

Golf Diary of Gwen Kirkness - Lady Captain in 1978/79

This diary was found in Joyce Fisher's effects 2014. I have typed it out verbatim in the hope that the present generation of golfers will find it interesting, informative and above all, entertaining.

Thursday Competitions: 1978 / 1979

Dec 7 th	Medal	June 7 th	Bridgford Medal – Day 2
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Jan 18 th	Bogey	June 28 th	Summer Meeting
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Feb 15 ^h	Bogey	July 12 th	Lady Captain's Day - Medal
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Mar 8 th	Roll Up	July 26 th	Invitation Day 1
Mar 15 th	Bogey	Aug 2 nd	Medal
Mar 22 nd	Bogey	Aug 9 th	Stableford
Mar 29 th	15 hole Stableford	Aug 16 th	Bogey
April 5	Medal	Aug 30 th	Greensome Foursomes
April 12 th	Coronation Foursomes	Sept 6 th	Medal
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May 3 rd	Medal	Sept 20 th	Bogey
May 10 th	Medal Prize	Oct 4 th	Medal
May 17 th	Hilda Timpson Medal	Oct 11 th	Medal Final
May 24 th	May Ashton Medal	Oct 18 th	Bogey Final
May 31 st	Bogey	Nov 1 st	Medal
June 4 th	Bridgford Medal – Day 1	Nov 15 th	Bogey

November 23rd 1978 - LADIES AGM

Very good attendance.

Two visitor's days decided upon. Charlton and Bech Cup finals to be played on separate days. 175 lady members with 115 Playing Members.

People very kind with best wishes afterwards. Elaine Rocca made a very good report on the year's events, keeping it on a light note. Cynthia Sunderland and Gertrude Whitehead elected to Committee.

I stayed on and stood drinks for those who were left. Chatted. Home at 7pm.

Committee:

Joyce Fisher – Hon Sec, Elaine Rocca – Ex LC, Mary Moore – Captain elect, Anne Hellowell – i/c flowers, Cynthia Sunderland, Madge Nichols – Treasurer, Barbara Hauser – i/c cloakrooms, Yvonne Turner – Friendly Match Captain, Barbara Hope – Handicap Sec, Pam Ogden – Match Captain, Gertrude Whitehead.

Thursday December 7th 1978 - MEDAL

Played well with Maude Jones but drove off the wrong tee on the 5th. Thought I had disqualified myself but learned that you can count that shot and play from the correct tee. But it rained and sleeted when we got to the 14th tee, so we picked up and walked in. Very few people in for tea.

Handed the spoon and sweep to Elaine Rocca. Also presented the Moir Cup to Diana Komrower for best gross score in the Bridgford. Usually, this is presented at the AGM but Diana was absent.

2's competition was won by Daphne Drummond. Sheila Gold got 4 two's.

Stood a few drinks and chatted with Elaine and Joyce.

December 8th 1978 – COCKTAIL PARTY

We got there at 7pm. Others already there and then the room quickly filled up. Excellent tombola (there were not tickets of charge for admission). Everyone allowed one chance on the Tombola for £1 and everyone got a prize. A whisky prize had a "W" on it and the winner's name was added, and then that ticket went back into another raffle just for 6 whisky bottles and one gallon whisky bottle. This was won by Mr Harris Senior. Tombola made £173. A raffle for whisky, gin and a figurine donated by May Ashton made £111. Won by Pat Brown.

We had some sandwiches at the Cub then came home. During the evening I talked to as many people as possible and was invited by the Captain to draw the 200 Club £250 prize. No 34 came out – belonging to Anthony Timpson. He was not at the Club nor at home but John T invited everyone to have a drink.

Good evening, voted a success

December 15th 1978 – TETLOW'S BRIDGE EVENING

Twelve tables. Very jolly evening. Many prizes which I presented. Home about midnight. Both Sylvia and Charles Fish won prizes.

December 16th 1978

Dossie Fontes had two strokes and was taken into Withington Hospital.

December 20th 1978

Took arrangement of flowers to hospital and was allowed to see Dossie for a minute. Can speak.

Thursday December 21st 1978 – 15 HOLE BOGEY

Ground very hard and a cold day. Played with Mary Moore – both found it difficult to putt on temporary greens. Maude Jones did a 4 down to win. About 25 people came for tea and drinks. Took down cocktail snacks and biscuits. Also a plant for a free raffle. Buntly Booth did the draw and drew her own ticket. Anthony Timpson asked all present (via Hilda) to have a drink with him as he had won the £250 draw. Got home in snow about 7.30pm.

Thursday January 4th 1979 – MEDAL

Medal postponed to next week because of snow on course. Met Joyce and had lunch at club – very good.

