

# Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

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## **The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held at The Gog Magog Golf Club on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 2.30 p.m.**

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone present.

**PRESENT:**

Mrs R Farrow (President)	Mrs S Greenall (Captain)	Mrs G Eastment (2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain),
Mrs C Ratcliffe (Hon Secretary)	Miss G Barclay (Veterans' Captain)	Mrs M McCall (Competition Sec)
Mrs K Musgrave (Assist Competition Sec)	Mrs M Tuttle (Junior Organiser)	Mrs V O'Grady (East Delegate)
Miss F McGlashan (County Training Officer)		

**Total Attendance 68 (53 voting and 15 non voting)**

**1. TO ANNOUNCE THE MEETING:**

The Secretary read the notice convening the Annual General Meeting, and confirmed numbers eligible to vote.

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Apologies had been received from Miss J Skerry (Treasurer) Mrs G Fleming (Handicap Advisor) Miss J McGuigan (SS Assessor), Mesdames Mo Poole (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain Elect), Y Bishop (Cromwell) G Collins, M Smith (Saffron Walden), J Honey, J Watson (Links) and J Kilsby (Memzies)

**3. THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007:**

Had been circulated and were signed as a true record

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

**5. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**PRESIDENT:**

*Mrs R Farrow reported:*

2008 has just flashed past and I can hardly believe I have been in office for 1 year – It was a great year that started with the Captain's meeting at St Neots Golf club in February. 21 in-coming Ladies Captains or their representatives met with the County Executives for lunch and an informal induction into the various inter-club county competitions.

The County Competitions during the year have been well supported with the winners coming from several different clubs.

Congratulations to Jackie Gregg (Links G.C.) winning the County Championship on the Wandlebury Course.

Jackie led our County Team in the inter County Matches held at Links Newmarket in June. The standard of 1st Team County golf is incredibly high and the introduction of Essex and Herts into our division presented an even bigger challenge. We did not win the golf, but Cambs. & Hunts were magnificent in organising the first ever 6 County match week and I congratulate Captain Sarah Greenall and her Committee and Links G.C. for all the fantastic effort and team work which went into the week. I had letters of congratulations from all the Presidents of the other 5 Counties on the impressive way we handled this inaugural 6 County match week.

Our team successes have come this year from the 2<sup>nd</sup> County Team and the juniors.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> County Team, led by their Captain Grace Eastment won the Inter-County Shield at Menzies. This was a well-deserved final for Grace after a 3-year term as a very enthusiastic Captain and ambassador for 2<sup>nd</sup> Team County golf.

Marcella Tuttle, C.J.O. and her Junior Committee have nurtured a squad of talented young golfers who are dedicated to the game of golf and during the year there have been several outstanding individual winners; one or two at national level. Congratulations to the County Junior 1st Team who qualified for the Midlands Junior Match play Finals at Droitwich G.C. in October, where I was privileged to watch our young lady golfers play with such expertise and enthusiasm. They were proud representatives for our County. To be able to compete successfully in inter County golf we must keep apace with the other Counties. To that end the Team Captains developed an intensive training programme for the winter months which required funding and we are fortunate that donations and sponsored events continue to help our finances so that we can give our teams every chance of winning.

My Presidents Day at St Neots raised £1800. My grateful thanks to all the County members who supported the day by playing or donating prizes. The County Teams also ran a successful Am-Am at The Meridian GC

The 3 Inter-Club County Competitions provided very close finals. Congratulations to Brampton Park on winning their first ever Grace Norman final and to Abbotsley who won both the Jean Wilkinson and the Mary Cole Rose Bowl

Meridian Golf club very successfully hosted the Regional final of the Peugeot Coronation Foursomes. Congratulations to the winners from Bourn who went on to represent the Region at St Andrews.

EWGA finally had their new infrastructure in place. Unfortunately, there were teething problems, which resulted in much public debate, a threatened E.G.M. and finally resignations. Hopefully, EWGA can now forget the year that has passed and concentrate on running ladies golf in England.

Thank you to Greta Barclay and Elaine Bright of Ely who continue to produce our County News. To the members of the Executive committee, whose dedication, enthusiasm and hard work has meant that we have all enjoyed another year of successful County events and made my year in Office enjoyable.

**SECRETARY:**

*Mrs C Ratcliffe reported:*

There have been 5 committee, a competition and finance meetings and a Captain's meeting held during the year. Thanks to Girton and Gog Magog golf clubs for the use of their dining rooms for the meetings and AGM.

