

# CHLCGA

Cambs & Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the CHLCGA Committee Meeting held on **Monday 18 July 2016** at The  
Cambridgeshire Hotel

**Present** Jacquie Richardson (President), Di Nicolson (Treasurer), Val Musson (Hon Secretary), Sue Hill (Captain), Hazel Suswain (Vets Captain), Maureen Mansfield (Junior Organiser), Wendy Cox (Handicap Advisor), Trina Miller (Competition Secretary/East Regional Delegate), Rosemary Rennie (Asst. Competition Secretary), and Club Delegates from Abbotsley, Bourn, Brampton Park, Cambridge Meridian, Ely City, Girton, Gog Magog, Heydon Grange, Lakeside Lodge, Links Newmarket, March, Old Nene, Royston, Saffron Walden, St Neots, and The Cambridgeshire

**Apologies** Greta Barclay (Press Officer), Tina Broadley (SS Assessor), Ina Hartley (Webmaster), Cindy McIntyre (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain), and Shirley Osbourn (Brampton) - alternate rep, Lesley Armstrong (Old Nene) - alternative rep, Jill Gamlin (Ely)- alternative rep, Sue Akers (Barkway Park), Jan Osborne (Cromwell) and Diane Clitheroe (Ramsey)

## **1 Minutes of the previous meeting**

VM requested two amendments:

- County Championship dates 2017 should read 19/20/21 May (not 22/23/2/4 May)
- County Championship 2018 – dates deleted

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 April 2016 were agreed, subject to the above amendments, as a correct record. Proposed by Richardson and approved by all.

## **2. Matters arising County Match Week**

JR reported that following extensive dialogue following the last meeting, the decision to withdraw from County Match Week had been reversed and that CHLGA had participated. A specific report will be provided by SH, Team Manager.

## **3. Correspondence received**

VM reported that Jane McGuffog had resigned from the post of Training Officer. The committee expressed their thanks for all her hard work during her term of office.

Other key documents

- England Golf Annual review 2015
- England Golf 2016 Directory
- England Golf: Affiliation Fee Collection Process changes 2017

#### 4. **President's report**

Since our last meeting there have been many events taking place across the county and the season seems to be going too fast.

We have had Div 1 at Bourn, the County Championships at St Nets where Jade Guest won and we believe she is the youngest ever winner of the event.

We also had the Division 2 at Ely, Div 3 at Saffron Walden and County Week at Bishops Stratford Golf Club and the 4/Somes championship at St Ives.

The relevant officers will report on all these very successful events but I would like to say a big thank you to all the clubs for allowing us to use their courses and to Trina and the relevant club delegates, for making all these events run so smoothly and successfully. We all give up our unpaid time, to ensure that these events are run as best possible and everyone has, once again done a fabulous job, I thank you all.

The Jean Wilkinson, Grace Norman, Scratch League and Scratch Foursomes matches have all been progressing and I would like to thank Rosemary with the help of Ina for keeping the website up-to-date with all the results, arranging all the events, and the forthcoming finals and good luck to all the players and clubs involved in these finals.

I have attended a number of meetings for the Junior County Match Days that we are hosting at The Cambridgeshire from 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> August this year. Please come along to support our girls. Maureen Mansfield and her committee work extremely hard with the juniors and I personally would like to thank her and her team for all their commitment, support and encouragement that they give and we really do have some really good juniors in our teams now.

My Presidents day is fast approaching where all the money raised during the day through the Tombola and Squares Raffle will support our Junior girls. Any prize donations from you or your club members would be much appreciated. These can be collected from anywhere or delivered on the day. The event this year is now full and all the successful entries have been informed. I am planning this year to run the event from a "shotgun start" to enable us to accommodate all those who have entered. The new Club House is open at The Old Nene so if you want a look around please feel free to arrange a day out there (the Past Captains from Girton were there last week).

Finally, JR confirmed the **Captains/Vice Captains meeting will take place on Saturday 28 January 2017.**

## 5. Treasurer's report

The County finances are in a very healthy position having a reasonable surplus after the majority of county events have taken place.