Dossie Fontes improving, came home from hospital yesterday.

Thursday January 11th 1979

Medal postponed – more snow.

Thursday January 18th 1979 – 18 HOLE BOGEY

Bogey postponed – Course unfit to play.

January 20th 1979

Terry Ogden is made new Captain – rang to congratulate him

January 22nd 1979 – MEETING for Girls' Championship

Pam Cookson, Sue Graveley, Bunty Booth, Joyce Fisher and I met to discuss plans for Girls' Championship to be held at Hale on April 19th. For girls 18 or under. No one to win more than one prize. Decided that girls either with a LGU handicap or with one valid LGU card can enter. Entry fee 75p to cover tea, sandwiches, cake and gratuities.

18 hole Competition Prizes for Championship, 2nd place, best 9 holes, best gross.

Carol Comboy will give a pep talk to girls at tea time.

Paid for all 5 lunches then stayed for bridge until 4.30.

Thursday January 25th 1979 - MEDAL

Not possible to play because of state of course so January medal has to be abandoned. It cannot be played after 31st January of the current year – LGU rule!

January 29th 1979 – COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting at Club. All present except Gertrude Whitehead who had no car.

Thursday February 1st 1979 - MEDAL

Postponed due to amount of snow and frost on the course. Do hope next week will be better.

Thursday February 8th 1979 - MEDAL

January Bogey to be played today if possible!

As the January Medal has to be played before January 31st of the current year, due to weather conditions the medal for January has had to be abandoned.

So today we played the **February Medal!** Anne Hellawell and Barbara Hope both with 79 qualify. Very good scores in view of weather which was terribly cold and the frozen condition of the course. The fifth temporary green was a sheet of ice. All temporary greens. Hardly championship golf but we had some exercise. Mary Moore was my partner, she did an 84. I did 93 – terrible!

February 9th 1979

Bill Smith, Chairman of the House Committee died after heart attack aged approx. 57.

Extremely cold with strong winds.

February 14th 1979

Eric and I with Joyce Fisher went to Bill Smith's funeral at St Brides Church, Stretford. Hale Golf Club very well represented. Extremely cold wind with snow showers. Returned to Club for a light lunch. Got a bit jolly – usual reaction after a funeral!

Thursday February 15th 1979 - BOGEY

V cold, intense frost. Joyce and I debated about holding Bogey Comp. Went down at 9.30 to inspect first 3 holes. Decided it was iron hard but playable by enthusiasts. No one turned up to play by 10.30, so went home.

Started to snow about 12.00, so no one played. Went to club with difficulty at 4pm as was snowing hard. Saw Joyce re dinner on 28th March.

February 16th 1979

Attended funeral of Wilfred Mercer at St Georges Church Altrincham. Good number of representatives from Hale Golf Club.

Thursday February 22nd 1979 – 15 HOLE BOGEY

Temporary greens but no snow on course. Played with Bunty Booth and qualified – 6 down. 4 qualifiers – myself, Diana Komrower, Anne Hellawell, Yvonne Turner.

Thursday March 1st 1979 - MEDAL

Good day with just a small shower about 12.30. Played with Jean Wallwork who returned 81. I qualified with 77.

Extraordinary Meeting – held after tea to discuss menus for proposed dinner for Ladies. Decided after discussion to have a Hot Pot Supper on March 28th. Followed by Peach Pavlova with cream, cheese and biscuits and coffee. Price - £3 per head to include one drink beforehand but not a mixer. Decided not to have a New Members coffee morning as there is only one new member.

Thursday March 8th 1979 – roll up

Very cold. Played on temporary greens.

Thursday March 15th 1979 – 18 HOLE BOGEY

Played on permanent greens for first time this year. Played with Rae Woodhouse who did NR. I was 10 down. Quite a good field. Won by Diana Komrower who was 4 down. Jean Wallwork, Lesley Freeman and Pip Nichols qualify.

Very cold day with snow showers.

Went back to club with Eric for films of the 1973 and 1978 Open. Between films there was free whisky served by Buchanans. Not quite a full house, but just a comfortable number. Home about 10.30.

Thursday March 22nd 1979 – 18 HOLE BOGEY

Played with Pam Bronnert. I was 11 down. Won by Madge Nichols.

March 28th 1979

Went to club, arranged for Committee to have wine – 3 bottles at £3.50. At 4.30 met Joyce and Gordon Willcocks and did draw for Mixed Foursomes Knockout. Came home and changed and went for Barbara Hope and Rae Woodhouse. At club just before 7pm. Everyone came to dinner apart from Ruth Wood and Joyce Wainwright, 55 in all.

