitions and coaching for girls from beginners to elite players. We have Girls Golf Rocks - an initiative to get new girls into golf through to two girls in the national squad, but the main emphasis is to get junior girls to enjoy their golf, make friends through golf and hopefully continue playing golf in years to come.

- (vii) **HANDICAP ADVISOR** - Christine Bishop
- I have been running 2019 Rules seminars to many clubs. If your Club has not yet arranged a seminar for your members, please get in touch as these new Rules start from 1st January 2019.
- I have recently emailed all the Club Handicap Secretaries to inform them that England Golf are revising the higher handicap limit for the Ping 4BBB, the Australian Spoons and the England Golf Medal regional finals from 36 to 40. How this works out will be monitored during 2019.
- I have also alerted your handicap secretaries to the fact that all clubs will need to revise their local rules in the light of the new Rules of Golf, both in terms of changes to terminology (e.g. "through the green" is replaced by "general area of play") and in terms of changes to specific rules themselves (e.g. no need for a local rules about stones in bunkers). The R&A have issued a handy toolkit to assist clubs to reframe their local rules, which can be accessed through the England Golf website.
- (viii) **CTO** - Tony Bowers *read in absentia*
- Tony had attended to run a **training session on the Driving range** for the Delegates, but was unable to stay for the meeting. Several Delegates said that this was an excellent session and asked for their thanks to Tony to be recorded in the minutes.
- We held our first Elite Training session at Gerrards Cross on Sunday November 25th. The weather was chilly but bright and the course and short game areas were in great shape. We had only 6 attendees due to work/university/and competitions abroad but it proved to be a very worthwhile session as we welcomed a new Junior player into the Squad and at only 12 years old, she performed extremely well. We started with some short game skills and followed it onto the Driving Range where I had a look at the girls' swings.
- After lunch we played 10 holes greensomes to look at some pairings for the future and everyone equipped themselves very well. Thanks to Gail and a fellow GX member (Georgie Cairns) for taking part and making the numbers easier to work with.
- The Attendees were as follows :-
 Georgina Bowers (Stoke Park)
 Lily Robinson. (Woburn)
 Hannah Cash (The Buckinghamshire)
 Chiara Noja (The Buckinghamshire)
 Olivia Lee (Gerrards Cross)
 Pamela King (Gerrards Cross)
- The next Training session is scheduled for Sunday February 17th 2019 at The Oxfordshire.
7. **ENGLAND GOLF REPRESENTATIVE** - Phillipa Cook
- There is little to report on England Golf matters since last month's BCLGA Annual Meeting. The EG Voting Members' meeting due to be held next week at Woodhall Spa has been cancelled due to a lack of business.
- The new England Golf website** was launched last week. Do take some time to look around the site as there is a huge amount of useful information on there, ranging from Competitions, Handicaps & Rules, Governance. Most of the information was available before but it is now easier to locate. The address is unchanged:- www.Englandgolf.org
- While checking out the site, if you are not already a member, **consider activating membership with England Golf** – it is easy, rewarding – and free! You will get access to exclusive benefits and discounts when you register, plus you can view your handicap online and download a card

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with your CDH number. Anyone who is a member of one of the EG affiliated golf clubs is eligible to sign-up and join the 190,000 England Golf members currently registered!

For more details go to the “Become a Member” section of the website:-

www.Englandgolf.org/my-england-golf/become-a-member/

[In this section see also the note below re “England Golf Captains”]

As we will not be meeting at Woodhall Spa I have arranged a meeting of the Midlands South Voting Members on 12th December at the BB&O Office. This will give the opportunity to discuss the **Midlands South Regional events** held this year and those planned for next year. These regional events are open to female golfers who are Full members of one of the six County Associations (Berkshire; Buckinghamshire; Northamptonshire; Oxfordshire; Warwickshire; Worcestershire & Herefordshire).

In 2019 however, there is a new competition, the Midlands South Seniors’ Championships, which will be hosted by Berkshire at Temple Golf Club on 8th July. It will be an 18-hole stroke play event but, unlike the other regional competitions, it will also be open to players from clubs outside the six counties.

I am preparing a poster giving information of all the Midlands South Region competitions for 2019 - when all the details are finalised the poster will be sent to all Lady Captains and Delegates to display/circulate within your clubs.

As a member of the **England Golf Championship Working Group**, I attended a meeting at Kings Norton on 31st October. A few points of interest from that meeting:

(1). From 2021 the **Women’s County Finals** will be run as the shortened 3-day format as per our County Match Week at Denham in June. Most of the regions are either changing, or considering a change, to the 3-day format.

(2). It was apparent that some of the **Handicap Competitions run by England Golf** are not well known. There is something for everyone!

To quote from the new England Golf website:-

“Here at England Golf we run competitions for all golfers, whatever your age and ability. There’s team golf, mixed golf and individual events for men and women, boys and girls. With partners like Travelbag, we offer our club players the chance to set off on golfing adventures.”

To find out about these competitions, go into the following page of the EG website:-

www.Englandgolf.org/competitions/

On this page under the large photo in the “Competitions” section, click on “All Tournaments” on the left and then “Handicap Competitions”. You will see below lots of competitions listed. Use the “Type” and “Year” filters to select the competitions that may be of interest to you.

There are special **competitions organised by England Golf for past and current Golf Club Captains**. Again, to quote from the new EG website:-

“You’ve put in the hard work as a captain of your club or county. Now it’s time to reap the rewards and join a growing community of like-minded captains!”

To find out more about these events go to the “England Golf Captains” section of the website:-

www.Englandgolf.org/my-england-golf/become-a-member/England-golf-captains/

You will be able to download an Application Form and become a member of the “England Golf Captains”, giving eligibility to play in the competitions on offer. These events are often linked to England Golf Senior competitions and so, if in the right age bracket, it is possible to play in a neighbouring two-day event.

USGA Rating: The remaining eight courses still to be rated will be done during 2019 but the rating cannot commence until the growing season starts. The clubs will be written to fairly soon to give them an idea of when their rating will be carried out.

If a club is planning any changes to their course they should notify either myself or the BB&O Union so that we can review the course assessment and re-visit the club if necessary.

Website: Nothing to report on the current website except to record thanks to Helen Mines for the work she has done on keeping the Junior Section of the current site updated since its launch in 2007. And as we move to the launch of the new website, thank you to all those who have furnished me with information and results since I took over the running of the BCLGA website some 16 years ago.

8. **DELEGATES FORUM**

Cheryl Dawson from Stowe asked why the current website did not contain any contact details for Stowe. It was confirmed that Stowe do not have a website, so it was agreed that Cheryl would supply Maura Spencer (Hon. Secretary) with appropriate contact details for the new website.

9. **A.O.B.**

Gail reported that a team of Lambourne Ladies had reached the final series of the Annodata Golf team Classic competition which had been played in Spain. Although they were eventually placed fourth, this was out of an initial entry of 243 ladies teams, a considerable achievement.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 13th February 2019 at Oakland Park Golf Club,
Short game clinic 10.30 to 11.30; Formal meeting starts at 11.45

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Signed.....Date.....