Three clubs have newly affiliated to the County, Hemingford Abbots, Malton and Stilton Oaks. There are now 25 clubs in Cambs & Hunts.

County Golf Partnership has been officially formed and a Development Officer (Mr John Harvey) has been appointed. A ladies representative is still required on this committee; anyone interested contact Jan Stockham or myself. Jan is going to speak on this in more detail in AOB.

Dates for the next year's committee meetings are 16<sup>th</sup> Mar, 1<sup>st</sup> Jun, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, and 19<sup>th</sup> Oct with the AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

For new 2009 delegates I will be enclosing a job description with the next correspondence

The Captains meeting for 2009 is to be held at St Neots Golf Club on 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30.am. Invitations are ready to be collected today. I would like to thank Rosemary and the executive committee for their help and support, especially to Sarah who has compiled the Blue Books for printing again. Anyone wishing to place an advertisement in the Blue Book contact Sarah (cost £60)

Congratulations to Rosemary on a successful 1<sup>st</sup> year.

**CAPTAIN:**

*Mrs Greenall reported:*

It has been another busy year for the Cambs & Hunts first team squad. Last November we commenced a new and quite intensive training programme for the Elite squad. Fiona McGlashan our County Training Officer will give you more details in her report.

We also had our usual winter squad meetings at The Menzies club and Saffron Walden. I would like take this opportunity to thank those clubs for allowing us courtesy of the course.

Bad weather forced matches against Northamptonshire Ladies and the County Men to be cancelled. We played foursomes practice matches against Thetford Men and the Links Mens scratch team.

As usual the team was selected after the County Championships in May. The team was Jackie Gregg, Caroline Agnew, Hermione FitzGerald, Sarah Smith and myself, all from Links GC. Janet Phipps, Chelsey Herbert, Jane McGuffog and Miranda Brain from Gog Magog and Jenny McGuigan from Royston. I also named Amy Rae from Lakeside Lodge as the reserve.

We beat Bedfordshire on the first day, Tuesday we were beaten very convincingly by Essex and then achieved only a half against Norfolk on day 3. We lost again to Suffolk on Thursday but managed to pinch a few points off the eventual winners Hertfordshire on the last day.

Despite the results there were several high points for our team. 14yr old Miranda Brain kicked her County golf career off to a great start on the first day by winning her foursomes match with Jenny McGuigan and then won her singles point in the afternoon.. Chelsey Herbert joined us on the last day, she teamed up with Hermione and won her foursomes match against Herts., Sarah Smith was able to join us on the middle day. As luck would have it she was drawn to play the same Norfolk player who beat her at Royal Norwich. I am pleased to tell you she got her revenge and won her match 7 & 6

All players tried their best but despite our efforts we ended the week in 5<sup>th</sup> place. 10 sessions of golf over 5 days is very tiring both mentally and physically. Janet Phipps is the only player who played in every session in fact she ended up playing 163 holes of golf, and that is not including the 18 hole practice round on the Sunday!

Playing 5 days of competition in a row proved to be very difficult and knowing when is the right time to rest key players is something which will have to be learnt in the future. But it is not impossible and I think we can get it right. Especially as we have such a lot of promising Juniors working their way up the ranks.

It was my pleasure to coordinate the organisation of County Week at my home club, Links GC, in conjunction with members of the Executive Committee and officials from the club.

The event was superbly run. In fact every County in our region wrote to me after the event and asked that I pass on their thanks to the Cambs & Hunts committee and to Links GC. There were many people involved in the running of the week – all to be congratulated for a sterling effort. The County Team are well aware of the high cost of County Week and team training sessions so we organised a fundraiser in October. We were very kindly given courtesy of Cambridge Meridien GC for a Sunday morning in October and held a fourball competition which included ladies, gents and professional golfers. We held a raffle and we were very lucky to receive free prizes. All of which meant we were able to raise around £1500 to help toward the County Training budget. Thanks must go to Cambridge Meridien GC for use of the course, Doug Poole of Snake Eyes and Direct Golf Hemingford for the prizes and all those who participated in the event. Well this is the end of my 3 years as Cambs & Hunts County Captain. I have thoroughly enjoyed it, in fact I have had a great time. I am especially thankful to the teams of the last 3 years who have given me tremendous support. 3 years ago in my acceptance speech I rather boldly said that I expected the team to reach the County Finals at least once in my Captaincy. Well I am very glad that we did in 2006. We had a fantastic week at the Finals in Copt Heath in fact that will probably be the highlight of my golf career and one which I will remember always.