The president – Wilfred Tetlow – provided port for everyone. Short speech by me then Bingo apart from 4 who played bridge. Collected about 11.30 by Reg Hope. Too tired to sleep. Everyone voted it a success!

Thursday March 29th 1979 – 15 HOLE STABLEFORD

Very wet under foot – lots of casual water but we played. Heavy going. Played with Sylvia Fish who tied with Pam Ogden on 24 points. Sylvia winning on second nine. Prize was a table candle lamp. Also free samples of perfume for everyone.

At my table I had: Muriel Jenkins, Sylvia Fish, Della von Arx, Constance Dobson, Pip Nichols, Elaine Rocca and Joyce Fisher.

April 2nd 1979 – LADIES AFTERNOON BRIDGE

End of Term party, nicely arranged by Hilda Dawson who retired after doing all the arranging of the Monday pm Bridge for 3 years. Played Progressive Contract. Won by Sylvia Fish. Various prizes. Asked Elaine to thank Hilda as I had only been going to Bridge this year. All very successful. Hilda given a plant.

Thursday April 5th 1979 - MEDAL

Had to ask Elaine to deal with the Medal as we had family bereavement and had to be in Scarborough. Winner was Pam Ogden with nett 78.

April 11th 1979 – COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting at HGC at 10.30. Barbara Hauser sent apologies. Bunty Booth came to discuss arrangement for Girls' County Championship. Joyce Fisher to be the starter. 20 entries, 3 spotters, 4 roving referees. Tea at 4.15 – 45p.

Ladies Dinner voted a success, but tickets need to be sold in advance in future.

Thursday April 12th 1979 - CORONATION FOURSOMES

Played in heavy showers. Winners – Bunty Booth and myself with nett 80. Also presented prize in silver division to Pat Brown and Bronze division to Maude James.

The prize for the Coronation Foursomes was a little silver vase each – most attractive. Next round to be played at Otley on June 26th or Gleneagles on June 27th. Think we will opt for Otley as Summer Meeting is on 28th.

Thursday April 19th 1979 – COUNTY GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP

County Girls' Championship at HGC! Went to club for afternoon. Eden Grimshaw deputised in the morning as it was Martin Israel's funeral.

Mrs Carol Comboy – Captain of Great Britain, Mrs Margaret Burtill - Lady President of Cheshire, Miss Bunty Booth – Captain of Cheshire. Mrs Pam Cookson – Junior Manager and Mrs Sue Graveley – Assistant Junior Manager. 19 entries. Handicaps of 6 to 36. 8 out of 19 went round in par or under. One girl did a nett 55, but was beaten on the back 9.

Gave prize for best 9 gross. Prize was golf caddie with 4 Dunlop 65, tees, markers, towel etc. Won by Julie Adams of Heswall.

Mrs Comboy gave a short talk afterwards about practicing etc. A very successful day with the Morans working hard serving teas to relatives and caddy pullers. Good team tea – everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

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April 20th 1979

Hale Junior Comp – cancelled due to lack of support.

April 23rd 1979 – BELL CUP 1ST ROUND

First round of Bell Cup – at home against Macclesfield. Fortunate with weather, after rain in morning. Pat Brown, Pam Ogden and Sylvia Fish won their matches, so Macclesfield won by 4 games to 3. Pleasant people.

Thursday April 26th 1979 - BOGEY

Saturday April 28th 1979 – SPRING GALLOP

Mixed Stableford Foursomes. Many people affected by flu. The captain, Joyce Fisher and Max Sunderland unable to play. Played in good weather. Course in excellent order. Won with 38 points by John Nichols and myself.

Monday April 30th 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Hale v Heaton Moor at home. Occasional hail showers but mostly sunny and cold. Team was: Sylvia Fish, Pam Ogden, Yvonne Turner, Vicky Cameron, Pat Brown, myself and Anne Hellawell. We won.

Thursday May 3rd 1979 - MEDAL

Won by Mary Moore with 70.

Monday May 7th 1979 – COUNTY MATCH WEEK at STOCKPORT

I pulled for Joyce Hunter, starting at 1.14pm. Water everywhere so we were told that the comp was now reduced to 9 holes which were played with great difficulty as the greens were under water. Got back about 3pm only to be told that the singles comp was void!!

May 9th 1979

First fine day for weeks.

Thursday May 10th 1979 – MEDAL PRIZE

Another very wet day. Played with Barbara Townend who played well and returned a 76. Pam Ogden won with at 73 – good score in view of the weather. Diana Komrower gave prize and had done lovely flowers.

May 11th 1979

Rang Stockport – no play to be reconsidered at lunchtime. Rang at 2pm to be told presentations were already in progress. Lancashire first, Yorkshire second and Cheshire third. Very sorry to have missed the end. Left a plant for Bunty. Think she must have had a very anxious time with such an appallingly wet week.

