

# Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

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## **The 71st Annual General Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held at The Gog Magog Golf Club on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 2.10 p.m.**

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone present.

### **PRESENT:**

Mrs R Farrow (President), Mrs M Poole (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Mrs J Richardson (Secretary), Miss G Barclay (Veterans' Captain), Mrs K Musgrave (Assistant Competitions Secretary), Mrs Lin Smith (Competitions Secretary), Mrs M Tuttle (Junior Organiser)

Total Attendance 69. (54 voting, 15 non voting)

### **1 TO ANNOUNCE THE MEETING:**

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

Minutes silence was held to remember those members who had passed away during the year.

### **2. APOLOGIES:**

Miss F McGlashan (1st Team Captain), Mrs Elaine Cardwell (Handicap Advisor), Mrs Margaret McCall (Regional Delegate), Miss Jenny McGuigan (SS Assessor), Mesdames S Greenall, J Watson (Links), K Pilmer (Longstanton), M Kember (Bourn), M Mansfield (Girton), J Oxford (New Malton), G Warden (Waterbeach), L Ince (Brampton), J Fowler, L Ford (Cromwell), G Collins (Saffron Walden), S Cook (St. Neots), P Bonnett (Royston) and L Smith (Ely).

### **3. THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009:**

Had been circulated and were agreed by a show of voting slips and signed as a true record

### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

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

#### **PRESIDENT:**

*Mrs Farrow reported:*

Welcome ladies. They say time flies when you are enjoying yourself – that is why the past 3 years have just flown past.

2010 started with the very enjoyable Captain's Meeting at St Neots. 20 new Ladies Club Captains and the County Officials met to exchange information; the County Blue Books and the relevant inter-club competition forms were issued. This Meeting is the true start to the playing season.

The County Competitions were once again very well organised by our Competition Secretary Lin Smith and the local club Delegates. Lin is to be congratulated on how successfully she has run our Competitions in this her first year in office. I played in 4 events, including the County Championship at Saffron Walden where I was fortunate to witness the Hole in One by Jackie Grieg (Links, Nmkt) on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole during the Final.

Jackie won on the 18<sup>th</sup> from Sarah Smith (also from Links, Nmkt)

Kathy Musgrave, Assistant Competition secretary once again masterminded the inter-club match play events and the Scratch leagues. No easy feat making sure deadlines are met when so many players are involved. Kathy is standing down after 5 years in the post and we are indebted to her for setting up such an efficient system for these events.

Marcella Tuttle, CJO and her Junior Committee have once again continued to work extremely hard to attract more girls into golf while encouraging our existing junior members to improve. I was able to be involved in 3 of the Junior Competition Days—very rewarding experiences.

Our County Teams had varying success this year.

County Match Week was hosted by Hertfordshire at West Herts Golf Club. Fiona McGlashan, County 1st Team Captain has sent a full report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Matches are played over the whole summer. I was unable to attend any of these matches or the Finals which were held at Old Ford Manor Golf Club in Hertfordshire. Mo Poole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain will report.

Junior Teams – Marcella Tuttle will report

Once again all 3 Captains have expressed to me the commitment of their players to the County and their team mates.

I pulled rank on our Vets Captain, Greta Barclay to be included in at least 2 matches. These are very competitive but friendly events—not to be missed if possible.

Congratulations to the winners of the 3 Inter-Club Finals. Abbotsley won the Grace Norman at Brampton Park, Ely City won the Jean Wilkinson at Gog Magog, and Bourn won the Mary Cole at Bourn. I think the Mary Cole Inter Club Team event is one of the most exciting we have. Every Club can enter a team. Handicap range is 0 – 25 and once again the result came down to the wire. It epitomises what I have been campaigning for during my 3 years in office. I.e. those County events are not only for the single figure golfers, but for every member of the County. There is an event for everyone. President's Day was scheduled for August at St Neots Golf Club. 24 teams was an excellent entry. However, torrential rain for 24 hours prior to the day made play impossible and the event had to be re-scheduled for September. Unfortunately 8 teams were unable to play on the rearranged day. However, we had stunning weather and a great day's golf. I am indebted to St Neots for their hospitality and to all the ladies and Clubs who supported me through donations and entries. We raised £1170 for the County funds. Jane Skerry our Treasurer quietly in the background keeps our Accounts in order while Jacquie Richardson, in her first year as Secretary has been so enthusiastic, and has taken on board the Secretary's tasks as if she had done it for ever. I am so lucky to have had them in my team. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 3 years. Being involved in the County which has given me so many good golfing experiences has been a great honour. I have been supported by a wonderful team of dedicated officials and will repeat what I have said on countless occasions – as President I have not done the hard work – I have just turned up - I have been privileged and lucky to be part of that team – a team that has worked for, and I know will continue to work for; the development and continuing success of golf in our County.

