



A Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held on **Monday 21st July** at Girton Golf Club at 6.30 pm

Present:

Mrs Mo Poole (President), Mrs J Richardson (Secretary & Regional Delegate), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Maureen Mansfield (CJO), Edie Douglas (Vets Captain), Mrs J Fieldhouse (Assist Competition Secretary), Sharren Kjenstad (2nd Team Captain), Representatives/Deputies/Officials from 15 Clubs: Bourn, Brampton Park, Cambridge Meridian, Cambridge Menzies, Cromwell, Ely City, Girton, Gog Magog, Lakeside Lodge, March, Ramsey, Saffron Walden, St Neots and St Ives.

1. APOLOGIES:

Mesdames: Mrs Fiona Whitney (Competition Secretary), Mrs E Cardwell (Handicap Advisor), T Broadley (SS Assessor), Janet Kilsby (Menzies), Jo Fletcher (Abbotsley) and Ann Low (Links)

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the 14th April 2014 meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

None

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

A number of "Thank You" cards & letters have been received from Presidents and Captains in relation to County Match Week.

5. PRESIDENT:

Mo Poole reported:

I would like to welcome you to our first evening meeting and thank you all for attending.

The golfing season is certainly in full flow and going by very quickly now, hopefully we haven't had all the best of the good weather just yet!

It's now just over 2 months since our last meeting and there have been many county events taking place across the county. I would first of all like to thank Fiona Whitney and the county club delegates for all their help in successfully organising these events. Fiona will be reporting on the various competitions and (Jane McGuffog) Jacquie on behalf of Jane McGuffog will report on a very successfully run County Match Week.

Whilst on the subject of county match week. I cannot personally begin to praise Jacquie Richardson enough for the tremendous amount of work that she put into this event to make it run so smoothly and successful for not only our county but also all the counties involved in the week. We had numerous meetings mostly at the weekends, where Jacquie project managed, sometime with a small rod of steel but always with humour and tremendous insight on how the week was going to pan out. We couldn't have run this very prestigious event without her! I have had so many thank you cards from the president and captains of the other counties all thanking us for making it a tremendous and incredibly well organised event. There are so many people who were involved in the week it would be impossible to name them all, but one other person who I must thank is Chris McMullen from the Gog's who also put in so much work and organised a whole bunch of people ranging from ball spotters and hostesses for each county for the week who were also amazing. I have to say that Gog's golf club certainly know how to hold such an event and did us proud. Chris, Please could you pass on our utmost thanks to all the Gog's ladies who worked tirelessly that week to make it such a fantastic event. Lastly but not least, to Greta who did an amazing job organising all of the food for all of the 6 counties during the week and still managed to find time to ball spot and caddy.

The Jean Wilkinson, Grace Norman, Scratch League and Scratch foursomes matches have all be progressing and I would like to thank Jaine 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 junior meetings and events since our last meeting and Maureen Mansfield will be reporting on these. I would also like to thank Maureen and all the junior committee for all their hard work and commitment in ensuring that our youngsters get the support and encouragement.

My Presidents' Day is fast approaching and the start sheets will be sent out in the next few days. I still have room for 1 more team, but would need to know ASAP. I have put a notice in your envelopes requesting bottles of wine or other prizes for the tombola stall which I will be running on the day to help raise money for the Junior Girls and would be very grateful if you could bring this to the attention of your members. If you could get any prizes or bottles to me at any of the events before Presidents day or let me know and I will collect them from you, I would really appreciate it.

6. TREASURER:

Jane Skerry reported:

Bank Account £32,192.20 **Junior Account** £896.82 **Deposit Account** £24,045.79

Affiliation Fees outstanding are:- Kingsway

7. SECRETARY:

Jacquié Richardson reported:

I would like to say that County Match Week was a big success from the organisational aspect of the week, and I would like to say a big thank you to the lady members of Gog Magog Golf Club whose help was very much appreciated.

8. CAPTAIN:

Jane McGuffog reported:

The president was disappointed that Jane didn't send in her report or give her apologies for not attending

9. 2nd TEAM CAPTAIN:

Sharren Kjenstad reported:

Our 2nd team had a great start to the season.

On 2nd July 2014 Cambs & Hunts 2nd Team played against Bedfordshire at Ramsey Golf Club on a beautiful sunny day.

The team consisted of Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey), Sarah Jones (Gog McGog), Laura Todd (Ely), Emily Smith (Royston), Sarah Oldham (March) and Marie Bayes (Abbotsley)

In the morning the foursomes were Sharren and Emily, Sarah Jones and Marie and

Laura and Sarah Oldham. We had an excellent start winning the foursomes 2 & 1 with the first two matches. Both scoring 4 & 2.

As for the afternoon, I was very proud of all the girls, as we took four of the singles.

Sharren won 3&1, Sarah Oldham won her first match for the County 3&1, Sarah Jones won 2 up

and Laura Todd had a convincing win 6&5. Marie Bayes and Emily Smith were both unlucky in their singles, but played their matches very well.

The final result was 6 to 3 to Cambs & Hunts

10. VETERANS' CAPTAIN:

Edie Douglas reported:

To date we have played 4 matches out of 7 we have had 2 losses (against County 2nd Team and Essex) and 2 wins (against Northampton and Norfolk). I would like to thank all the Ladies who have supported me and have played in these matches

11. JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Maureen Mansfield reported:

Since our last meeting we have, unfortunately, had to cancel a few of our junior events mainly because of the weather.

We were due to play all four of our County Junior Medals during this period but only managed to complete 2, one at Menzies and one at Old Nene. The Royston medal was cancelled because of it being holiday time and the one at Meridian was rained off after 6 holes.