Sunday May 13th 1979 – SUNDAY FROLIC

Run by Corinne and Andy Veitch. Won by Mr and Mrs Cameron with 28 points. Lovely day.

Monday May 14th 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Hale v Knutsford away. Beautiful day. Went to Knutsford with Pam Ogden and met rest of team there. Lady Captain of Knutsford is Mona Brittain – very nice. We saw the teams off and then had 9 holes together. Course was looking lovely with pair of cuckoos very near. Hale won. 4 game to 3. Very close. Elaine Rocca, Pam Ogden, Pat Brown and Bunty Booth won their matches.

Wednesday May 16th 1979 – VICTORY CUP

Good field, about 40. The weather broke today after 5 lovely days and the evening was almost fine with occasional rain. Mary Moore and I played with the Captain and Charles Fish. Very enjoyable game. Men won 3/2.

The result was a victory for the men, 6 games to 2 with 4 halved. Dinner was: egg mayonnaise, steak and kidney pie, veg and potatoes, fruit salad and cream, cheese and biscuits. Wine and liqueurs.

Mr Captain made a speech and announced a cocktail party to be held the day after Captain's Day to the ladies. Reply by myself in verse – novelty seemed to go down well, thank heavens.

Gordon Willcocks provided flowers for the ladies but was not present owing to his housekeeper's illness.

Thursday May 17th 1979 – HILDA TIMPSON MEDAL

Quite a good field. Played in mixed weather with the odd outbreak of thunder and quite heavy rain from time to time. Won by Gertrude Whitehead. The prize was a china plant pot and a matching saucer.

Monday May 21st 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Hale v Sandiway at home. Slight rain as we started but managed to keep fine until after tea when there was a mammoth thunder storm. Over an inch of rain had fallen on the course yesterday and during the night so there were pools but the course is in good condition.

Team: Pam Ogden, Rae Woodhouse, Bunty Booth, Sylvia Fish, Diana Komrower, Madge Nichols all won. Elaine Rocca halved. Very good win.

I played against the Lady Captain, Dora Hickson who was very pleasant. We had 12 holes and halved the game. Returned to the clubhouse where Tina Moran was on the David Hamilton Show and had just answered 5 questions correctly and then had 10 more – got 4 of them. She won LP's.

Thursday May 24th 1979 – MAY ASHTON EVENING MEDAL

Very wet and thunder and lightning. Decided to allow people to play throughout the day so that there was no congestion in the evening. First couple went out at 9.25. I went out at 1.15. 4.00 evening couples started out.

Dinner was chicken casserole, potatoes, mixed veg. Cherry pie and cream. Cheese and biscuits and coffee. Cost was £2.50 payable at time of putting name down. Most people good about paying up. 49 sat down to dinner. Winner was Pat Shenton with 70 nett. Joyce Fisher was second with 75 nett.

John Moran played us the tape of Tina answering questions on the David Hamilton Show. Think everyone enjoyed it. Came home 11.10. Decided to pay for wine at top table – 3 bottles for £7.50.

Thursday May 31st 1979 - BOGEY

After very heavy overnight rain the course was waterlogged but the bogey was played. Heavy going. Won by Diana Komrower with 1 down. A Mrs Shirley Maxwell (prospective new member) came with Margaret Hyde for tea. Seems very nice.

Monday June 4th 1979 – BRIDGFORD 1ST DAY

Played in good weather for a change. Pat Shenton returned a 65 nett. Anne Hellawell a 68 and reduced to 25. I did badly as did Anne Veitch. We both returned 84. Horrible!

Thursday June 7th 1979 – BRIDGFORD 2ND DAY

Rather uncertain weather but it managed to keep fine until about 4.30. Pat Shenton won the Bridgford trophy with a 65 on Monday and a 73 today. Her prize was a Royal Worcester pie dish with bird pastry raiser. She seemed please and made a good speech of thanks.

Anne Hellawell was second and received a cook book holder – rather nice! Pat Brown won the Moir cup with 84 and 86.

June medal was won by Diana Komrower with 71 nett, followed by Pat Brown, Elaine Rocca, Anne Hellawell and Muriel Jenkins – all on 73 nett.

Monday June 11th 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Hale v Sandiway away. Lovely day. Hale won 5 games to 2. Beautiful course. Played 10 holes with Lady Captain. Rae Woodhouse, Diana Komrower, Pat Brown, Sylvia Fish and Bunty Booth all won. Yvonne Turner and Madge Nichols lost.

June 12th 1979

Ringway Invitation Day. Could not putt. Long game all right.

June 13th 1979

Eden Grimshaw dies suddenly.