### **SECRETARY:**

*Mrs Richardson reported:*

During this year there have been 6 committee, a Competition and Finance meeting and a Captain's meeting held.

Thanks to Girton and Gog Magog golf clubs for the use of their dining rooms for the meetings and AGM. I hope you have all had the opportunity to look at and use the new website during this year. In this our first year we have averaged 37,000 hits per month on our web site which is very good and shows that it has been well used. We will, of course, continue to keep the web site as up to date as possible and already there is a lot of information on there regarding next years competitions.

Hemingford Abbots Golf Club is no longer affiliated to the County, taking the total of clubs to 25 for 2010. Dates for the next year's committee meetings are 7<sup>th</sup> Mar, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, and 17<sup>th</sup> Oct with the AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Due to bad weather I was unable to attend the EWGA AGM in January.

Envelopes for Collection today include a job description for Delegates, invitation to the Ladies Captains meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at Ely and the Handicap Secretaries meetings on 1st Feb at Brampton Park Golf Club and 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at Girton Golf Club.

I would like to thank Sarah Greenall who is compiling the Blue Books for printing again. Anyone wishing to place an advertisement in the Blue Book please contact me (cost £60)

Congratulations to Rosemary on completing a successful term as President and I would like to say a personal thank you to Rosemary for all the help, support and advice she has given me during this my first year as Secretary.

I would like to extend a big thank to all the Officials for their help and support and also the Delegates for keeping your clubs informed of all that is going on in the County.

### **CAPTAIN:**

*Mrs Richardson read out Miss McGlashan's report:*

As last year, the team's fortunes have been very mixed. Convincing practice match wins over the Thetford Myhill Mens Scratch Team, Northants Ladies and the CAGU Seniors gave the selectors plenty to think about.

Excellent play by squad members at the County Championships left us scratching our heads but eventually the players selected to represent Cambs and Hunts at County Match Week at West Herts were:

Jackie Gregg, Caroline Agnew, Sarah Smith, Sarah Greenall from Links, Sarah Attwood, Chelsey Herbert, Janet Phipps, Miranda Brain and Jane McGuffog from Gog Magog and Amy Rae from St Ives.

We faced a tough task on our first day at County Match Week taking on Essex in our opening match. We achieved a single point in the morning foursomes with a confident win by Sarah Smith and Chelsey Herbert but unfortunately Essex proved just too strong in the afternoon singles, resulting in a 61/2 to 21/2 win for Essex.

A similar match score of a 6/3 loss was the unexpected result of our second day match against Norfolk – again our singles play proved our downfall. Our third day's play put a smile back on our faces with a 61/2 to 21/2 victory over Suffolk. This time our singles play sealed our success winning 5 out of 6 of the afternoon matches.

Buoyed by our previous day's success, we took on Bedfordshire. Excellent play from both sides produced a very even contest with a halved final score.

The final day of County Match Week was to prove our most challenging. Playing Hertfordshire, who had not yet lost, we knew we were in trouble when we lost all 3 morning foursomes matches. Herts were obviously worried at lunch as they substituted two England players into their afternoon line-up to make sure that we finished the week with a 9-0 drubbing.

I am glad to say that Hertfordshire went on to become the County Champions defeating all their opponents in the English County Championship Finals in September.

As always our first team squad players have competed in County, National and International events throughout the Summer and continue to train individually throughout the off season. Formal squad training

will continue in the New Year and players have been encouraged to compete in the newly formed County Scratch Ladder to hone their singles match play skills.

As I have said on many occasions, we are very lucky in this County to have such an exciting mix of youth and experience who are willing to give their time and their talent to represent this County. However, without your support the team wouldn't function so I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosemary for her endless fund raising and her unerring support throughout her term as President and to thank all of you for your continued support of the County Teams.