Fiona, I wish you all the very best for your time as County Captain and I hope you have as much fun as I have.

**2<sup>nd</sup> TEAM CAPTAIN:**

*Mrs G Eastment reported:*

After a winter of super training we started our friendly matches against Lincolnshire at Cambridge Meridian. Two juniors new to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team played and they were Laura Todd (Ely) and Lauren Hunt (Royston). Sadly we lost 2-7. At Gosfield lakes in Essex we lost 1-11. Our next match was against the County Senior men at Bourn we had 3 juniors in the team Lauren, Laura and Beth Peckham from Menzies. We ended with a half. The friendlies against Northants at Cold Ashby; won the foursomes 3-1 and lost the singles 3 ½ - 4 ½ match won 6 ½ - 5 ½. In July we had the first match of the inter counties Trophy against Norfolk. We halved the foursomes and won the singles winning 7-5 overall. Amy Rae received her county colours. The next match was against Suffolk at Saffron Walden we won the foursomes 3 ½ - ½ and had a super win in the singles 7-1 winning the match 10 ½ - 1 ½. The finals day and it was Cambs & Hunts turn to host it, so I held it on my own course Menzies. The team was Tina Broadley (Heydon Grange), Susan Fenwick (Abbotsley), Lisa Charlton (Ely), Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey), Amey Rae (Lakeside Lodge), Beth Peckham (Menzies), Mo Webster and Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) and what a team. We won the foursomes 3-1 then in the afternoon an unbelievable win in the singles 7 ½ - ½. So Cambs won the day with 28 pts Norfolk 20 pts Bedford 14 and Suffolk 10. Beth Peckham and Lisa Charlton both received their county colours. At a meeting of the captains of the other counties it was decided to invite Herts and Essex in 2009 so we will be six counties. It was decided to have six in a team instead of the eight so finals day could carry on the same. This means it will be more of a challenge to get into the 2<sup>nd</sup> team. As this is my last year as captain I cannot thank enough all the girls who have played in the team over the last 4 years for all their support, I have played some super courses and have made a lot of friends. A thank you goes to Jan Stockham who had the faith in me to be captain as -I did not- and I have learnt so much and admire all of you who give up your time for the county. Thank you Rosemary for your support and for putting up with me with all the excitement this year it could not have been a better time to finish on. I hope that Fiona and Mo enjoy their terms as captains and I know they will both do a splendid job. I will still see you all as I go straight into Lady Captain at Menzies.

#### **VETERANS' CAPTAIN:**

*Miss G Barclay reported:*

I have just completed a very enjoyable first year. During the year a total of 33 players from 14 different clubs played for the Veterans' team in the four matches. We started the season well with wins against Northants at Cromwell by 5½-2½ and Bedford at Pavenham Park by 5½-3½. In appalling conditions we lost to Norfolk at Meridian by 3-1 and finished the season with a drawn match against Suffolk at Fynn Valley.

I would like to thank all the ladies who played in these matches, particularly those who played in the pouring rain against Norfolk. I would also like to thank the Clubs who gave courtesy of their courses for our matches.

In the coming season we have matches against the same four counties and one additional fixture against Essex.

#### **JUNIOR ORGANISER:**

Mrs M Tuttle reported:

##### **Highlights of the year, which include:**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Team reaching the Midlands Junior Matchplay finals in Droitwich against Warwickshire, Lincolnshire and Staffordshire. A mention must also go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team for holding their own in their regular greensomes matches against the counties in our division. Miranda Brain reached the World Final of the Faldo Series, winning a trip to Brazil where, being the youngest girl, she finished in a very credible position around midfield.

Amy Rae of Lakeside Lodge was the star of the show at the Inter-Counties Challenge Shield at Hintlesham Hall GC in Suffolk in August with a fabulous scratch score of 1-under par (net 66).

Amy also took the top honour in the Midland Division of the EWGA LGU Gold Medal competition held at Kings Lynn Golf Club, which is open to the top 100 Silver Division medal qualifiers. Amy put together an excellent score of a gross 75 net 69 to take the Gold Medal.

Chelsey Herbert has been selected for the Wales National Girls Squad for the 2008/2009 period, beginning with a coaching and fitness programme in Spain!