Thursday June 14th 1979 – CAPTAIN'S DAY

Not bad weather. Heavy shower about 4 pm.

All overshadowed by Eden Grimshaw's death. Played with Della von Arx and did 76. She did 77.

Was back at club at about 4pm. Captain came at 4.15. Waited till 4.45 then called ladies in for tea and when the last players were in I got up and spoke of Eden. Captain followed and endorsed my sentiments and asked people to stand for a minute. Tea was resumed and the awful silence was broken and the atmosphere returned to normal.

I then welcomed the Captain briefly and he spoke well and told a funny story about a woman trying to fill a petrol tank in the desert from a child's chamber pot. Watched by Arabs in a Cadillac who said they admired her faith!

Captain's Prize was won by Muriel Jenkins with a 72. Prize was a very nice coffee jug with 4 gaelic coffee glasses. Muriel made an amusing speech as she had helped the Captain to choose the prize from their shop.

Second was Madge Nichols and myself with 76. Cocktail Party followed. £250 won by M Berner. Far too long a day – home about 9.30.

June 19th 1979

Very hot day. Went to St Peter's Church for Eden Grimshaw's funeral. A good number there. Thought the service far too impersonal. The parson could have done some homework and said a few words about her. Brought Marjory Wolff back to lunch with us.

Thursday June 21st 1979 - BOGEY

Due to play with Jean Duthie but she was ill and could not manage it. Went to club and saw Joyce and discussed Summer Meeting with her and Tina. Also tea on Lady Captain's Day. Went to Harlech in afternoon with Bunty Booth.

Diana Komrower won the June Bogey with 3 down. Sheila Gold was second with 4 down.

Friday June 22nd 1979 – HARLECH INVITATION DAY

Played with Bunty Booth and got 28 points. Came down badly on second nine after 16 points in first nine. Played with Joyce Christian-Jones and Margaret Russell. They also had 28 points. 35 points won.

Sunday June 24th 1979

Mere Invitation Day. Alas, Eric not well. Had to ring and cancel.

Monday June 25th 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Hale v Crewe at home. Nice day in spite of forecast. Pleasant crowd from Crewe. Their Lady Captain was playing on the team so I did not go down until tea time.

Match was halved 3 ½ - 3 ½

Bunty Booth, Sheila Gold and Pat Brown lost. Anne Hellawell, Sylvia Fish and Diana Komower won. Madge Nichols halved.

Tuesday June 26th 1979 – CORONATION FOURSOMES

At Otley Golf Club. Bunty and I drove over together and met up and played with Dora Hickson and partner of Sandiway GC. Lovely day. Nice course and all very well organised. Great snag was the stream which cut across the course and in which we were three times. The last being when Bunty drove at the short hole straight into the stream and lost the ball for good. We returned 86 – BAD. Royal Lytham pair won with a 71 – very good. Some good scores and nice prizes. Would have paid to have played the course the day before, but we enjoyed it anyway.

Thursday June 28th 1979 – SUMMER MEETING

Stableford Foursomes in the morning. 8some Frolic in the afternoon. Fortunately it kept fine all day. Felt thundery and warm but it did not rain which was a great help. Anne Hellawell and Jennifer Morton had done the flowers which were lovely.

Went out at 9.35 with Gertrude as partner and played with Joyce Fisher and Pat Shenton. They went off like rockets and were getting birdies in great style – 19 points in first half. Alas did not do well later and ended with 30 points. Gertrude and I did 28. Won by E Yearsley and Janet Cookson with 38 points. Prize were Royal Worcester ramekins.

Lunch was a buffet. Ham and tongue on the plates. Hot new potatoes, coleslaw, lettuce, beetroot and cucumber. Fruit salad and ice cream. Voted very good.

Eightsome reel after lunch was enjoyed by all. Many new members without handicaps played and they also took part in the putting competition. Putting was won by June Murray with 38 points. Prize of a casserole given by Joan Taylor.

Everyone said they had enjoyed the day. Stayed talking to D Perkin and Pam Bronnert until 6.45. Elaine Rocca not well enough to continue playing in the morning. Came back for lunch and did not appear again.

Monday July 2nd 1979 – FRIENDLY MATCH

Against Wilmslow at home. Cloudy day but no rain. 7 fours took part and we won 4 ½ to 2 ½.

Yvonne Turner and Pat Shenton, Anne Hellawell and Leslie Freeman, Maureen Harris and C Ransome, Maude Jones and ?, Mary Moore and Gwen Kirkness, Gertrude Whitehead and Cynthia Sunderland and Muriel Jenkins and Sheila Gold.

Thursday July 5th 1979 – Medal

Muriel Jenkins wins with nett 62

Thursday July 12th 1979 – LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY

A perfect summer day. Very hot but with a little breeze.