## **2ND TEAM CAPTAIN:**

*Mrs Poole reported:*

We have had a very successful year and it has been great fun and very exciting too.

As always we start the year or should I say early spring, with training sessions with Emma Prentice and included in our usual squad, were 2 new juniors and 2 new ladies.

In April to start the season we played a practice match against Lincolnshire and we won overall to them with both the new ladies Kay Osborne and Marilize making their debut and winning their matches.

We then had another practice match against the Mens Scratch team from Brampton Park playing a 4 ball better ball competition and had the pleasure of Beth Peckham playing in our team again. We secured a well deserved half with the men, much to their dismay who were under the impression they were going beat us hands down.

Our first County match in May was against Bedfordshire @ Aspey Guise not the easiest of courses but set in wonderful surroundings. Laura Tuttle played in her first match and secured a win in her singles and the final result was a half overall.

In June we played the formidable Essex at Ely Golf Club. Their squad consisted of 6 players ranging from 14-21 years of age and the highest handicap was 5! However our 2<sup>nd</sup> team loves a challenge especial after loosing to them last year and we did have some youth on our side with Laura & Claire Tuttle. Claire also playing her first match for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team and with her partner in the morning Rosemary Walker, won their match and gave us 1 win in the morning foursomes. In the afternoon singles, Tina Broadley, Lesley Ince, Laura and Marilize all won their matches and we romped home with a fantastic win overall of 5-4. Essex went home with their tail between their legs.

We played Suffolk in July at Diss Golf Club. Marilize and I won the only 4/somes match in the morning, so a bit of catching up to do in the afternoon. Tina secured the 1<sup>st</sup> win followed by myself and Grace Eastment but unfortunately it was not enough to make up the deficit and Suffolk beat us 5-4.

Hertfordshire was our next match and we played it at Brampton Park. Lesley & Marilize managed a ½, with Kay Osborne and myself and Tina and Sharren Kjenstad all winning our matches – a good start to the day being 4 points up in the morning. Our team talk was bribery at lunchtime for a bottle of champagne if we won overall. Amazingly it worked, with Lesley, Marilize and Tina all wining their singles matches and we beat Hertfordshire for the 1<sup>st</sup> time 5-4. Like Essex most of the girls are very young, some only 14 years of age and I chose Brampton Park GC for the match as I believe that sometime age and experience does work on certain courses better than just being able to get out and use your Drivers all the time.

Our Finals Day which is always a great day and very exciting was at Old Ford Manor in Barnet and we played against Norfolk. Last year they well and truly beat us in all our matches bar one, so a bit of a revenge match though played in Great Spirit. Grace & Rosemary, Lesley & Marilize both won their 4/somes matches in the morning, putting us ahead by 2 points. In the afternoon singles we managed 2 wins and a half making the final result a halved match, so a great result overall as the games were all very tight and either match could have gone either way. I was also playing that day and it was great to have Kay Osborne and Cindy McIntyre as my Trolley Dollies, who were flying round the course in a buggy, giving support and encouragement and also keeping me up to date as to how all the matches were getting on and I thank them for their help.

The final result of the Jamboree was Essex winning with 4 points, Norfolk 3.5, Cambs & Hunts and Suffolk Tied on 3 points, Hertfordshire 1 point and Bedfordshire ½ point.

We have had a really great season and I'm really proud of all the girls who have played in the team, and thank them all for all their hard work and commitment to the county, I certainly feel that we have achieved a very good result this year and only just lost out on winning the Trophy by such a small margin of 1 match. Marilize was presented her County colours and probably the only one to achieve them in her 1<sup>st</sup> year, so a great achievement for her too.

I would also like to thank all the golf clubs who have allowed us the hospitality of playing their courses and looking after us all so well.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Sharren Kjenstad will be taking over as 2<sup>nd</sup> team County Captain at the end of 2011. She has been playing in the team for many years now and is a well respected player who I know will do a fantastic job in bringing on players for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

## **VETERAN'S CAPTAIN:**

*Miss Barclay reported:*

This year the Veterans team has had a good season with home wins against Essex, Northants and Norfolk. Unfortunately we didn't travel too well losing to Suffolk at Ipswich and drawing against Bedfordshire at Wyboston Lakes. During the season a total of 33 players from 14 Clubs played in the five matches, with 7 making their debuts. I would like to thank all the Clubs in Cambs and Hunts who have kindly given courtesy of their courses for our matches.