### Bank Accounts as at 13/07/2016

• Treasurers Account:	£20467.06
• Deposit Account:	£15021.17
• Daphne Haddock	£23665.73
• Junior Account:	£2540.72

Funds received from Affiliated Clubs: £12199.00

Income from County Cards £ 1404.00

### Costs associated with Divisional Meetings

Division 1	Net Loss	£161.89
Division 2	Net Loss	£122.91
Division 3	Net Loss	£158.40
County Champs	Net Loss	£724.39
Foursomes	Net Loss	£402.17

Costs associated with County Week £4346.35

## 6. Secretary's report

Since the last meeting I have continued to field a variety of communications received.

The most important one is probably from England Golf and relates to changes to the way in which affiliation fees will be collected from 2017. I am in the process of setting up a meeting with the CAGU treasurer and secretary to consider the implications and agree a way forward.

Information in folder for collection (hard copy plus sent out electronically)

- Mary Cole Rose Bowl entry form
- JW draw 2017
- GN draw 2017
- Provisional fixture list 2017

## 7. Team Manager's report

As reported above the previous decision to withdraw from the 2016 County Match Week was reversed – this followed extensive feedback from senior county players and discussion with squad members, Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall.

Arrangements proceeded swiftly after this with the Team Manager taking on much of the general administration with Marcella taking on the role of playing Captain.

The players who represented Cambs & Hunts were: Marcella Tuttle (Captain), Sarah

Greenall, Jackie Ewing, Caroline Bird, Laura Tuttle , Claire Tuttle all from Links Newmarket; Tina Broadly and Laura Todd from Ely City; Sarah Jones and Jade Guest from Gog Magog; Paula Ewing from St Ives and Sarah Peeke- Vout from Girton.  
Reserve: Lesley Gilchrist

The week went very smoothly, although the Monday and Thursday were both rain affected. The overall winners were Norfolk with 27½ points, followed by Herts on 27, Suffolk on 25½ , Essex on 22½, Beds on 16½ and Cambs & Hunts on 7½. A full summary of all games and results are on our website. We were all pleased to see Norfolk win because they are one of our original four counties and it shows that the smaller counties really do have a chance of getting to the National Finals later in the year.

Despite the overall result, all the team members were commended on their personal achievements and resilience against strong opposition. A number of matches were very close.

A number of lessons can be learnt from our experience this year. Key issues include:

- team selection must start in September.
- all county players with low handicaps should be invited to meet and find out what is involved.
- we need to put in place a team building strategy, training is not appropriate because players will have their own coaches.
- early commitment and planning for next year, which will be at Hunstanton, is essential
- the importance of appointing a Team Captain

#### **8. Training Officer report**

This post is currently vacant

County Development Committee is currently reviewing the structure of the County team set-up and formulating a team building strategy.

#### **9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain report**

Cindy McIntyre was not able to attend due to a county match commitment. VM presented her report.

We have had one match this season so far against Norfolk at Bourn, which is in fabulous condition at the moment. Although there are team selection limitations, this year we managed to field a full team. The team was Rosemary Walker (Girton), Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey), Karen Cox (Brampton), Ella Mason (Ely), Emily Smith (Royston) and myself (Bourn).

Young Ella Mason, from the junior squad, made her 2nd team debut and managed to secure a win in the morning foursomes with Emily Smith, who is just returning from a knee injury. Karen Cox also made her debut and acquitted herself well. Rosemary Walker and Lucy Mills-Cripps also secured a foursomes victory and we

went in 2-1 up at lunchtime. The afternoon singles were a different story though. Norfolk are a strong team and they overpowered us, with only County Plate Winner Lucy Mills-Cripps winning in the afternoon for us. All the matches were very close though and we gained two more wins than last year. The final result was 6-3 to Norfolk. If we can get just two more rubbers next year we will beat them, which is something to aim for.

#### **10. Veteran's Captain report**

HS reported that since the last meeting we have played three matches and have attained progressively better results.

In the scratch fixture against Essex at Bourn, we had the upper hand over the first 9 holes but Essex finished strongly to win 3 of the 4 matches. Helen Verrechia, playing in her first match and partnered by Tina Broadley had a resounding 7 and 5 win. Unfortunately, this was our last match with Essex as they are participating in a league event and need to reduce commitments.

Heydon Grange was our next venue for a handicap match. There were 3 ladies representing Cambs and Hunts for the first time and some returning to Vets golf after a break which was great. This is always a very friendly fixture played in great spirit and the result was a very honourable half of 4 points each.