A big field, 68 sat down for tea which was rather a squash. Tina and John Moran worked hard to sit everyone comfortably. I took two tables down and we extended the top table so that the 'generals' could sit with me. Rest sat at small tables.

As the day was so hot Eric waited at the 9th with squash etc and these drinks were much appreciated. Tea was 1 round of sandwiches, scone each, plus a cake (Hale Bakery) for each table. (Perhaps too many cakes!) Paid Tina 75p per head. Eric paid for everyone to have strawberries and cream.

Some good scores, but Diana Komrower and Barbara Hope, playing together, returned 68 and 69 respectively. So Diana won the prize – gold rope bracelet with disc. Barbara won the prize for the bronze division which was a little basket in Crown Staffordshire china – Chelsea Manor.

Diana was very pleased to win and reduce her handicap to 12. Everyone most kind and appreciative. Many letters of thanks afterwards, which was nice. Certainly a day to remember.

As was decided at Committee, the entrance fee for the competition went to a Cancer Research fund. People were generous and paid over the entrance fee, the result was £16.50.

Thursday July 19th 1979 - BOGEY

Good conditions. Maude Jones and Rae Woodhouse were 3 up.

Monday July 23rd 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Ashton on Mersey v Hale away. A good day from the weather point of view. Went with team and we were pleasantly received. Saw team off and then I played 9 holes with their ex-Lady Captain – Eva. Flat, uninteresting course with wide ditch/stream which crosses the first fairway, just ready for the end of your drive! Fortunately it had been wired over for part of the length. Few bunkers – yet it seemed hard to score. We lost 7 – 1. First loss so far. Pam Ogden, Pat Brown, Anne Hellawell, Sylvia Fish, Madge Nicholls and Rae Woodhouse all lost. Diana Komrower won.

All very puzzling. We will see what happens at Hale next Monday when we play the return match. Nice tea made by the members. Lovely flowers.

Thursday July 26th 1979 – FIRST INVITATION DAY

A very hot day. Four played in the morning, the rest went out in the afternoon. Little Nancy had a table on the 9th with iced drinks – nearly all drank lime juice – and this was greatly appreciated.

Played Stableford Foursomes with Joyce Fisher and Joan Ellis (Knutsford) with Peggy W. Did not do as well as we should – 27 points.

Cost was £1.50 (30p entrance, 20p sweep, £1 for tea). 42 had tea. Made a short speech of welcome including Lady Captain of Cheshire, Lady President of Cheshire, ex-Lady Captain of Cheshire and Lady Captain of Mere. Winners were Pam Ogden and partner (A. Brookes) with 39 points. Second tied also with 39 were Anne Hellawell and E Turner and third was Anne Veitch and Anne Cox with 37 points.

Tea quite good – sandwiches, scones and cakes.

We should have gone out earlier – 4.30 too late for LC to be in! Early players dying for tea and J Moran getting edgy about the TNC. Did draw for 200 club. Jess Turner got £50.

Everyone came and said thank you very nicely. Think it was an enjoyable day. Felt relieved and glad it was all over.

First prize was Royal Worcester Pie Plates, 2nd was a pot with plant suspended in a shell rope hanger (seemed very popular). I paid 90p for the drinks given out by Nancy on the 9th and bought her a box of sweeties.

Monday July 30th 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Against Ashton on Mersey. A fine day in spite of awful forecast. Everyone rather keyed up for this after last week's defeat. Their team bought trolley pullers! We won 6 – 1. Rae Woodhouse lost but Pam Ogden, Diana Komrower, Madge Nichols, Sylvia Fish, Sheila Gold and Pat Shenton all won. Some close matches, but it is the result that matters!

Thursday 2nd August – MEDAL

Played with Connie Ransom and did a 79. Maude Jones, Diana Komrower and Mary Moore did a 72. Maude Jones wins spoon on second nine.

Thursday 9th August 1979 – STABLEFORD SINGLES

Pouring rain in early morning but it cleared and did not rain. Black clouds threatened but we were lucky. It was cool and windy. Margaret Hyde and Mrs Hyde Senior did the flowers beautifully. I did the table flowers.

Marjorie Wolff gave a lovely prize – frying pan with lid with a pretty pattern. Also a cream jug and basin for the other division.

Maude Jones won with 37 points and reduced to 25. Sylvia Fish won the cream jug and basin. Marjorie Wolff paid for the cakes for tea. But everyone paid 35p for sandwiches and scones. Not quite sure if this was a good idea as not everyone would want tea and sandwiches for 35p.