This was my third and final year as Veterans Captain, I have enjoyed it and it has been a wonderful experience. I am sure my successor, Liz Smith, will enjoy her three years as much as I have and I wish her every success.

## **JUNIOR ORGANISER:**

*Mrs Tuttle reported:*

This is the end of my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as County Junior Organiser and it's been another successful year for our Juniors.

The 2010 highlights:

42 girls (aged between 6-18) turned out to our Junior Spring Meeting at Lakeside Lodge. This is the most number of girls we've ever had at this event. Along with coaching and short game skills on offer to beginners and improvers, we also introduced a golf exercise slot for the first time which kept them on their toes (literally!).

Miranda Brain crowned Cambs & Hunts Junior County Champion for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. Miranda and Claire Tuttle then went on to represent the County in the Midland Champion of Champions in their respective age categories.

Sarah Smith and Miranda Brain clinching their first County Foursomes title winning by 7 shots.

Clearly a formidable foursomes partner Sarah Smith then went on to win the Scratch Foursomes knockout with Chelsey Herbert.

Sarah Smith reaching the final of the Ladies County Championship at Saffron Walden GC but unfortunately losing on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to Jackie Gregg. Claire Tuttle reaching the semi-final of the Plate competition for the second time in two years having had to play her sister in the quarter-finals.

Laura Tuttle reaching the final of the Abraham Trophy and being crowned the most improved golfer of the year in the East Region. The last player to represent our county at this event was Sarah Smith in 2007.

Katie Nicholls victory at the East Region Girls Championship where she won the nett prize over 36-holes.

Chelsey Herbert, Miranda Brain, Tabitha Brain, Amy Rae and Sarah Smith being selected to represent the Ladies County 1<sup>st</sup> Team.

Laura and Claire Tuttle representing the Ladies County 2<sup>nd</sup> Team for the first time.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team narrowly missing on winning the East Region league by one point to Essex. The highlight of the match was a hole in one from Sarah Smith in her last ever Junior match for Cambs & Hunts on the 13th hole. A perfect shot, carrying the pin and spinning back into the hole.

The continuing success of the Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> team helping to create the next generation of 1<sup>st</sup> team players.

A successful short-game training programme with Paul Ashwell, one of the top coaches in the country. This was one of the best training sessions we'd ever organised. Even the parents who stayed to watch picked up loads of tips on the way!

Launching a successful training voucher scheme for the girls individual coaching needs.

Sue Hill still sharing her expertise with us and taking the Rookies quad under her wing and continually keeping an eye out for new talent.

The launch of the County Academy Programme which 19 of our junior girls have been put forward for. Funds for this initiative have been provided by Sport England.

A special mention must be given to Miranda Brain who had a fantastic season with the following wins and achievements:

- County Junior Champion
- Ladies County Foursomes champion with fellow junior Sarah Smith
- One of only five English players to make the second round of the match play stages of the British Girls Golf Championship at Royal Belfast GC
- Winner of the Prince of Wales Amateur Challenge trophy at Woburn
- U18 winner of the Midland Champion of Champions trophy
- Miranda who has just turned 17 now has a handicap of 1

I'd like to thank Chelsey Herbert, Sarah Smith, Beth Peckham and Tabby Brain who will be leaving the Junior section at the end of this year for their commitment and dedication to Junior County golf over the years. I wish them all lots of success in whatever career path they choose in the future.

Thanks must go to you for supporting the girls at your clubs by playing with them and encouraging them. I must also thank my wonderful committee for supporting me throughout the year, especially Maureen Mansfield who works tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring that all the events run smoothly as well as keeping me on the straight and narrow! My final thought is a plea to keep trying to recruit girls at your clubs, as it would be great to try and close the gap between the ratio of Junior girls and boy.

## **COMPETITION SECRETARY:**

*Mrs Smith reported:*

Most competitions have been well supported. Delegates cajoled, twisted arms and helped tremendously in getting more entries from their members. However numbers for both foursomes competitions were disappointing. The Foursomes Championship will again be played in July next year. Consideration is being given to changing the Autumn Foursomes to an 18 holes competition from 36 holes. Delegates have been asked to sound out their club members and a vote will be taken at the March 2011 meeting.

