



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

2019 has been a great golfing year for BCLGA as you will all have seen from the various reports on our County Website. My role is one of support and to that end I have watched plenty of great golf played in true golfing spirit.

This year I was lucky enough to have stood on the side of fairways in sunshine rather than the rain of 2018 and have watched our junior girls progress along their own golfing ladder. Our junior girls are always eager to welcome any new member into the fold, swapping jokes around the lunch table and generally enjoying themselves. As you will have seen from Janet's report and the Junior News Letter, their achievements are many and varied, including 8 of them representing Bucks in the National County Finals at Delamere Forest in Cheshire in September.

The parents of the girls are always willing to give up their time to transport their daughters to the four corners of the County and beyond and support them both on and off the course. Without their continued support, our Junior Girls would find it difficult to play in as many events as they do.

County Match week at Frilford Heath was organised by Oxfordshire this year, as a team we managed to beat Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Worcestershire & Herefordshire, Northampton and Warwickshire gaining a maximum 10 points and consequently we went forward to represent Midland South Region at the National Finals.

Our Gala Day in June was a different type of day for the Executive to arrange. It was aimed at the club golfer, with plenty of golf tuition from 7 local Professionals. Driving, use of Irons, bunker practice, Tony doing a grand job on the putting green just outside the club house, Massage sessions, Mental Fitness, Pilates and a delicious lunch. There was retail therapy too. Over 170 Ladies attended the day and we had many very complimentary comments via e-mail after the event. It took a huge amount of work from quite a small team but it was a marvellous day and is perhaps something that can be repeated in the future.

The National Finals came round very quickly and we were off to Delamere Forest with our team of 12 golfers plus Gail, Helen, Carolyn and myself. We stayed in an AirBnB house in Kelsall, just a few minutes' drive from the golf club with Helen acting as House Mummy. Carolyn and I helped in the various tasks of feeding the team, washing kit, ferrying to and from the Course and generally keeping everyone happy. The team played some very special golf and all enjoyed the experience that a big competition throws at you. We ended up in 4th place which perhaps does not reflect the magnificent golf played. We were the only team that beat the eventual winners but others were more consistent.

This is my last year as your President. I have been a member of the Executive Committee since November 2011, (with one year off in 2017 for good behaviour!). I have made many lasting friendships and would like to extend my thanks to all the members of BCLGA and a special thanks to the Executive who all work tirelessly on your behalf, for their help and friendship.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all golfing success in the future. I am sure our paths will continue to cross on the various beautiful courses we have and hold dear in Buckinghamshire.