Friday 10th August 1979 – FRIENDLY MATCH

Against Warrington. Really enjoyed it. Course is hilly and difficult – obviously one you need to know which was quite evident in the results. Warrington 7 – Hale 0. Super tea of cream cakes enjoyed by all. I played with Cynthia Sunderland. Also playing were Pam Ogden, Yvonne Turner, Anne Hellawell and Anne Veitch.

Thursday August 16th 1979 – BOGEY

Quite a bright sunny morning but the weather quickly deteriorated and it was pouring around 3pm. Nevertheless, many couples soldiered on. Pat Shenton did a 2 down. Janet Mawson a 3 down and Mary Moore 6 down. Very good in view of conditions.

Monday August 20th 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Against Crewe away. Alas Hale lost 4 games to 3. All very sad about this. I did not go with the team.

Thursday August 23rd 1979

Not a good day – very wet and windy. Had arranged to play with Betty Williams but she did not feel well. Glad not to play.

Thursday 30th August 1979 – GREENSOME FOURSOMES

I was away. Won by Maude Jones and Anne Hellawell – 64. Madge Nichols and Elizabeth Gourlay – 69.5. Pat Shenton and Mary Forster with 74. Prizes were 2 teapots with detachable wicker handles – could be used for flowers.

Monday 3rd September 1979 – CHESHIRE SHIELD MATCH

Against Knutsford at home. Course had to be inspected because of heavy rain on the previous two days. 2nd and 8th greens had pools but Joe worked on them and it was decided to let the match proceed. Hale won 4 games to 3. Diana Komrower, Pam Ogden and Yvonne Turner lost. Sylvia Fish, Pat Shenton, Madge Nichols and Bunty Booth won. All very pleasant.

Thursday 6th September – MEDAL

Lovely day for golf. Played with Mary Forster who did 75. I did a 68 and won! Reduced to 23.

Tuesday September 11th 1979 – FRIENDLY MATCH

Pleasant day. Four couples played. Pam Ogden and Sheila Gold (lost), Elaine Rocca and Anne Hellawell (lost), Maude Jones and Jean Wallwork (won), Anne Veitch and Gwen Kirkness (won). All very friendly.

Thursday September 13th – 2nd VISITORS DAY

Lucky in having a good day. We set off at 12.30 Mary Moore and June Ormiston and myself and Margery Thorley. Margery and I played well together and went out in 20 back in 17 – having made an awful mess of 16th.

Joint winners on 37 points were Janet Cookson and myself! Janet Cookson and I won on the last 9. Thought the tea was poor - especially when compared with other clubs. Suggest we may pay more and have cakes that we can cut. Altogether a pleasant day. 36 took part. Prizes given by Madge Nichols and Della von Arx. Fruit bowls.

Thursday September 20th 1979 – BOGEY

Very windy and quite cold. But we were lucky in having little rain. Played with Marjory Pinnington (18). We both had difficulty coping with the wind and scored badly. Both cards NR. Won by Janet Cookson – 6 down!

Monday September 24th 1979 – SEMI FINALS OF EAST CHESHIRE SHIELD

Friendly match against Knutsford was postponed as we were in the semi-finals of the East Cheshire Shield. Semi finalists were Hale v Hazel Grove and Ringway v Macclesfield to be played at Heaton Moor at 12 noon. Team were: Diana Komrower, Pat Brown, Bunty Booth, Rae Woodhouse, Pam Ogden, Madge Nichols and Gwen Kirkness. Alas we lost, though it was a curious ending when it was learned on the 9th that our first four couples had lost and the match was declared won and over! Finalists were Hazel Grove and Macclesfield. Final to be played at Warrington.

Saturday September 29th 1979 – PRESIDENT'S PRIZE

Again, luck in the day. Big field. I played with the Captain and Eric with Gertrude Whitehead. We ended 6 down. Elaine Rocca / Donald Sutherland and Maureen / Ian Harris were 3 down. Harrises won on back nine. Prize was set of 6 cut glass wine glasses – a very handsome prize. The President had invited various guests but few were able to come for one reason or another. A nice day though I thought the tea needed some improvement. Very ordinary variety of sandwiches, cold sausage rolls, Mr Kipling cakes.

Sunday September 30th 1979 – MIXED FOURSOMES FINAL

Between Jimmy Hodson and Joan Bowker and Andrew and Corinne Veitch. Because Andrew had damaged his knee a fortnight ago the mixed had not been played. However, he said he was fit enough so it was agreed that they would play today. I went down at the 2pm start. Rae Woodhouse trolley pulled for Joan B and G Wainwright for Jimmy Hodson. The gallery started to gather as we went round and there was quite a crowd in the end.