Competition entry fees will remain at £26 for 36 holes, £20 for 18 holes and £10 for a club's entry to the Mary Cole Rose Bowl. The only change will be £30 to enter the County Championship.

I remind all ladies that should they unfortunately require a buggy, a written request together with a medical certificate should be sent to the Competition Secretary at least a week in advance of the event they wish to play in.

Distance Measuring Devices will be allowed in County Competitions.

As Jacquie has already said the County web site is coming into its own. I must thank Jacquie for all her help in posting results and start sheets for events. As all results are posted on the site, I have not distributed the six pages result document to every club this year as I feel this is a duplication. More and more ladies are requesting start sheets to be emailed to them rather than posted. This is fine but please write your email address clearly (distinguish between a dot, a dash and a hyphen) so that the organiser can read it.

I have been asked to bring to your attention the Brenda King Foursomes which will be played at Gog Magog Golf Club on 26-28 September 2011. This competition is run by EWGA and is a pair's foursomes event for ladies aged over 50 with a handicap of 24 and under. There will be one round on the Old Course and one round on the Wandlebury plus a dinner on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The entry form is on the EWGA website or can be obtained from Stuart at EWGA office.

Well one year has come and gone and I'm still standing. Many thanks to Margaret McCall for always being at the end of the phone; to Jacquie for being my technical advisor but most of all the Club officials and delegates that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past year.

#### **ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:**

*Mrs Musgrave reported:*

My thanks to Brampton Park and Gog Magog Golf Clubs for generously giving courtesy for the Grace Norman and Jean Wilkinson finals respectively; also to their County Delegates for their invaluable help organising these events and all those who generously give up their time to act as rules officials at each event.

19 clubs competed for the Grace Norman Trophy, 16 for the Jean Wilkinson Trophy, 12 in the Scratch Leagues. Thanks to all players for competing in a good spirit and to all Lady and Scratch Captains for ensuring the competitions ran smoothly. We welcome Abbotsley and Barkway Park into the Scratch Leagues next year and wish them well in their matches in Div3. The Leagues have been adjusted to give 4 teams in Div1 and 5 teams in Div 2 and 3

The Scratch Foursomes Match Play ran again successfully in the format introduced last year with Chelsea and Sarah retaining their title. My thanks to all the Clubs that gave courtesy for the home matches and to Menzies Cambridge for hosting the final. The entry fee will remain at £10 /pair.

A County Ladder for Category 1&2 players has been set up on the website. Players may still join the ladder by submitting entries on line. Please draw this to the attention of all players in your club with handicap 12 or lower. There is no entry fee.

I wish to remind all players who will have a long term need for a motorised buggy in any competition that they will need to submit their annual written request to Competition Secretary Lin before the start of the 2011 season.

This is my last year as Assistant Competition Secretary. I have enjoyed the job and meeting so many members of the Association during the last 5 years very much. The support and encouragement I have had while running the Match Play competitions is appreciated.

My thanks to all members of the Association especially

- Lady Captains and Scratch Team Captains for efficiently organizing matches
- Club Delegates for communication with Captains and Clubs and organization of finals.
- President Rosemary and the Executive Committee for their support, particularly Competition Secretary Lin Smith and Margaret McCall before her, also Jacquie for invaluable help with website.
- Greta Barclay our Press Officer for excellent reports in local papers and keeping an eye on my careless entries on the web site - I wish you a successful and enjoyable term of Office as President

Finally but not least I wish Barbara every success as future Assistant Competition Secretary and hope she finds the position as rewarding as I have.

#### **SCRATCH SCORE ASSESSOR:**

No Report.

#### **HANDICAP ADVISOR:**

*Mrs Richardson read out Mrs Cardwell's report:*

Good afternoon ladies. I'm sorry I can't be here this afternoon but I am away on holiday.

The power of the internet appears to be working as most of my contact this year with your handicap secretaries has been through hyperspace. I, along with my deputy Wendy Cox, did meet most of the secretaries at our annual meetings in January when we had some interesting discussions. There have been a few routine problems but because of the internet these have been dealt with quickly and I hope efficiently. The Central Database of handicaps has been introduced this year and most of the clubs in our county are now registered. It doesn't cost anything to register your club but once all clubs have downloaded their player information it will make it very efficient to administer. Away scores will automatically be added to players history and eventually handicap certificates could become a thing of the past. If you know your club is not on the CDH can you please remind your club secretaries.

