



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Information Summary - Delegates Meeting - Thursday 27th February 2020

1 General Information:

Please when you or your Ladies' Captain or Ladies Vice Captain send any Exec member an email, please will you include the name of your Club as well as your own name. It helps us greatly as we don't necessarily know.

The Trifold leaflet will be updated after this meeting (to take into account the change in County Championships dates and a couple of other updates). It will be sent out to all delegates within next couple of days.

2 Business Plan:

The 2020 Priorities for Action are:-

- Reorganise the arrangements for pre-handicap and academy level juniors (TD)
- Improve communications with club Junior organisers/coaches (TD)
- Succession planning for County Junior Organiser (TD)
- Successful introduction of World Handicapping system (GRI)
- Succession planning for Handicap Adviser - Appoint an assistant (GRI)
- Succession planning for Course Rating Assessor (GRI)
- Work with neighbouring counties to establish a Rules/Referees Panel (GRI)
- Collaborate with neighbouring counties to run Level 1 rules course(s) (GRI)
- New Par 3 competition (C)
- Succession planning for Competition organisers (C)
- Revise Safeguarding policies and procedures to comply with EG SafeGolf accreditation, including a vulnerable adults policy (G)
- Review financial strategy for next three years (G)
- Introduce delegates induction programme (G)
- Succession planning for Hon Secretary (G)
- Regular updates of website and newsletters for opted-in membership (PG)

TD = talent development, GRI = golf regulatory issues, C = competitions, G = governance, PG = promoting good practice and information sharing between clubs

Progress against these specific targets will be reported to the Delegates at the June and September meetings and to the wider membership at the AGM.

3 Competitions Update: Gilly Stimpson

3.1 Winter League

We are now approaching the end of the Winter League played in the greensomes format, with just one round left to play. We've been relatively lucky this season with the weather and so I am hoping it will continue to be the case until the end of the matches. I want to thank the League contacts who have promptly reported scores helping me to ensure the website is up to date.

3.2 Winter Foursomes

This competition is now at the Semi- Final Stage with the semi- finalists being Pam Heavyside and Jackie Taylor of Wexham Park vs Dot Kelleher and Nicky Ewart of Denham and the other semi-final is between Marilyn Plummer and Lois Shoosmith of Ellesborough vs Tracy Searson and Kathy Frazer of Harewood Downs.

3.3 Summer League

The Summer League kicks off from 28th March. This year we have lost Aylesbury Park from the leagues following the closure of the Club; and Flackwell Heath is only entering the Bronze league. I am, however, delighted that Farnham Park has entered the Silver league.

All the paperwork has been sent out and I am aware that the matches are starting to be organised. Good luck to everyone playing.

3.4 Par 3 Competition

The first Par 3 Ladies competition has been arranged for Saturday 27th June at Wycombe Heights Golf Club. This will be a fun competition for all to enter. A maximum of 72 can play so early booking is recommended. It will be a shotgun 10am start followed by a jacket potato lunch. Entry forms are on the website under *special events*.

3.5 Summer Meeting

The Summer Meeting will take place on Friday 17th July at Gerrards Cross Golf Club. Entry forms are on the County Website.

3.6 Coronation Medal entries

I also need to remind clubs to send in their ***Coronation Medal results for 2019 if not done already. Entries should be with me by 1st March 2020.***

3.7 Cygnet Trophy

I would also ask you to encourage your Clubs to enter the Cygnet Trophy which is used to raise funds for the Junior section to offset general junior expenses which include their coaching and some expenses associated with matches. This is a Stableford Competition which can be played at your Club any time between 1st April and 30th September. We ask that all the entry fees, which is £2.50 per person, are submitted to the County to help support our thriving Junior Girls. Each club will submit a result sheet which is in the Club Competition Section on the website. Two scores from each category are submitted which will give you a Club Score. A trophy is then awarded at the AGM to the winning club. Please encourage your Captains and competition organisers to set aside one week for this competition.