A very good match. The Veitches went 2 up but the others got it back to All Square until Bowker and Hodson went 2 up after Joan did a splendid chip into the hole at the 15th. So after the 16th they were dormy 2. They then lost the 17th and 18th so they were All Square on the 18th. Off we went down the 19th and again they were All Square. At the 20th Corinne's drive landed in a bunker and Andrew failed to get out. Corinne got out but the other two were on the green in 3 and sank the putt. The Veitches got a 5. So a very good match. Prize was a clock given by Thomas Moore. Runners Up got 6 golf balls each.

Jimmy Hodson and Joan Bowker were married on Thursday 11th October.

Thursday 4th October 1979 – MEDAL

Fine, but only just. Played with Della von Arx and went out in 48 and back in 54 – got 11 at the 10th! Won by Barbara Townend with 72. Pat Shenton got 74.

Sunday 7th October 1979 – BECH CUP SEMI FINAL

Barbara Hope and Pat Shenton. Pat won 5 and 4.

Monday 8th October 1979, BECH CUP FINAL

Played on a fine day between Sheila Gold and Pat Shenton. Referee was Elaine Rocca. Good match. Quite a crowd. Pat Shenton won – 2 up. Gave cup in the large lounge. (only one table of bridge).

Had tea and home!

N.B. The Lady Captain referees the Charlton Final and the Ex Lady Captain the Bech Cup.

Had meeting at the club of the ex Captains and elected Sylvia Fish. Elaine and I went straight out to Dunham to her house. She said yes. Am very pleased.

Wednesday 10th October 1979 – COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Meeting of Committee held at 49 High Elm Road at 10.30. Everyone present. Treasurer reported £39 in the bank and £306.42 in the Building Society. Designs shown for Lady Captain's chair. Mary Moore most generously said that she would give the chair. Scores of Knock outs – Mary Moore said that this practice had been abandoned by other clubs but the Committee wish then to be retained.

Committee: Anne Hellawell and Barbara Hauser are retiring. Nominations are to be called for.

Meeting followed by drinks and a light lunch.

Thursday 11th October – MEDAL FINAL

Despite the forecast the day was warm and fine with quite a lot of sun. Played with Sheila Gold at 9.35. Course was very damp and heavy at that time and we could not putt! Sheila NR and I got 83. Won by Mary Moore with 74– a popular win. Only about 22 for tea.

I asked for nominations for Committee for AGM and announced that Charlton Final and Ladies Foursomes Final would be on October 25th.

Prize for Medal Final was a stainless steel tray plus Marjorie Wolff's picture of the 3rd tee (only held for a year). Announced Lady Captain Elect was Sylvia Fish.

Joan Bowker and Jimmy Hodson married at St Peter's.

Sunday 13th October 1979 – LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE FROLIC

Organised by Joyce Fisher. Entrance fee put at 50p. Elaine Rocca did not approve!

Good entry. Won by Mr and Mrs Alistair Brown with 35 points. Second – Mr and Mrs A Veitch and Third by Charles and Sylvia Fish with 29 points. First prize was a bottle of wine each. Second prize two golf balls each and third prize – one golf ball each. Prize for anyone getting 4 points at the 11th – won by Mr and Mrs Jimmy Hodson (divot forks). Booby prize- a bag of nuts was won by Billy and Barbara Kennedy. Good fun, and good fine afternoon. 40 took part.

Thursday 18th October – BOGEY FINAL

Beautiful day. Played with Lesley Freeman but neither of us played well round the greens. I was 11 down. Won by Rae Woodhouse with 2 down.

Thursday 25th October – CHARLTON FINAL

The Ladies Foursomes Final had to be postponed as Maude Jones was ill. The Charlton Final was between Madge Nichols and Corinne Veitch. Despite the awful weather forecast the afternoon was fine and we set off at 1.30. Della von Arx pulled for Madge and Anne Veitch for Corinne. Corinne won on the 18th, 2 up. Good match. Presented Charlton Cup and a silver plate posey bowl to Corinne and some oven gloves and a matching wooden spoon rest. Stood tea for the LC table. Corinne stood everyone a drink.

Thursday November 1st 1979 – MEDAL

Won by Madge Nichols with a 70.

Thursday November 8th 1979 – CAPTAIN V SECS MATCH

A wonderful Autumn day apart from one clap of thunder and a little rain at 12.30. 32 took part. In spite of the Lady Captain and Margaret Lambert losing to Joyce Fisher and Barbara Sturrock the rest of LC's team did well and we won 5 games to 3.

Prizes: pitchmark forks tied with gold ribbon. Elaine got up and made a nice speech then presented me with the LGU pendant which was awarded for winning the September Medal (I had forgotten about it!).

Heard at Club that Rae Kahla and John Walton were involved in a car crash near Worcester and Rae is hurt.

Thursday November 15th 1979 – BOGEY

Anne Hellawell wins 2 down

