



# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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England Golf Rep Report

I attended the General Meeting at Woodhall Spa on 10/11 September – a Brief Summary of key issues:

## **Independent Golfer**

A great deal of time was spent debating the EG proposal (see attached) on how best to engage with the Independent golfer. Whilst there is almost universal agreement amongst the EG Reps that we need to find a way to engage with the independent golfer, there was much debate on how best this could be achieved. In particular the two options being considered by EG (offering insurance and some form of 'small h' handicap) received mixed response from the floor.

A potential timetable for any introduction of a system or process to engage with the Independent Golfer would be after the WHS is implemented. There was more general consensus that we need to explore and research further on how to engage with the independent golfers and how this would add new revenue streams to Clubs & Counties and what opportunities it would provide, particularly for those clubs who are struggling to retain members.

Subsequent to the meeting I was invited by Richard Flint (Participation & Club Support Director) and Nick Pink (current CEO to step down in Oct) in an e-mail dated 22 Sept, to join a County Advisory Group that is working on concrete proposals developing options/ scenarios for how EG can engage with the 'Independent Golfer' and how this could translate into a business plan (risks / opportunities / benefits). A first meeting will be held on 29th October at Woodhall Spa.

**World Handicap System (WHS)** Shortly after the General Meeting the final agreement of the master WHS licence from the R&A/USGA to EG and the other Unions, through CONGU was signed. The introduction of WHS in England remains on track for November 2020.

**New CEO** With Nick Pink leaving on 17<sup>th</sup> October it was announced that Richard Flint would take on the interim Executive Directors role and a process was now live with the Board Sub-committee seeking a new CEO in November.

**EG Centenary** A Board sub-committee had been formed, chaired by Ian Watkins and joined by Philippa Cook and Doug Pool plus Past Presidents to recommend how EG should celebrate its Centenary in 2024.

## **EG Reps Meeting**

EG Reps agreed to appoint a Co-ordinator who would compile an Agenda for forthcoming EG Rep meetings to be held in advance of EG General / Annual Meetings. This ensures that some issues could be tabled for general debate and EG proposals could be discussed before these general meetings.

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