



Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association which took place on **Monday 27th July 2015** at Girton Golf Club at 2.00 pm

Present:- Mo Poole (President), Jacquie Richardson (Hon Secretary), Maureen Mansfield (Junior Organiser), Trina Miller (East Region Delegate), Jaine Fieldhouse (Asst. Competition Secretary), Fiona Whitney (Competition Secretary), Wendy Cox (Handicap Advisor) and Club Delegates from St Neots, Cambridge Meridian, Girton, Lakeside Lodge, Abbotsley, Gog Magog, Cambridge Menzies, Saffron Walden, Old Nene, Brampton Park, Bourn, St Ives and Links.

Apologies: Edie Douglas (Vet's Captain), Sue Corbett (Cromwell), Jane Skerry (Treasurer), Jane McGuffog (Training Officer), Tina Broadley (SS Assessor), Cindy McIntyre (2nd Team Captain), Pam Bonnett (Royston), Hazel Suswain (Ramsey), and Shelagh Byrne (Cambridge Menzies)

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2015 were approved

Matters Arising from the Last Meeting: The item relating to combining the Div1 and County Champs will be dealt with in the Competition Secretary's report.

Correspondence: None received

President: Over the past couple of months since our last meeting there has been many events taking place across the county and the season seems to be going too fast.

Back in April we had Div 1 at Newmarket, and the County Championships at St Ives where Tabby Brain, not only won but also set a new course record. We had the Junior Championships at Ely, Division 2 at Meridian, Div 3 at March and County Week at Chigwell Golf Club and the 4/Somes championship at Girton. 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 course and to Fiona and you the 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 Jaine 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 junior events since our last meeting, events that I really enjoy and are great fun, Maureen will be reporting on these. Maureen 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. The Executive have discussed the purchase of a new Cool Box, Laptop and Printer from the Daphne Haddock Fund and would ask for your approval of these purchases. This was voted on and Agreed.

My Presidents day is fast approaching where all the money raised during the day in the Tombola and Auction is to support our Junior girls and if any of your members could donate a Tombola prize or bottle before the event, I would really appreciate it and am happy to collect from anywhere.

Lastly but definitely not least..

I am delighted to inform you that Jacquie Richardson has accepted the position of becoming the next President of CHLCGA as from the AGM in November 2015. We have many of our executives coming off the committee at the end of the year and we are really lucky to have Jacquie as she brings continuity to the day to day running of the county, and due to her role as County Secretary over the years probably knows more about the running of the County and including certain people involved in the county, than most of us!

I'm sure you will all wish Jacquie a wonderful and peaceful time as our next County President.

Treasurer: Bank Account £31437.62

Daphne Haddock Fund £23655.35

Junior £2575.72

I am pleased to say that all clubs have paid their affiliation fees.

We have also banked monies for the sale of county cards from GMG, Links, S/Walden, L/Walden and March for £1192

Secretary:

Nothing to report

Captain: County match week 2015 was held at Chigwell Golf Club in Essex from Monday to Friday 22 to 26 June. The golf course here is challenging with many changes in elevation. We found this surprising in an area that seems relatively flat.

Our team was Tabitha Brain (County Champion), Miranda Brain, Jade Guest, Jane McGuffog (all from Gog Magog GC) Jackie Ewing, Sarah Greenall, Marcella Tuttle (Links GC), Tina Broadly, Laura Todd (Ely City GC) and Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton GC). Non travelling reserve Sarah Jones (Gog Magog GC).

The team helping at match week was Mo Poole (County President), Sue Hill (Team Manager), Maureen Mansfield (Junior Organiser) and Edie Douglas (Veterans' Captain)

A full report and all the results with pictures can be seen on our website. The following report is just the highlights.

On day 1 we played Norfolk with a foursome win from Tabby and Miranda who both won their singles. Sarah G halved her match . All the pairs and singles matches were close.

Day 2 our opponents were Suffolk. In the morning foursome Jackie and Miranda had a superb 5/4 win with Jane winning her afternoon singles match despite her opponent having a hole in one!