Our County 2nd Team meatch to be held at Newmarket was also called off at the last minute by Bedfordshire and we are trying to rearrange this event. However, the girls played Suffolk and Norfolk and won both events handsomely, i.e. 3-1 and 4-0. Our 2nd Team Captain, Sophie Nicoll led from the front and they all thoroughly enjoyed both these events. It was great to watch their progress and the future looks good for Cambs & Hunts.

Unfortunately, we also had to cancel our Junior Championship because of bad weather conditions. The 36-hole Championship girls all turned up at Lakeside Lodge on Tuesday 27th May at 8.15 in the morning but the weather had not been good on several days prior to the event and it rained all of the previous night. We were informed that it was our decision as to whether we held the event and after inspecting the 9th and 18th greens we decided it was a 'no go', the water came above the soles of our shoes and the bunkers were full of water. Fortunately, we had told the parents not to go away until our decision was made and we were able to get in touch with all those who were due

to arrive at lunchtime for their 18 holes. Lakeside Lodge were as usual, very accommodating and it has now been arranged for Monday 4th August. Let us hope the weather will be kinder to us then.

Two of our Junior Tour events, which have been organised and paid with money provided by Sport England, have taken place at Ely 'On Par' and at Heydon Grange. These events are for our development squad girls with ages ranging from 7-14 years old either with no handicaps or club/county handicaps of 36-54. Girls with CONGU handicaps of 27-36 are also invited to play. These have been thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls attending. We still have two more events to go before a grand final in October. The Development Squad, under the guidance of Rosemary Hay, still continues to have their training events and it is great to watch the progress they are making and in particular how much they enjoy it.

We will be taking our County 1st team on August 18th – 20th August to the County Junior Match days at Bury St Edmunds. The team selected are: Junior Captain, Megan Willis (Old Nene), Chalani Allen (Vice Captain), Jade Guest, Sophie Nicoll, Lindie Tapping (Gog Magog) Chloe Ashman (Ely City), Charlotte Platt (Bourn) and Emily Smith (Royston). The girls are all going well individually and several have reduced their handicaps this year. Since the venue is not too far away we hope as many of you as possible will come to support in your County blue attire on one of the days we will be playing on the Monday afternoon, all day Tuesday and Wednesday. These matches will be published on the County website and hopefully the results will be on every evening. Look forward to seeing you there.

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Fiona Whitney reported:

Since our last meeting the Ladies of the County have been busy playing in lots of our organised competitions. I would like to thank everyone that helped get these underway and special thanks to Chris McMullen of Gog Magog, Ali Cope of Bourn, Hazel Suswain of Ramsey and Kay Osborne of Brampton, and to all of their teams of volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day. The up to date fixture list for 2015 is in the folder for collection.

Thank you to everyone who rallied around and returned the trophies for renovation. They are now back from the silversmiths and they look great.

Still need more entrants for the Autumn Foursomes at Girton.

A vote was taken to authorise the Executive Committee to look further into a Vets Championship being held in conjunction with the County Championships. This was agreed.

13. ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Jaine Fieldhouse reported:

Grace Norman semi-finals are:- Ely City v St Neots and Brampton Park v Old Nene at Cambridge Meridian on 23rd July 2014

Scratch Foursomes:- 2 matches still to be played before semi-finalists are known

Scratch League is progressing well

Jean Wilkinson. Three groups are complete and the winners are:- Abbotsley, Royston and Saffron Walden. Group 1 still have matches to play. The semi-finals will be held at Cambridge Menzies on 19th September.

All the results are up to date on the web site and the 2015 draws will be posted in due course

14. HANDICAP ADVISER:

Elaine Cardwell reported:

Nothing to report

15. EASTERN EWGA DELEGATE:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

England Golf Strategic Plan was agreed at the July meeting

England Golf Affiliation Fees will be £8.25 from 2016

England Golf AGM will be held 16th & 17th April 2015

Agreement was reached at England Golf Voting Members Meeting to invest in pilot areas (3) of CGP's to explore the impact of additional capacity on participation and membership

16. STANDARD SCRATCH ASSESSOR:

Tina Broadley reported:

Nothing to report

17. CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Ali Cope reported:

Mark Smith has now been appointed as CDO. The committee structure of the CGP is being reorganised and all volunteers for roles are welcome. Anyone wishing to assist should contact Ali Cope.

Mark Smith will be concentrating on Get into Golf supported by Living Sport.

18. CLUB DELEGATES:

Abbotsley: It was raised that the County Vets competition was held on the same day as the Australian Spoons

Bourn: Thank you to Fiona Whitney for support at Div 2 Meeting

Cambridge Meridian: Have had an increase in Lady Members due to closure of New Malton

Ely City: Get into Golf organised again for this year, had 11 new members last year and 17 have taken up mini memberships this year.

Girton: Have 22 pairs for the Autumn Foursomes

Gog Magog: Thank you to C&H Committee and all volunteers for County Match Week

March: Can March please have the rules DVD (Wendy Cox will organise)

Ramsey: Div 3 held. Improvement opportunities were no halfway house klaxon, played in 4 balls, could have been marshalled better and there was no rules official.

Royston: Recruitment going well 10 ladies signed up to 6 month membership. Pro is going to Woodbridge and looking forward to Mary Cole.

Saffron Walden: Good recruitment, taking ladies out on course up to end Sept. 40 ladies started out.

St Neots: 27 new recruits from Get into Golf, and a new membership package is being developed to attract new ladies

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Players will be able to request playing partners in Div 2 Meeting, entry form needs changing. Division 3 needs to be 2 or 3 balls only

There being no further business, Madam President closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

The **next Committee Meeting** will take place on **15th September 2014** at 2.00 pm at Girton Golf Club

Signed.....Dated