A record 8 junior girls played in the County Championships this year – Amy Rae reached the quarterfinals and Sarah Smith reached the semi-final, a fantastic achievement. Chelsey Herbert, Miranda Brain and Sarah Smith were selected to play for the County Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team in County Week.

Emily Slater took 1st place in the girl's category in the British Junior Golf Tour Winter Final, at The Forest Of Arden Golf Club in April. Miranda Brain was crowned Cambs & Hunts Junior Champion for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

Three of our girls hold the position of Junior Captain at their clubs – Laura Todd (Ely), Tabitha Brain (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Newmarket)

12 girls had the benefit of an EWGA supported training programme. This consisted of 4 full day coaching sessions at TP Golf, which also included Physio sessions. The girls donned a new and rather stylish uniform.

Two very successful 'Have a Go' days were held at Menzies and the Gogs and we have some astonishing stories of progress. Emily Slater's handicap has dropped 18 shots in one year from 36 to 18 and Claire Tuttle's handicap has dropped 14 shots in one year from 28 to 14

We have the pleasure of viewing a fantastic website, which has been revamped, redesigned and updated by David Smith. Please take a look at it; it's well worth a visit.

#### **Future plans include:**

Develop the training further with the start in January of monthly training sessions for our newly formed Elite and Futures Squad with Mike Herbert, a highly experienced coach. The formation of a new Rookies Squad, which will be coached by Emma Prentice at the Gogs. The production of a New Cambs & Hunts Junior Girls Handbook which will be available to each Club and Driving Range to handout when a new girl joins or attends sessions to give them an insight into how the County works.

The election of Junior Captain for 2009 is under way.

Presentation of trophies and get-together evening in January for parents and girls. New trophies to play for, the introduction of an Order of Merit table and a Handicap Challenge. New matches against the Ladies and the Boys county teams.

Developing the next generation of 1<sup>st</sup> team players, as I will be losing 4 of my single figure handicaps in two years time

If anyone would like to join us on the Junior Committee, please don't hesitate to contact me. No previous experience required!

More girls required! The number of girls is still very poor compared with boys.

The disappointment of the lack of support by EWGA for girls' golf at our level, by not staging a EWGA Junior Matchplay Final or a EWGA Champion of Champions final when the new Regions were created this year.

My thanks must go to you all for supporting the girls at your clubs by playing with them and encouraging them. I also must thank my committee including Rosemary for being so supportive. With their continued guidance, I look forward to taking more confident strides

#### **COMPETITION SECRETARY:**

*Mrs M McCall reported:*

Thanks to all who supported this year's County competitions. Numbers entering the competitions were very similar to those in 2007 apart from the Championship, which had 12 more entries, and the Division 3/High Handicap meeting which had 11 more entries.

Changing the maximum handicap for Division 1 from 20 to 18 gave a small decrease in numbers entering the Division 1 meeting but a corresponding increase in the number of entries in Division 2.

The Veterans meeting was oversubscribed and the 5 ladies who were balloted out will have priority in 2009.

The Mary Cole Rose Bowl was keenly contested and it was pleasing that Old Nene Golf and Country Club entered this year after several years' absence.

Competition fixtures, rules, tee times and results have been loaded onto the County website and I hope that this has been useful. Also this years entrants have had the option of receiving the tee-times by email.

Entry fees for 2009 will remain as at present – £20 for 18 holes, £26 for 36 holes and £10 club fee for the Mary Cole Rose Bowl – and I hope that clubs continue to encourage their players to enter. The competitions are good value. You are able to play other courses in the County, have a meal and meet other lady golfers in the County all for a reasonable price.

I have enjoyed running this year's competitions, and thank all members of the Association who have helped me and especially

- The clubs in the County who have so generously given us courtesy of their courses.
- The club delegates who have worked hard helping to arrange the various meetings and encouraged their members to enter the competitions.
- Ewing Associates for sponsoring the County Championship and generously continuing to sponsor it in 2009.
- Greta Barclay our Press Officer for her excellent reports in local papers throughout the County.
- Kathy Musgrave, the Assistant Competition Secretary, President Rosemary and the Executive Committee for their support and help throughout the season.

I look forward to seeing many of you, hopefully, in next year's County Competitions.

#### **ASSISTANT COMPETITION SECRETARY:**

*Mrs K Musgrave reported:*

Thanks to Ely City and Menzies Cambridge for generously giving courtesy for the Grace Norman and Jean Wilkinson finals respectively - also to County Reps for their invaluable help organising these events.