Day 3 our opponents were Bedford when Tabby and Miranda in number one position had a stunning 5/4 win and Marcella and Sarah G won 2/1 . In the afternoon singles Jane was the only winner.

Day 4 our opponents were Essex where Jane and Jade secured a one up victory and Laura was our only singles winner.

Day 5 our opponents were Hertfordshire where Tabby and Miranda secured a hard fought half in the pairs . In the singles we had three wins by Miranda, Jade and Sarah G. This gave us our best result against what turned out to be the strongest County.

Essex came out the eventual winners and despite a valiant effort our team were last.

Here are some comments about the team selection and management.

- We chose not have a County Captain to bear all the responsibility of team selection and management at match week
- We now have a team from the County Committee to select and run the County team
- The team consists of County President, County Training Officer, Second Team Captain, Veterans Captain, Junior Organiser, Coach and Team Manager.
- As this was our first year using this system we know it is not perfect but is a good idea worth keeping in place.
- We are having a debriefing session to reflect on our experience and to put in place a more rigorous and open process for selecting next year's team and a tighter system for managing match week.
- We will report back on our findings

Finally many thanks go to our players who gave their utmost effort on a tough course in very hot weather. Thanks also go to the support team who gave up the week to provide the players with appropriate fuel, to take care of the uniform, to ensure the right players were course at the right time and to act as trolley pullers when required. We thank the supporters who came to watch and who also turned into trolley pullers on the day!

We plan to paint Bishops Stortford Golf Club a shade of light blue at match week in 2016!

Training Officer:

I am happy to say that the training sessions have gone very well. We have had a successful Q1/2 for training. Players have committed to the sessions, and seem to have enjoyed and benefitted from them. The mix of short games and on course worked well- the short game sessions taking the form of a number of skills tests on the par 3 course at Pidley, and the on course looking at restrictions imposed on players to challenge their strategy/shot selection. Sessions on 19th April and 2nd May went smoothly and we rounded up with a match Squad B v Squad A playing foursomes at Girton, all hard fought, with some shots given to make it a fair test. Squad B were the victors by one match.

The sessions have all been structured by Alan Fletcher and Emma Prentice. Thanks to them both for their commitment to this and for the coaching delivered. Thanks too to the small team of volunteers who have been helping support the training and first team manager Sue Hill; President Mo Poole, Junior Organiser Maureen Mansfield, Vets Captain Edie Douglas and 2nd team Captain Cindy McKintyre.

While 2nd team matches are still ongoing, we will now regroup with Alan and Emma after county week and look to evaluate how effective the sessions have been, and plan the autumn and spring training in preparation for the county

matches this year. We'll also consider how best to move towards that while developing the teams and players.

I'll provide another update once the plan is agreed and will be looking to sweep up any players we missed in our first campaign. We are looking for players who enjoy matchplay, and who want to play county 1st/2nd team. These can be players who are already experienced at matchplay and who are motivated to keep developing their games, or players who feel they have potential and would like to realise that.

Please get do get in touch if you are interested.

2nd Team Captain: My sincere apologies for not being able to attend today. This is the report to update you on how the County B Team is doing after two competitive matches. The first was at beautiful Thetford Golf Club against a strong Norfolk side, all but one of whom was a junior. They were all talented long ball hitters with excellent short games. The Cambs & Hunts team gave a very good account of themselves with many of the games going to the 18th or thereabouts, and nobody was beaten easily. The games turned on a single error that would prove costly, and in my foursomes with Amanda Rawson from Brampton we sunk a 25 foot putt for birdy on a par 5 only to see one of their talented youngsters sink her 15 footer also for birdy! What can you say to that?! One of our young golfers Chalani Allen from Gogs held their best player, only to finally lose 2 down on the 18th. Amanda Rawson in her debut match managed to gain a valuable half. We were disappointed to only come away with half a point after fighting hard, but it gave us lots to think about ready for the next game against the usually strong Essex team.

