



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Information Summary - Delegates Meeting - Thursday 5th September 2019

1 Activities since last meeting:

This has been a busy summer with club competitions, county meetings and knockouts, inter-county matches (juniors, seniors, second team and first team), Midlands South regional competitions and National competitions.

At a team level, **Bucks has had a very successful summer**, having won the Midlands South Junior Scratch Team Final, the Midlands South Second Team Final and the Midlands South County Match Week at Frilford Heath. The Seniors team came third in their League, a great improvement from 2018 season. Separate reports are set out below from the County Junior Organiser, the Second Team Captain and the Seniors' Captain.

Bucks won all their matches at County Match week in June. A photo of the winning team is below with the Doris Abraham trophy. Preparations are well ahead for taking a Bucks team to the National Team Finals - see item 8 below.



Thalia Kirby (third from left in picture above) represented England in the Home Internationals this year, a great honour for her and the County.

The summer meeting was held at Harpenden on July 10th; The winning team was Clare Fulton, Jenny Gibson and Alison Corke from Woburn, with the Nearest the Pin winners as Janette Psyllides (silver) and Helen Mines (Bronze).

Two weeks later, we held our first Womens and Girls Golf Gala Day at Gerrards Cross. Over 170 ladies came and enjoyed golf clinics, pilates, mental fitness, massage, retail therapy, various information stalls and lunch. Judging by the many emails received since the event, it was a great success. A full report will be made at the AGM.

We considered two applications for grants in the second tranche for 2019, and approved both of them.

2 Competitions Update:

The Summer League is now in the last round with most of the matches having been played. The results are up to date on the website.

Trophies for this year are presented at the AGM on 30th October. If your Club or any Members of your Club won a trophy, which was presented last October, can you please ensure it is returned to me before the AGM. Gilly will be at the Interclub Foursomes in October and would appreciate them being brought to that competition by your Club's entrants.

Cygnets Trophy -The scores from your clubs and entry monies are due by the 5th October. Please remind your Captain or Competition Secretaries.

Charity Eclectic -The scores and entry monies for this annual competition are now due by 1st October with the competition closing on 15th September.

Winter League - The Winter League entry date has now past and we managed to maintain the same number as last year. More would have been good. The draw has been sent out to the contacts provided by the Clubs. Fingers crossed for a mild and dry winter!

Knockout Finals

- Club Champion of Champions final at GXGC on Wednesday 25th September at 10.40 am between Amy Watters (Oakland Park) and Amelia Curtis (The Lambourne)
- Rose Bowl final will be held at GXGC on Wednesday 25th September at 10.50 am between Sue Davies (Beaconsfield) and Gill Hepsworth (Burnham Beeches)
- Challenge Cup final will be held at Harleyford on Saturday 28th September at 10.50 between Christine Bishop (Stowe) and Gilly Brewer (Harewood Downs)
- Summer Greensomes final will be held at Burnham Beeches on Thursday 3rd October at 10.45 between Jackie Edwards/Anne-Marie Gilbert (The Lambourne) and Nerys McGuinness/Gail Lawrence (Harleyford)

Winter Foursomes -The number of entries received so far this year is up on last year which is good. There is still time to enter as the closing date is on 15th September. Please encourage your members to enter.

Bucks Shield Final

The Finals Day will take place on Thursday 12th September at Harleyford. The semi-final draw will take place at the Delegates meeting between the following four clubs: Denham, Beaconsfield, Harleyford and Ellesborough.

Inter Club Foursomes

This annual Club competition will take place at Harewood Downs on Thursday 17th October. We haven't had many entries yet and so please encourage your Clubs to enter.

3 Second Team Captain - Janette Psyllides

12 different ladies played for the Second team during the season, including a couple of new junior players.

The Second Team **won their home League match against Oxon** at Harewood Downs on 9th June by 6 matches to 3, and also **won their away League match against Berks** at Reading on 30th June by the same margin.

This qualified them to represent BB&O in the Midlands South Second Team Finals, played against Hereford and Worcester at Wellingborough on 19th July. The final match was halved 4.5 matches to 4.5, but **Bucks won the trophy** by virtue of a greater number of holes won in the matches. Winning Finals team (missing Pamela King) below.



4 Seniors' Captain - Susanna Mitterer

Bucks Senior Team came third in the League (with 4 points) behind winners Berkshire and Hampshire (both on 6 points). It was a tightly fought league this year with Berkshire winning on 18.5 matches won vs. Hampshire 18 matches. Our Bucks senior's team won 13 matches and I am very proud of this year's valiant effort. Great thanks goes to all those that have played!

We played **two friendly matches**: We beat Bedfordshire 4:0 and drew with Middlesex 2:2. Many thanks to all the senior ladies who played in the Friendly Matches.

The Intercounty Seniors Team Championship will be hosted and organised by BCLGA this year and is due to be held at Woburn on 23 September. I'm looking forward to representing our County on my home course together with Carol Weir (Beaconsfield), Catherine Smith (Burnham Beeches) and Julia Gallagher (Woburn).

Autumn Meeting: Entries are now closed for this years' Autumn meeting to be held at Oakland Park on 2nd October 2019. We have a record number of 20 teams (60 Players) registered and look forward to holding the event for the first time in its new format, battling for both a Seniors Cup (under 65s) and a Vets Trophy.

5 County Junior Organiser's report - Janet Beal

There have been lots of junior events this summer, both organised by county and regional/national events that our juniors have entered.