Norfolk were our next opponents at the very testing St Ives course. The match started in light rain which developed into a downpour with some greens temporarily flooding. The match was abandoned but all groups managed to play 9 holes. The result of the 9 hole match was a win for Cambs and Hunts of 2 and a half to one and a half.

Next week we play an away match against Bedfordshire. It has been difficult to get a full team of 8 pairs for this fixture and we have reduced the scratch pairs from the usual 4 to 3. Hopefully our success will continue.

#### **11. Junior Organiser's report**

Since our last meeting the Development Squad have been very busy with their monthly training at Girton and two tour events, one at Ely On Par and one at Bourn. A number of new girls joined after they had attended our Spring Meeting and came along through word of mouth.

The Development Squad continues to grow and we now have about 40 girls on our book. Rosemary Hay does an excellent job with organising them. I enjoy watching them interacting with each other and having fun, which at that age is what it is all about. Some of the girls from the main squad have been unable to attend the training sessions because of important exams which is disappointing for us but we understand, as it is for their future. We have therefore had limited numbers for this training and have just held one session and not two as planned. However, the girls promised after the end of June they will get back on the golf course and practice for our big event in August, and they are.

We have had two second team matches against Suffolk and Norfolk, both away, and unfortunately narrowly losing both. We had some very young girls playing because of exams but they all enjoyed the experience and were a credit to the County and, in my opinion, it bodes well for the future.

The knock-out rounds for the Alison Cunningham and Mansfield Salver Trophies have been played and it is hoped to play the semi- finals and finals on one day on a neutral course still to be arranged.

Our Junior Championship which was to be held on the 1 June at Girton had to be cancelled because of bad weather and course closure. It is now arranged for Monday 1st August. Whilst very disappointing at the time, it does mean that all the main squad are now able to play which will make it a better Championship.

Some of our girls played in the Ladies County Championship at St Neots and all did very well and enjoyed the experience. We are, however, particularly proud of Jade Guest who won the event and we believe was the youngest to do so.

Our next big event is the East Region Junior County Match Days, which are to be held here at The Cambridgeshire on the 15 - 17 August. Since we have to play in handicap order Jade will be leading the field and with our County Junior Captain, Chloe Ashman, we will be hoping to collect the trophy at the end. A small committee, consisting of our President Jacquie, Greta Barclay, Rosemary Hay and myself have been organising this event for the past few months and are confident everything is now in place for welcoming our visiting teams from Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. The hotel and golfing staff at the Cambridgeshire have been excellent and thanks go to all the golf Club members who have offered their services. All we need now is good weather and some excellent golf, but in particular we also need some support, so please try and encourage some of your members to come along wearing something pale blue to support our girls – it would be much appreciated. It is also enjoyable for the girls to have some cards to wish them good luck, so if you can get your ladies sections to send them one it would be great.

## **12. Competition Secretary report**

TM reported that, since taking over in February, five competitions have been completed with a certain measure of success. She has been ably supported by Rosemary Rennie and, so far, competitors seem to be happy with our organisation.

Division 1 proved to be our greatest challenge with terrible weather throughout the day and much credit to all involved for completing morning and afternoon events. County Championship, Div2 and Div 3 all went well with excellent support from the respective club delegates. All felt that their involvement made their role more relevant and interesting. The County Foursomes proved a little more challenging due to some communication difficulties. Nevertheless we overcame some problems with excellent help from St Ives GC staff and no damage was done to our reputation.

The entry form for the Mary Cole Rose Bowl has been sent out electronically. Closing date 2 August.

TM offered some general observations. The workload of the Competitions Secretary is considerable and runs across the whole season. This does prove to be a barrier to people volunteering for this specific role. Based on her experience this year, she believes most club delegates would welcome a more active role in the running of events when they are the host club. Such a shared approach would be beneficial and is something we should consider for the future. Clearly this would need careful planning and preparation of and support for club delegates as the logistics can be complex, but in her view is the way forward.