The second match was at Bourn against Essex. We had two practice matches to accommodate all the players, and discussed how best to play the course and who would play well together. Essex arrived also with a team virtually completely full of youngsters. They were a strong team as you would expect from a County with 70 golf clubs to choose from and a squad of 30 in their B team. The 3 matches of foursomes started well and we were in a strong position after 9 holes. Two of the matches looked close but they moved away from us again with matches turning on just one or two errors. After eighteen holes we were 2-1 down and looking up against it as usual. We had three youngsters playing for us, and in the foursomes Chalani Allen from Gogs and Emily Smith from Royston won their match 1 up on the 18th in a close tussle. Very well done by them, they at least gave us a chance.

We came out fighting in the afternoon singles with most games moving back and forward between us and them, it was really difficult to call which way it was going to go. Apart from magnificent play from young Chloe Ashman of Ely who steamrollered her opposition winning 7&5! The remaining matches were incredibly close and finally Marilize from Bourn, and Chalani Allen of Gogs edged out their opposition both winning on the 18th. The final score was 5-4 to Essex. It's a few years since we have come that close to beating them, and it gives us a valuable 4 and a half points going in to the next match against Bedfordshire which we need to win to put us in a competitive position at finals day.

Veterans' Captain: So far this year we have played 5 matches resulting in losing three and halving two. There are three matches to play.

I would like to thank Greta Barclay for running the match at Eaton Golf Club for me.

I enjoyed being involved with the County Week Matches at Chigwell. I would like to thank all the Ladies for playing and supporting me in the Vets matches so far this year.

Junior Organiser: Since our last meeting we have held the County Junior Championship at Ely City Golf Club on the 26 May. Twenty two girls attended of which 13 Girls played in the 36-hole competition where some excellent golf was played. Three of the younger girls played 36 holes for the first time, but although tired at the end seemed to enjoy it. Four girls played in the 18-hole competition and 5 girls played in the 9-hole competition, some holes from forward tees, which they all seem to enjoy.

The Junior Champion for 2015 was Jade Guest – Gog Magog with a Gross 150

The Handicap Cup was won by Chloe Neal – St Neots with a Nett 150

Winner of the 18 hole stableford was Jordanne Sillitoe – Ely City with 36 points

The 9-hole Competition winner was Lucy Pepper – Gog Magog with 19 points on a countback from Amy Hathiramani, also Gog Magog.

The Biddy Wade Trophy was won by Chloe Drewery – Brampton Park – with an excellent score of -21

The day ran very smoothly, the weather was kind to us and Ely City were perfect hosts. My thanks go to all the Ely Ladies who helped, with ball spotting. A special thank you to Greta Barclay and Ruth Ashman who did many jobs as well as going out on the course with a group of girls. The Lady Captain of Ely attended the prize giving and made a welcoming speech. To Fiona, who entered all the cards and presented the results, and to Mo who was on hand all day and presented the prizes. Finally but not least to Lisa Charlton, the Ely Club Manager, who helped to make the day run smoothly.

All our Squads have been very busy with training once a month and the Development Squad have completed two of their four Junior Tour events, which have been very well attended and very successful. The development squad has grown this year and we now have over 30 girls on our books ranging from 7 – 14. Rosemary Hay looks after this section on our behalf and we are both very grateful to our fellow committee members and to parents for their help.

However, I think we all get our reward by watching them interact with each other and seeing their faces when they succeed in what they are doing.

The Junior 2nd team have played two matches, one against Suffolk at Gog Magog which we unfortunately lost 2-1 and the second match was against Norfolk at Newmarket which we also lost 3.5 to 0.5. However, it is good practice and experience for these young girls and gives them match play practice for when they join the County Junior 1st team against stronger opposition. We thank both clubs for hosting these events.

We are now coming up to our County Junior Match Days which are to be held at John O'Gaunt Golf Club on 17-19 August. The team has been selected plus reserves and we have a practice round organised for next week, when Alan, our County Coach, will put them through their paces and advise them on course management, as this is where he started his golfing career. The girls appear up for the challenge and are all looking forward to it, particularly the two new members of the squad. From the conversation last Saturday at the training session I think us grown-ups need to be up for a challenge too as the face paint has already been packed. I do hope as many of you as possible will come along to support the girls. It is always good to see as many people as possible in their County Blue shirts and it is not too far away so we look forward to seeing you there.