The **County Junior Championship was won by Grace Rigby-Walden** from Gerrards Cross; Grace also won the U15 cup and the Nett cup. Good luck to Grace this weekend at the England Golf Junior Champion of Champions at Woodhall Spa.

The English girls U16/U14 open amateur strokeplay championships were held at Gerrards Cross in August: - 6 Bucks girls entered; Olivia Lee made the cut in the U16; Rosie Bee Kim made the cut in the U14 and came 10th.

The **scratch team won both their round robin matches (against Berkshire and Oxfordshire) by 3 matches to nil, and qualified for the Midlands South Team Final**, which was held on Friday 30th August at Overstone Park (Northampton). **I am very pleased to report that we won the final.** Well done to all the girls who played in the teams. (Thalia Kirby missing from this photo taken at the scratch finals day).



Our handicap team has not been so successful – we lost one and drew the other round robin match, so did not qualify for the final. Our lack of success in the handicap matches is actually a measure of our success – the handicap limit is a minimum of 16, and lots of the girls are no longer eligible to play in these matches.

The Junior Summer Meeting was held at Abbey Hill on 1st September, and the Summer Cup was won on countback by Eleanor Lichtenheim from The Buckinghamshire.

On Monday 2nd September we held the Karchargis Trophy – our lady/junior greensomes competition. Well done to Sally Harborne (our County President) from Whiteleaf, who played with Ciara Shannon from Chesham and Ley Hill and won with a fantastic score of 47 points.

The juniors were also well represented at County Match Week in June, making up half of the team.

Finally, good luck to the Bucks Team for County Finals at Delamere Forest from 16th to 20th September, where 9 of the squad of 12 are juniors!!!

We will be producing a Junior Newsletter in early October, so if you have any news and achievements about any of the girls from your clubs, please send details to Janet Beal (CJO) or Andy Barnett (Junior Publicity Officer) so that we can include them in the newsletter. Contact details are on the web site.

6 County Coach - Tony Bowers

Since the last Delegates' meeting we held an Elite Training session on June 8th prior to CMW at Frilford Heath. This proved invaluable as once again we were victorious on all 3 days winning CMW 5/0 and the team will progress to Delamere Forest for Nationals on September 15th where they will be pitted against the Country's finest lady golfers but I know they will do us proud once again.

Tony attended our Junior Scratch teams fixture at Harleyford where the team performed fantastically well. We are taking an extremely talented team to the finals at Overstone Park on Friday August 30th.

Tony attended the Junior County Championships at Beaconsfield on Sunday June 30th and witnessed some fantastic performances from some of our younger competitors which gives me great hope for the future as we really are blessed with tremendous talent in the County.

Finally Tony attended the National Girls U14/16/ event at GX in early August and 2 of our girls qualified for the final days play amidst some extremely hot competition from abroad as well as home. They equipped themselves very well and would have learnt a great deal from the experience

7 Handicap Adviser - Christine Bishop

Christine has received very few queries lately and nothing is currently unresolved.

She has provisionally arranged 3 World Handicapping Seminars in conjunction with the BB&O and these will take place around the counties during November and December. She will circulate details when they have been confirmed. These will be aimed mainly at those with responsibility for Handicap regulation within clubs. **Please note however we will be holding a WHS seminar for all Delegates on December 2nd (the date of our next Delegates meeting). You are welcome to bring your 2020 Ladies' Captain and up to 2 other guests.**

Christine has added all Opt In records to Club V1 and developed a confirmation email so that members know they have signed up. As always, please let Christine know when your Handicap Secretary changes.

8 National County Team Finals Week at Delamere Forest - Sunday 15th to Friday 20th September

Final preparations are in hand for the Bucks team going to the National County Team Finals to represent Midlands South Region. We are taking a full team of 12 players this year, who are (in alphabetical order):

Georgina Bowers, Ella Butteriss, Hannah Cash, Amelia Curtis, Daisy Kennedy, Rosie Bee Kim, Thalia Kirby, Alice Kozlowski, Olivia Lee, Susanna Mitterer, Jessica Pilgrim, Grace Rigby-Walden

Helen Mines and Carolyn Rivett will share "House Mum" duties, supported by Sally Harborne and myself. We are hoping for good weather, so that we can play all the matches, unlike last year when each day's programme had to be curtailed.

We will put each day's results on the Bucks website, but for those who would like to follow progress via the England Golf live leaderboard, you should use:

<https://www.englandgolf.org/competition/womens-county-finals....> and click on "live leaderboard"

9 England Golf Representative:

Susanna Mitterer is our interim England Golf Voting member, following the election of Phillipa Cook to the England Golf Board of Directors. The only item of news is that at the recent General Meeting it was agreed by the Voting Members to increase the England Golf affiliation fee for the 2020 season to £9.50 (from £9.00). As this will come into operation for all golf clubs that have a 1st November 2019 year start or later, please make sure that your golf clubs are aware of this change.

10 USGA Rating:

Phillipa Cook continues to organise the Course rating programme for the County. She has reported that all the Bucks clubs should be rated by the end of this year:

- On-course rating has been done this year for 5 courses; the paperwork for these courses is at various stages
- 4 courses (3 of which are 9 hole courses) are being rated in the next few weeks

The above 9 courses will complete the 36 clubs in Bucks (a total of 40 courses). Our neighbouring counties in BB&O will still have a number of courses left to rate - 8 courses in Oxon and 13 in Berks to complete next year.

The aim was that all courses nationally would be rated by the end of 2019. England Golf will be preparing provisional ratings at the end of the year for all outstanding courses to load into the new Worldwide Handicap System.

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