20 clubs competed for the Grace Norman Trophy, 16 for the Jean Wilkinson Trophy, 13 in the Scratch Leagues. Thanks to all players for contesting these competitions in a good spirit and to Captains for ensuring the events ran smoothly. We welcome Cromwell as the 17<sup>th</sup> Club in the JW for 2009.

Scratch Foursomes Match Play cancelled after only 6 pairs entered. For 2009 format will be changed to a home and away draw with only the final played at Menzies.

Committee decided against allowing a club to enter 2 teams in Scratch League but have agreed to run a winter County Ladder for Category 1&2 players to start 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

Thanks to the committee for all their support, in particular Margaret McCall and our President Rosemary Farrow.

Look forward to meeting new Lady Captains in January 2009 and another rewarding year.

#### **COUNTY TRAINING OFFICER:**

*Miss F McGlashan reported:*

In the past season, we have continued to use off-course skills practice and practice matches as the major elements in our County Training for all teams.

1<sup>st</sup> team squad players undertook 3D swing analysis and screening at the beginning of the season and were encouraged to work closely with their own pros to utilise the analysis and screening results to improve their golf skills, particularly under pressure and their overall fitness.

This season we played in our first County Week in the new East Region and it certainly turned out to be a stern test of golf and stamina. During the week we witnessed some wonderful play and we now know what we have to do to achieve victories over the very strong new counties in the East Region.

I am stepping down as County Training Officer but as Captain, I look forward to working with our new CTO, Janet Phipps in the coming seasons. We have already put together a comprehensive training programme for 2009, offering players the opportunity to further monitor their progress with more 3D analysis as well as ensuring that we foster the 'team-spirit' with plenty of skills sessions, matches and get-togethers. This season we will use phased training with emphasis on the use of training diaries and statistical analysis (after all if this works for Annika and Lorena – it must be good enough for us!)

We were going to be running a Training Seminar at The Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre at Hemingford tomorrow evening at 7.30pm but unfortunately, our main speaker Nigel Furniss is now not able to be with us so the seminar will be postponed to a later date.

The Presentations will include:

The Holistic Approach to training and the year's periodisation plan

How coaches can use 3D bio-mechanical analysis reports to work with players

Flexibility and training for golf. Understanding how to train for performance.

Training diaries, statistical analysis and yardage charts and how they improve performance.

I will advertise the new date for the Seminar as widely as possible so if anyone would like to come along just to see what the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad gets up to, they would be most welcome.

#### **HANDICAP ADVISER:**

*Madam Secretary read Mrs Flemings report:*

At the beginning of 2008 a new CONGU handbook was introduced. This has a new layout to make it more user friendly and also contains explanatory notes in each section, judging from the relatively few queries on the handicapping system I have received during the year I think it has been an improvement on the previous handbook. One of the changes to the system is the introduction of 9-hole qualifying competitions. Around half of the clubs in the county have applied for a 9 hole Standard Scratch enabling them to run the competitions if they so wish.

*During the year Clubs were asked for comments on the following*

'Should handicaps lapse as per Clause 25 in the CONGU handbook, or should a 'starred' system be adopted to identify players not returning a set number of scores per calendar year, leaving clubs and organisers of open competitions to set their own conditions of entry'. The result from the clubs in this county that sent replies was more than 3 to 1 in favour of the starred system, and this was the preferred option countywide. The procedure will commence in 2010 using qualifying scores returned in 2009, with handicaps being referred to as active or inactive.

There are to be changes to the medals from 1<sup>st</sup> February next year. They will no longer be run by LGU, but EWGA will take over the administration, making them more in tune with the modern lady golfer.

There will be no more alternate day medals. Each medal whether weekday or weekend will be separate and anyone can play on any day without giving prior written notice.

There are to be no Silver and Bronze divisions for EWGA medals. At the end of the year there will be only one overall winner from each club with the best net score from four medals.

Each club may decide how it runs any competition played in conjunction with the medals and may continue as before if it wishes.

These changes and any other matters relating to the handicap system will be discussed at the meetings on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January for Handicap Secretaries in the County.

#### **EAST REGION DELEGATE:**

*Mrs Val O'Grady reported:*

When the new company of English Women's Golf Association came into being at the beginning of this year, taking over from English Ladies Golf Association, I am sure that a few hiccups were expected. However, not on the scale that ensued.