Competition Secretary: It seems a long time since we were here at our meeting back in April – the day after that saw the first event of the season which was the Division One held at Links (Newmarket)

The results were:

1st – (Gross Prize – Margery Newport Trophy) – Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog) – Gross 76

2nd Marcella Tuttle – (Links) – Gross 81

Best net – Tina Broadley – (Ely City) – nett 74

2nd Net - Morag Hutcheon (Saffron Walden) – nett 76

3rd Net - Lynn Lambert (Links) – nett 77 ocb

4th Net – Steff Allan (St Ives) – nett 77 ocb

Afternoon Foursomes Stableford

1st – Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog) & Marie Bayes (Abbotsley) - 34

2nd - Marcella Tuttle & Sarah Greenall (Links) 32ocb

3rd – Maureen Batley & Sue Lockley (Gog Magog) 32

My thanks go to Margaret Beckley and Di McConnell and all the ‘team’ of helpers at Links for a very successful day.

County Championships – St Ives – 15-17/5/15

Unfortunately the entries this year meant that we had to have a slightly different approach in how the weekend play mapped out. Everyone played on the first day as usual but due to the low numbers it meant that we had to have a smaller field to contest the plate the following day. However, everyone embraced the situation and by Saturday afternoon the competition ran as we planned.

The weather was extremely kind to the players for all three days which was definitely a bonus. The very first card that was handed in was a course record which caused much excitement in the clubhouse!! – Well done Tabitha Brain of Gog Magog for setting the standard for the weekend!

Champion – Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog)

Runner Up – Marcella Tuttle (Links)

Losing Semi Finalists – Jade Guest (Gog Magog) & Sarah Greenall (Links)

County Plate – Geraldine Fleming (St Ives)

Runner Up – Lucy Mills – Cripps (Ramsey)

Losing Semi Finalists – Steff Allan (St Ives) & Dubi Brain (Gog Magog)

Allen Newport Trophy – Best Scratch Score – Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog) 71 + 74 = 145

Scratch Bowl – Division 1 and County Championship score combined – Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog) – Div 1 76 + CC’s 145 = 221

Again thanks to Jennie Hardie and Paula Ewing and the ‘team’ of helpers from St Ives for making it a successful weekend. Thanks also to the referees Elaine Cardwell and Steve Kane who gave up their time.

Div 2 – Cambridge Meridian – 10/6/15

1st Teresa Locke – Links – Nett 72

2nd Mel Owers – Bourn – Nett 74 ocb

3rd Cath Emery – Brampton – Nett 74 ocb

4th Julie Miller – Brampton – Nett 75

Thanks to Captain Jan Harmer and County Delegate Shirley Longbottom for their help – not to mention Cathy in the office who was a great support

Div 3 – March – 26/6/15

Firstly my thanks go to Jacquie Richardson who stepped in for me as I was on holiday.

Long Handicap Cup (Best Stableford Score) Handicap 29-35

1st Sandra King (Lakeside) 41 pts

2nd Jose Donaldson (St Ives) 36pts

3rd Shona Kent (March) 34 pts

High Handicap Shield (Best Stableford Score) Handicap 36

1st Hilary Rogers (Brampton) 30pts ocb

2nd Shelagh Byrne (Menzies) 30pts

Thanks to Shona and Margaret for their help in getting this event running and to all the March ladies who helped on the day

Foursomes Championships – Girton – 10/7/15

A warm day and to play 36 holes meant a good test for the entrants.

The honour went this year to Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall who retained the trophy for another year.

1st – Holland Cups – (Best Gross Score)

Marcella Tuttle & Sarah Greenall (Links) – 159

2nd – Kay Osborne & Ann Norman (Brampton) - 178

Handicap (Best nett score)

1st Jacquie Richardson & Linda Harness (Old Nene) - 152

2nd Carolyn Devaney & Val Squires (Royston) – 153 ocb

Thanks to all the Clubs who have given courtesy to our County Ladies – without them we would not be able to host the events as we do.