#### **REGIONAL DELEGATE:**

*Mrs Richardson read out Mrs McCall's report:*

The East region meetings are held four times a year and attendees are the Chairman, Judi Walker from Suffolk, one representative from each of the six Eastern Counties and the Regional Administrator Kathryn Harris. Detailed reports are contained in the minutes of the County meetings but the main items of interest during the year were :

- Central Database of Handicaps – 900 ladies sections (the majority in the Country) have signed up to this.

- EWGA newsletter – an increasing number of ladies are signing up to receive this electronically but we are asked to encourage more to do so. Various incentives are on offer to those who enrol and you may enrol via the EWGA Website, so please consider signing up.
- Use of Distance Measuring Devices in County competitions – differing positions in the Eastern Counties - Hertfordshire allow these to be used, Bedfordshire, Essex and Norfolk do not, and Cambs. & Hunts. and Suffolk will allow these to be used from 2011. However their use may still be banned in Regional finals so check the rules for each competition.
- Format for County match week – several Counties have issue with the current cost. Cambs. & Hunts produced a paper giving several different options and this was circulated to the other Eastern Counties to discuss. As expected there were differing views from the Counties. In addition EWGA has circulated a questionnaire to Counties about the format and costs. Responses are awaited and discussions will be ongoing.
- Junior girls playing in Ladies competitions – discussed at length. EWGA's Compliance Officer has received complaints about junior girls being restricted from entering ladies competitions and a statement of the EWGA view of such a practice will be included in the 2011 Handbook.
- East Region competitions 2010 – majority showed an excess income. We host an event each year and this year we hosted the Australian Spoons at Ely City. Thanks to Ely for all their help making the day so successful and enjoyable for the players.
- East Region Championship 2011 – consensus of players after the 2010 event is that this should be a 1 day – 36 hole- event as in 2010 rather than a 3 day event as recommended by EWGA. Will be held at Cambridge Meridian on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011.
- East Seniors Championship – agreed to introduce this. The inaugural event will be held at Haverhill on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

#### EWGA/EGU merger

The merger Steering Group produced a County briefing paper on 8<sup>th</sup> October which was circulated to all Club Delegates. I hope that this paper was displayed on all ladies section notice boards and that all of you have seen and read it. This paper set out the key points agreed to date:

- Main Board - gender balance 6:4 (men to women) reducing to 3:2 after the first few, probably three, years.
  - Committees – at least 2 men and 2 women. Remuneration and audit committees at least 1 man and 1 woman.
  - President – first year – joint presidents – one man and one woman, selected by EGU and EWGA. First elected president of the merged body to be a woman. New body to have a president elect, president and an immediate past president – one of the three will always be a woman.
  - Course rating – EGU and EWGA to continue to use their current systems for course rating until the EGU and EWGA re-rating processes are complete. New body to consider working towards one course rating system (USGA system currently used by the women) at a time determined by the new Board.
  - Issues for County comment - proposed to hold an AGM and three other general meetings a year. Meetings to be attended by Voting members – the Counties – 1 woman and 1 man per County. Will give direct liaison between Board and Counties. Regional committees to continue but main responsibility will change – primarily to oversee organisation of golf events and championships in the region.
- Club Delegates – who could be men or women - have at least two County Club delegates meetings a year to discuss work of the organisation nationally and of the counties, and to raise issues and concerns from the clubs. Counties report back to the Board on these meetings.

Sue Whittaker, the EWGA Management Board Chairman, attended the last regional meeting to discuss the merger proposals. Points that came up during discussions were :

- There must be enough women agreeing to work in the new organisation.
- One governing body for amateur men and women follows the example of other sports.
- How will the difference in subscriptions be resolved?
- What will be the financial impact of golfers who are not members of a golf club?
- Golf as an Olympic sport will need lottery funding.
- Would losing the Operational Board be a step backward?
- Will the LGU be self-funding in 2014?
- Woodhall Spa is not ideally geographically situated so are other premises being considered because the lease on the EWGA offices at Edgbaston expires in 2012?