3.8 Charity Eclectic Cup.

This is a summer eclectic competition set up by your clubs, which will run from the beginning of April through to September. Players can enter as many times as they like, and it is all about improving your score over this period. It is up to your clubs how much is charged for entry but to give you an example at Hazlemere we pay £4 to enter and then can enter as many scores as each player likes, to improve their eclectic score. This money is then sent along with the entry form to the County; the results are calculated, and a trophy awarded. Remember it can be entered at any time, other than in team/pairs competitions and will help raise money for a great charity.

This year the chosen charities of Gail our County Captain are Work Aid and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service.

3.9 Bucks Shield

We now have 20 teams in the draw for this year's Bucks Challenge Shield, more commonly known as the Bucks Shield. The draw will be done at the Delegates' meeting on 27th February and then put on the website. The format has changed this year with the semi-finals being played as home and away matches as for previous rounds, with the final only being played on Saturday 3rd October at Ellesborough.

3.10 Club Champion of Champions

So far, we have 15 entries (as at 20/2/20). Please ensure your Champion from last year is aware of the competition and encourage them to enter. Closing date is 28th February.

3.11 Knockouts

The closing date for knockouts is 28th February. The knockouts consist of the Summer Greensomes, a pairs competition with no necessity for players to be from the same clubs the Challenge Cup which is for Silver Division players with a handicap no greater than 20.4 at the close of entries; and the Rose Bowl which is

for Bronze Division players with a handicap of 20.5 +. Any last minute entries can be accepted by email or phone.

3.12 County and Senior Championships

The dates for these championships have changed as we have been able to get a weekend date for the 36 hole championship qualifier (now May 17th) and weekend dates for the match play knockout rounds (May 23/May 24th). These are at Flackwell Heath and we are grateful to the management and members supporting this change. The Seniors championship will be held separately on Sunday 16th August at Harleyford, and it will be run ahead of the Juniors championships which is also scheduled for that date and venue. Rules and application forms will now be finalised and added to the website shortly.

4 Second Team Captain (Acting): Jackie Edwards

- I stepped into the role at the beginning of January. All materials, distribution lists and a email addresses have been received and set up. I have been in touch with as many previous players as I can and asked Lady Captains to nominate potential players.
- I have met Tony Bowers to discuss eligible players for the second team. He has offered to run a complementary training session for the senior team and second team players.
- The second team league match v Oxon (away) has had to be rescheduled at Oxon's request to 12th July at Badgemore Park. The home match this year is against Berkshire to be held at Harewood Downs on 31st May.

5 Seniors' Captain: Susanna Mitterer

- The season hasn't really started yet – but all dates for League & Friendly matches have been agreed and are posted on our website.
- If you have any new ladies in your Clubs or anybody who has turned 50 before Jan 2020 then please let me know and give them my contact details so they can be considered for the teams. League matches are typically for HC 8 and under and Friendly matches for HC 8 – 14.
- A brief reminder of our upcoming Seniors / VETS Spring Meeting to be held at Buckingham Golf Club on Tuesday, 28th April 2020. Entries have begun to trickle in but so far only 6 teams have entered. You might recall we now have two separate team competitions, Seniors (under 65s) and VETS (over 65).

6 County Junior Organiser's report - Janet Beal

It was half term last week, so we had our first few junior events of the year scheduled.

Unfortunately Dennis (that's Storm Dennis) had other ideas:

- the match between the juniors and the 1st team planned for the afternoon of Sunday 16th at The Oxfordshire, was postponed and will now be played on 8th March at Harleyford
- the match against Woburn boys on Tuesday 18th was cancelled as the course was closed
- although we went ahead with our Intermediate Training at Burnham Beeches on Wednesday 19th, we finished at lunchtime as it was too cold and wet to go out in the afternoon

Hopefully the rest of the year will be better!

We have our first competition of the year on **Sunday 1st March – the Junior Par 3 Championship** at Wycombe Heights. This is normally a very hotly contested competition, and past winners include Annabel Dimmock (who won her first LET event last year).

We then have a busy schedule all year, with lots of competitions, matches and training sessions. All the events are on the county web site – just look under Junior Fixtures.

We advertise local junior opens on the web site, so please let me know if you would like your club event advertised.

Finally, we are always looking for more people to help with the junior girls – whether this is walking round during competitions, helping to check cards or helping to organise competitions or matches. You don't need to commit to helping at every event, but it would be great to have a group of ladies who are able to help at a couple of the junior events. Please get in contact if you want to know more.