TM went on to confirm the following dates and venues for the 2017 fixtures:

- **County Championship:** Ramsey GC - 19/20/21 May
- **Div 1:** Ely GC - Tues 25 April
- **Div 2:** St Neots GC - Tues 13 June
- **Div 3:** Links GC - Tues 20 June
- **Foursomes Championship:** Royston GC - Mon 3 July
- **Vets:** Brampton Park GC - Thurs 10 Aug
- **Officials Cup:** Girton GC - Wed 20 Sept
- **Autumn Foursomes** - tbc
- **Mary Cole Rose Bowl:** St Ives GC - Fri 1 Sept

### 13. Assistant Competition Secretary report

**The Grace Norman Trophy:** The four teams through to the semi-finals are Bourn, who will play Saffron Walden and Brampton Park who will play Royston. The matches will be played at Links Golf Club on Tuesday 26 July. Thanks to Margaret Beckley, club delegate and Links Golf Club who have been very helpful in organising this event.

**The Jean Wilkinson Trophy:** The Jean Wilkinson Trophy is due to finish at the end of July and so far, the winner of Group 1 is Brampton Park, Group 2 is Lakeside Lodge, Group 3 is Ely City and results of the final match in Group 4 are awaited before confirming the group winner.

Congratulations to Lakeside for winning their Group but as a result, we will be unable to hold the semi-finals at their course as shown in the Fixture List as they have to be held at a neutral club. Ramsey Golf Club has kindly agreed to host the event which will now take place on Friday, 9 September. RR apologised for the change of date and hope that it won't inconvenience the clubs involved.

**Scratch Foursomes:** results of the latest round are awaited.

**Scratch League:** This is now underway and the results have been published on the website.

The draw for the 2017 Grace Norman and Jean Wilkinson competitions have been made and sent out to club delegates. Hard copies also available for collection today.

The issue of the role of caddies was discussed, as there appears to be variable interpretation at club level. Confirmed that the role as specified in the rules of golf applied. Rule 8-1 states:

*“A caddie is someone who assists the player in accordance with the Rules, which may include carrying or handling the player’s clubs during play.”*

Caddies are therefore allowed to attend the flagstick in accordance with Rule 17 and give advice if requested by the player. RR will produce a guidance document, which will be circulated to clubs accordingly.

**14. Handicap Advisor Report**

Nothing to report

**15. Regional Delegate report**

**Australian Spoons Regional Final:** This event will take place at Brampton Park Golf Course on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August. To date 94 entries have been received from across the region. TM will be the main organiser and as a result will not be able to attend the County Vets Competition - Rosemary Rennie will take over the Vets competition with support from Jacquie.

**16. SS Assessor report**

Tina Broadley was unable to attend the meeting, so VM presented a report on her behalf.

Reported that final arrangements to course rate Thorpe Wood on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July are being made. TB asked for volunteers to help.

**17. New/any other business**

**a. Workshop for Club delegates**

In recent months we have received several requests for clarification regarding the role and responsibilities of the Club Delegates. Following discussion at the executive committee meeting it has been agreed that an interactive workshop (approximately 2 hours) for club delegates would be organised for December 2016. Dates have been agreed as follows (venues to be booked):

- 1900 hrs Monday 5 December
- 1400 hrs Wednesday 7 December

Delegates will be able to nominate their workshop of choice. Key issues for discussion will include exploring the role of club delegates, ways in which the county can raise its profile and increasing participation in county competitions.

The club delegates welcomed this proposal.

**b. Electronic payment of entry fees**

Confirmed that Di Nicolson is currently exploring the logistics of electronic payment, but no decisions made as yet.



**18. Club Delegates report**

- **Ely City** – the Ladies Forum continues to work well as an alternative to a formal committee. The Get into Golf programme for ladies is proving very successful as is the ‘buddy’ system
- **Gog Magog** – Miranda Brain is participating in the European University Games in Croatia
- **Links** – looking forward to hosting the Grace Norman semi-finals and final
- **March** – confirmed that for a variety of reasons they will not be entering the Jean Wilkinson competition in 2017
- **Saffron Walden** – had enjoyed hosting the Division 3 meeting and thanked JR, TM and RR for their support
- **St Neots** – enjoyed hosting the County Championship
- **The Cambridgeshire** – looking forward to hosting the East Region Junior Match days

**19. Date and time of next meeting**

1400 hrs Monday 19 September at Girton GC

**Dates of future meetings**

1400 Monday 17 October at Girton GC

1400 Thursday 24 November at Gog Magog (AGM)

**Signed**

**Date**