The four women appointed as Non Executive Directors took an immediate dislike to the Chairman, Sue Whittaker and the management board meetings seemed to be over shadowed by demands and refusals to resign. As you know an EGM was called for October 8<sup>th</sup> as according to the Articles of Association this was the only way to end the appointment of the NEDs. In the event, the four women resigned early enough for the EGM to be cancelled; thus resolving the matter without the need for a probable unpleasant meeting.

Jim Robinson, the CEO of English Women's Golf came to meet the East Region Committee on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November to seek our views and comments on the events leading up to the abortive EGM and on any other matters relating to the new organisation. It is his intention to meet with all the Regional Committees to seek their views and listen to any concerns regarding the future of the organisation. He now believes that the time and energies of the Management Board can be concentrated on the business of running English Women's Golf and that he will be better placed to get on with the job he is employed to do.

The first County Match Week of the six counties making up the East Region took place at Links Newmarket Golf Club in June, and there is no doubt it was a great success. It required a large team of people playing their part to bring that success; but particular appreciation goes to our County Captain, Sarah Greenall and Competition Secretary, Margaret McCall who put in hours of work before and during the event to ensure that it all came together.

This year has seen the last of the regional competitions organised by the Midlands Division to which we belonged and next year will see the start of the Championships organised by the East Region. It would be nice to see these Championships well supported by all six counties. The dates for all regional competitions will be printed in the County Blue Book which will be distributed at the Captain's meeting in February 2009. For those of you who like to organise your diaries further ahead than that, the dates are as follows:

Foursomes Championship (Thetford) 29th April. Championship (Aldeburgh) 31<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June. County Match Week (Stock Brook Manor) 21st-26<sup>th</sup> June. Australian Spoons (Dunstable) 21st July. Junior Championship (Links Newmarket) 27<sup>th</sup> August

Last year there was a promise of a pack to welcome new members to golf which would include items of interest regarding County, Regional and National information. It had been hoped that these packs would have been available by now but sponsors have been elusive. Work is continuing to find suitable sponsors, but the packs have been included in next year's budget, with or without sponsors. The change in how medals are to be organised in the future especially with LGU giving up responsibility for the so-called monthly medals seems to be bothering some people. But now all members will be able to play in all medals and so may go up in handicap twice as quickly if that is what they want or with all that practise will possibly come down instead. The ELGA trust is getting short of funds so County Junior Organisers have been requested to apply for grants only for girls who really need the help. You may wonder why the name "ELGA Trust" has been retained; well it is simply that it is the name of the registered charity. At one of our regional meetings the suggestion was made that clubs could possibly hold competitions to raise money for the trust. There were no further comments on this suggestion but I feel that it is something individual clubs could consider. A number of clubs in this county have not been receiving their correspondence from English Women's Golf. I gave a list of these clubs to Lesley Hewison, when she attended the meeting with Jim Robinson. Lesley has overall responsibility for communication at English women's Golf, so I have asked her to rectify the situation. If any of you have any queries you would like me to take to the regional meetings please get in touch. The next meeting is at the end of January, so before that have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

**SS ASSESSOR:**

*Madam Secretary read Miss McGuigans report:*

All courses have been USGA rated and have their new Standard Scratch. St Ives new course will be rated in the spring.

**6. REPORT FROM THE HON. TREASURER & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & THEIR ADOPTION:**

*Madam President read Miss Skerry's report:*

**INCOME**

The subscription for 2008-1724 members 28 down on last year

**SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS**

We would like to thank Ewing Associates for their continued support of the County

Championships also thanks for an anonymous donation of £500

Plus we received £738 from the winding up of the Midlands Division

There has already been a donation this year from CAGU, which we thank them.

**PRESIDENT'S DAYS:** A Healthy profit of £1,800 was realised

**COUNTY TEAMS FUNDRAISING:** The County Team fundraising event was held in October and therefore does not show in these accounts.

**EXPENDITURE**

**COUNTY TEAMS**

A full programme of coaching was taken during the year

County Week, this has increased because of a change to the week which now includes 6 counties (previously 4) and was held at the Links.

**JUNIOR ACCOUNTS INCOME**

There was an increase in training and coaching programmes this year, which was financed by EWGA grants

A Donation of £1,000 was given by C&HLGA and

We would like to thank Lesley Ford for her donation.

**EXPEDITURE**

A new uniform was purchased for the squad

Several events were held for the match squad and to promote golf to new starters

The Accounts have been signed by the Auditor as a true and fair.

Mrs V O'Grady (Ramsey) proposed adoption of accounts seconded by Mrs R Singleton (Ramsey). Agreed by a show of voting slips.