I will be stepping down as County Junior Organiser in October, so I am also looking for a volunteer to take on this role.

7 County Coach - Tony Bowers

It's been a very unfavourable start to the golfing season weatherwise. We did manage to hold our 2nd Elite Training session on Sunday February 16th at the Oxfordshire G.C. but unfortunately due to the weather the session was curtailed to some Range work and some brave girls who came over to the Putting skills I had set up beforehand.

We had a great turnout of 13 attendees, a mixture of 1st team regulars and some new faces. The Range session went very well giving me a chance to cast my eye over the girls and see how they were performing.

8 England Golf Representative: Susanna Mitterer

We have just come out of the quiet winter period, but entries for most EG competitions are now open on their website.

- The last page of this Information Summary is a 1 page summary of our Midlands South Regional Competitions for 2020 . I would appreciate if you could post this in your Locker rooms.
- I hope your Clubs all took the opportunity to reply to EG's consultation process on the Independent Golfer – an online survey was distributed to all County Clubs earlier in January.
- I would also like to remind you all that all English Golf clubs have to achieve Safe Golf Accreditation by Jan 2021 – Templates and Guidelines are also available on the EG website. This subject has been covered at our Delegates meeting today.

9 Financial Matters: Carolyn Rivett

- It has been decided that the County Grant scheme has run its course. Reference to it has been removed from the website. If any Delegate should hear of a particularly needy situation, the Executive will consider special requests but there is no specific allocated budget.
- Competition entry fees have been raised for the first time in years for the 2020 season.
- The affiliation fee will be increased from November 2020 from £6.50 to £8 per person. This takes into account income lost from the sale of County Cards but includes the opportunity for all members to have a free County Card.
- A working group has been set up to look at sponsorship opportunities for BCLGA. If any delegate is aware of possible companies that might be interested in sponsoring the County, please let Carolyn Rivett, the Hon Treasurer know.

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Midlands South Region Competitions 2020

The Midlands South Region events are open to female golfers who are FULL members of one of the following six County Associations:

**Berkshire; Buckinghamshire; Northamptonshire; Oxfordshire;
Warwickshire; Worcestershire & Herefordshire**

England Golf Medal - Midlands South Regional Final

Date: Sunday, 21st June 2020

Venue: Drayton Park Golf Club, Abingdon, OX14 4LA Oxfordshire

Contact: England Golf **Tel:** 01526 351882 (championships@englandgolf.org)

Midlands South Region County Match Week

Date: Monday to Wednesday, 15th - 17th June 2020

Venue: Northampton Golf Club, Harlestone, NN7 4EF

Contact: Kathryn Stronach **Tel:** 07821 834413 (kathryncountycomps@gmail.com)

Midlands South Region Seniors' Championship

(18 holes Strokeplay event; age over 50 years)

details on venue and date awaited

Date: xx 2020

Venue: xxx, Worcs/Here

Contact: Lyn Robinson **Tel:** xxxx (lynandade@googlemail.com)

Midlands South Region Australian Spoons Final

(18 holes Stableford Foursomes; handicaps 15 - 40)

Date: Monday, 6th July 2020

Venue: Mill Ride Golf Club, Berkshire

Contact: Muriel Quinsac **Tel:** 07836 715508 (bclgamscomps@gmail.com)

Midlands South Region Girls' Championship

(36 holes stroke play; handicap limit = 20.4)

Date: Tuesday 25th August 2020

Venue: Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire

Contact: Janet Beal **Tel:** 07834 819633 (cjo@bclga.org.uk))

Midlands South Region Fourball-Betterball Championship

(18 holes medal play; max. individual handicap = 30)

Date: Thursday 20th August 2020

Venue: Copt Heath, Warwickshire

Contact: Claire Barker **Tel:** 01564779877/07778063723 (claire.barker@clara.co.uk)

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For more details of the above visit the England Golf website competitions section:-

https://www.EnglandGolf.org/competitions/?past_fixtures=false&fixture_tournament=0&fixture_type=wo&fixture_year=

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<https://www.EnglandGolf.org/my-England-Golf/become-a-member/England-Golf-Captains/>