A discussion took place regarding the combining of the Div 1 and County Champs and taking on board feedback received from clubs it was decided that for 2016 the events would remain unchanged.

And last but not least – I need to ask your help in finding a volunteer to take over my role as Competition Secretary which comes to an end in November.

If we cannot find anyone then we are in grave danger of not having any County Events next year – and I am sure no one wants that to happen.

So if you think you would like to become a County Competition Secretary – please feel free to contact me or any of our Committee and we will be happy to let you know what it entails.

Assistant Competition Secretary: The finals of the Grace Norman are to be held tomorrow (28/07/15) at St Neots.

Scratch Foursomes is almost complete.

Scratch Matchplay will be complete by end September

The Jean Wilkinson results are now all in.

A replacement Asst Competition Secretary is needed, if anyone is interested please get in touch.

Handicap Advisor: Nothing much to report from the Handicap side of things other than I have received further communication from England Golf confirming the forthcoming CONGU changes for 2016. These have been summarised on a pdf document which has been sent out to the clubs a couple of weeks ago.

Gemma Hunter from England Golf is arranging a Handicap Advisors meeting in September to which I shall attend. This meeting is to respond to any questions that may have arisen with the Club Handicap Secretaries in the meantime. I will be in contact with your secretaries in due course.

A question was asked regarding the 9 hole qualifying competitions and Wendy will send out the application form that has to be sent to England Golf for the designated 9 holes.

Regional Delegate: The East Region Girls Championship will be held at Saffron Walden on 13th August 2015. There are 33 entries.

SS Assessor Two courses have been assessed so far Kingsway and Old Nene, they just need a measurement certificate issuing now.

The next course to be done is Ramsey.

Next year's courses will be identified early in the New Year and contacted to make the necessary arrangements

Cambridgeshire Golf Partnership Update Trina attended the Partnership Meeting on behalf of Cambs & Hunts. The name of this group is now to be Cambridgeshire Golf Development Group. The next meeting will be in Sept 2015.

Club Delegates:

- Bourn: Melanie Owers asked who would contact her re the Lady/Junior Greensomes. Maureen Mansfield will be in touch shortly
- Brampton Park: Shirley Osborne. Foursomes comp in September, more entries are needed.
- Gog Magog: Sheila Hayward. Pleased to announce that John Williams will be England Golf President in 2017.
- Lakeside Lodge: Shelia Withams informed everyone that a poster and entry form had been placed in the files for their annual AM-AM Charity Competition in October. Also a 9 hole qualifying competition had been arranged at the club and 16 Ladies entered the first one.
- Links: Margaret Beckley asked if the Club Handicaps of 36-45 were coming in in 2016. Wendy will feedback further information following the meeting with England Golf in September.
- Old Nene: Anyta Francis is looking forward to hosting the Vets Meeting and wished Jacque well in her role as President
- Ramsey: Hazel Suswain reported that the celebrations of 50 years of the club had gone well.
- Royston: Pam Bonnett Officials Cup needs more entries
- Saffron Walden: Delia Roberts said that they are ready for the East Region Girls Championship. They also had their Club Championships and their Lady Champion for 2015 is Justine Voss
- St Ives: Jennie Hardie said that they enjoyed hosting the County Champs and are looking forward hosting the 4Somes event next year
- St Neots: Sue Cook stated that the 9 hole qualifying comps were proving very popular. Everything is in place for the Grace Norman Finals

Any Other Business

The Courtesy of the Course for Captains was raised and it was suggested that

this is a matter for each individual club and that there is nothing in writing regarding this matter.

The meeting was also advised of the Club Team Championship, and informed that Cambridgeshire will not be hosting the regional event of this competition in 2016.

Meeting closed at 3.21p.m

The next meeting will take place on 21st September 2015 at **2 pm** @ Girton Golf Club