**7. APPROVAL OF AUDITOR FOR 2009**

Mrs S Anderson (Ely City) proposed Mr John Johnson as Accountant, seconded by Miss L Ford (Cromwell). Agreed by a show of voting slips.

**8. PROPOSAL OF AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2010 BE INCREASED TO £8**

Madam President proposed the increase in affiliation fees, seconded by Mrs M Mansfield (Girton). Agreed by a show of voting slips.

**9. VOTE OF THANKS AND ADOPTION OF REPORTS:**

Miss Janet Phipps (Gog Magog) offered a vote of thanks to the Executive committee on behalf of the members for all their hard work, which was very much appreciated. She then proposed the adoption of the Officers' Reports, which was seconded by Mrs M Kember (Bourn). Agreed by a show of voting slips.

**10. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:**

TROPHY	WINNERS	CLUB
Holland Trophies	Sarah Greenall & Julie Walter	Links/St Ives
Margery Newport	Sarah Greenall	Links
Championship	Jackie Gregg	Links
Runner Up	Janet Phipps	Gog Magog
County Plate	Eddie Douglas	Links
Runner Up	Bethany Peckham	Menzies

Allen Newport	Jackie Gregg	Links
Scratch Bowl	Janet Phipps	Gog Magog
Audrey Nicole	Marlize Synman-Harvey	Bourn
Long Handicap	Mary Macdonald	Bourn
Nancie Carter	Mary Macdonald	Bourn
High Handicap	Helen Johnson	Abbotsley
Veterans' Cup	Rosemary Farrow	St. Neots
Senior Veterans' Cup	Diane Busby	St. Neots
President's Salver	Maureen Alderman	Abbotsley
Officials' Cup	Greta Barclay	Ely City
Grace Norman	Brampton Park	
Grace Norman-runner up	Cromwell	
Jean Wilkinson	Abbotsley	
Jean Wilkinson-runner up	Bourn	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl	Abbotsley	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl- runner up	Gog Magog & Saffron Walden	
Scratch League	Gog Magog	
Scratch Foursomes Knock-out	Not played	
Junior Champion	Miranda Brain	Gog Magog
Junior Net Champion	Laura Tuttle	Links
Junior 18-hole Stableford Trophy	Emily Slater	Links
Alison Cuninghame Trophy	Tabitha Brain	Gog Magog
Biddy Wade Trophy	Laura Tuttle	Links
Mansfield Trophy	Claire Tuttle	Links

Hole in one: Jenny Carter (Gog Magog) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole in the afternoon round of the Foursomes Championships at Ely City Golf Club.

#### 11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President	Mrs Rosemary Farrow (St Neots)	continuing in office
Secretary	Mrs Christine Ratcliffe (Ely City)	continuing in office
Treasurer	Miss Jane Skerry (Brampton Park)	continuing in office
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Miss Fiona McGlashan (Girton)</b>	<b>nominated by executive committee</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain</b>	<b>Mrs Mo Poole (Brampton Park)</b>	<b>nominated by executive committee</b>
Veterans' Captain	Miss Greta Barclay	continuing in office
Junior Organiser	Mrs Marcella Tuttle (Links)	continuing in office
Competition Secretary	Mrs Margaret McCall (Girton)	continuing in office
Handicap Adviser	Mrs Geraldine Fleming (St Ives)	continuing in office

*For information:*

Midland Regional Delegate	Mrs Val O'Grady (Ramsey)	continuing in office
Asst Competitions Secretary	Mrs Kathy Musgrave	continuing in office
Deputy Handicap Adviser	Mrs Elaine Cardwell (Brampton Park)	continuing in office
County Training Officer	<b>Miss Janet Phipps (Gog Magog)</b>	<b>nominated by executive committee</b>
Press Officer	Miss Greta Barclay (Ely City)	

Madam President proposed the Officers, seconded by Mrs B Davey (Brampton Park). Agreed by a show of voting slips.

#### 12. ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR DEPUTIES

	<i>REPRESENTATIVE</i>	<i>DEPUTY</i>
ABBOTSLEY	Mrs Vivien Ward	Mrs Mary Thompson
BARKWAY PARK	Mrs Janice Parish	Mrs Carol Tillotson
BOURN	Mrs Mae Kember	Mrs Irene Heyman
BRAMPTON PARK	Mrs Jane McGlashan	Mrs Linda Gallagher
CAMBRIDGE MERIDIAN	Mrs Brenda Davey	
CAMBRIDGESHIRE MENZIES	Mrs Janet Kilsby	
CROMWELL	Mrs Lesley Ford	
ELY CITY	Mrs Stella Anderson	
GIRTON	Mrs Maureen Mansfield	Mrs Penny Baker
GOG MAGOG	Mrs Barbara Davies	
HEMINGFORD ABBOTS	Mrs Olive Bonner	Mrs Jo Allen
HEYDON GRANGE	Mrs Jane Patterson	Mrs Elaine Knobel-Forbes

KINGSWAY	None - Mr Barry Smith, Secretary acts as our contact	
LAKESIDE LODGE	Mrs Judy Northrop	
LINK'S	Mrs Diana Merchant	Mrs Alie Tyers
MALTON		
MARCH	Mrs Jo Rowlett	Mrs Lynda Robinson
OLD NENE	Mrs Lesley Clark	Mrs Brenda Groves
RAMSEY	Mrs Christine Wishart	Mrs Val O'Grady
ROYSTON	Mrs Jenny Jarvis	
SAFFRON WALDEN	Mrs Marjory Smith	
ST IVES	Mrs Norma Fyson	Mrs Jose Donaldson
ST NEOTS	Mrs Sue Cook	Mrs Rosemary Farrow
STILTON OAKS		
WATERBEACH	Miss Greta Warden	Mrs Ann Butler

The above were agreed by a show of voting slips.

**13. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING OFFICERS:**

Madam President thanked the retiring Captain and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain for all their hard work and presented vouchers to the retiring officers. The Captain then presented the Captain's badge to Miss F McGlashan, the incoming Captain

**Incoming Captain**

Thank you. My thanks to Sarah for all her guidance in the last year, showing me the ropes. She will definitely be a hard act to follow. I am very proud to take over as County Captain and I see my role as something similar to a Solheim Cup Captain – I am there to get the best out of my team by any means at my disposal!

We have talented dedicated players in all our teams who give a lot to their County so I would ask all of you to support them in any and every way you can – play in County events, come along to practice matches and training sessions – just to see what these girls do to reach the standards they have. But most of all support us at County Week – it's just great to see a crowd of supporters in light blue. We'll all be doing our bit to win County Week so please make every effort to do yours!

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

*Madam President read the report from Mrs J Stockham:*

Almost all Counties have now formed County Golf Partnerships.

On your seats, there should be a partnership information leaflet listing its general aims.

The main aim however is to try and get more people into golf and into the clubs where the numbers at most are falling.

We have worked hard, filled in forms and jumped through hoops to get a grant to pay a part time Cambridgeshire Development Officer (he is called John Harvey) to initially visit the clubs and try and get them to apply for club Golf Mark.

At the moment any Club can apply to the EGU/EWGA for a grant to put on sessions for new people to "have a go at golf" The grant is worth £250 plus an extra £100 if junior sessions are held. We know that this year a lot of our clubs had "have a go" sessions but only 4 clubs applied for money.

If however the club has golf mark then a grant of £850 can be applied for and John will be trying to help clubs put things into place to get this. John's e - mail address is on the form.

Please do go back to your clubs and remind who ever needs to know that all the information is on the EGU/EWGA website and application forms should be available soon.

The Partnership itself will be joining up with Living Sport the Cambridgeshire Local Authority Sports Body to run some introduction to golf sessions and to try and encourage some of the people who just go to golf ranges to join clubs. It will also be trying to bring some of the children who are helped in schools by the Golf Foundation into clubs and to bring former golfers back into golf.

3 people who have helped get the partnership this far have just retired from the Committee, Rita Craig to become Saffron Walden Lady Captain, Mo to become County 2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain, and Christine Ratcliffe who has pressing problems. I would like to thank them for all their invaluable help getting the partnership on its way

We now need 3 C&H replacements to plan and execute the summer programme.

It is not arduous. It is nothing like a hard club Committee job. We have a meeting about every 6 weeks. There will be the odd event where we need practical help. Please think about it. Please come and see Rosemary or Christine afterwards.

Mrs Jo Rowlett (March) asked whether new holes need to be cut for the weekend medals and medical certificates required for buggies. New holes need not be cut, and medical certificates were required to use buggies.

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING:**

As there was no further business. The President declared the meeting closed at 3.56pm.

The 2009 AGM will be held at the Gog Magog Golf Club on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. Tea was then served.

*Signed.....dated*