The final proposals should be ready by the end of the year with road shows in January and February. Anyone may attend the road shows but I understand that there may be only three. I hope to go and I anticipate that once Club Delegates have received the final proposals, the County should consider holding a meeting for Club delegates to answer any queries so that the Club delegates understand all the issues before voting.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

*Miss Skerry reported:*

Income: The subscription for 2010 – 1679 members, 15 down on last year (1694)

For the first time this year EWGA collected our Fees and will continue to do so as this system worked well.

Sponsorships & Donations: £500 from CAGU for the county Cards.

Presidents made a profit of £1,170.

Expenditure: County Teams Coaching, a full programme of coaching was taken during the year

Uniforms: This was to purchase new items of uniform for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team

County Week: This has stayed roughly the same as last year.

Administration: Decrease due to purchase of new laptop and printer and also includes set up costs of new website in last years accounts.

Gifts & Donations: Should be £280 which includes last years gifts to retiring Executives.

Junior Accounts: Income, this includes Junior Championship and Lady/Junior Greensomes.

Donations: £1,000 from C&HLCGA and £200 from Cheffins.

Expenditure: 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 view

Adoption of Accounts Proposed by Jane Skerry (Treasurer) and Seconded by Norma Fyson (St Ives) and was agreed by a show of voting slips.

## **7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR 2011:**

The Treasurer thanked our previous auditor for his work and due to the fact that he may be moving out of the area and unable to continue in that role she proposed that Mr Graham Adams be appointed as auditor for 2011. This was seconded by Brenda Davey (Brampton) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

## **8. ADOPTION OF OFFICERS REPORTS & VOTE OF THANKS:**

Miss S Smith (Links) County Champion, Runner Up, offered a vote of thanks to the Executive Committee for all their hard work on the member's behalf which was much appreciated. She then proposed adoption of the Officers' Reports, which was seconded by Val Musson (Lakeside) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

## **9. TO APPROVE AFFILIATIONS FEES FOR 2012:**

Madam Treasurer proposed that the 2012 Fees be set at £8, which was seconded by Mrs Yvonne Previtt (Bourn) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

## **10. REPORT FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP:**

The purpose of the CCGP is to promote the game of golf within the county. To this end we have held 7 committee meetings this year. The new Chairman is Chris Standen, Assistant Manager at Saffron Walden GC. Chris has replaced Geoff Welton, the inaugural chairman who resigned this year. Jan Stockham also resigned as Secretary & Treasurer and the post was filled by Sue Hurren. Walter McLellan, a CAGU representative also resigned to be replaced by Hamish Fleming and Ian Peattie, while Adrian Perkins joined the committee as the representative of the county Professionals. In addition regular members are John Harvey, our County Development Officer, Steven Peet the EGU/EWGA regional officer, Lee Dolby from Living Sport and Katie Cooper from the Golf Foundation.

Funding: This year we have received £1000 of funding from the Grass Roots Grant, some of which was used to purchase a generator for the inflatable net obtained last year, while £12875 came from England Golf. This amount is used to fund the salary and expenses of our CDO and to run the County Academy Programme. In addition we raised almost £1800 from the ProAm which was held in May. 31 teams entered with Paul Maddy winning the Professional event and Ramsey GC winning the Welton Trophy. Many thanks must go to Jan Stockham for her hard work in organizing this highly successful event. We plan to hold a ProAm again next year at St Ives GC on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May and we hope to attract a large number of teams again: details to follow from Hamish Fleming.

In January the CCGP website was up and running, however during the course of the year an England Golf website has been made available to us at no charge. This means that we may produce a more professional site and presently our CDO is preparing to appoint a Webmaster to oversee the site for us.

The National CGP Conference was held at Woodhall Spa in February and I was fortunate enough to attend. It was very inspiring to hear from counties who were further along the line in their progress and to bring back ideas for us to introduce.

Also in February interviews took place to appoint 6 Senior coaches to our County Academy Programme. It is designed to provide top class coaching to a number of talented young golfers, around 90 in Cambridgeshire, who are not currently receiving this through the county union or association coaching programmes. £34000 funding has been secured over the next 3 years to do this and to help increase the number of trained coaches. The first 2 sessions of this coaching have already taken place and will continue, while for next year our focus is to move to 16+ activities. Our CDO, John Harvey is to hold a Forum for clubs in February 2011 and this presentation will give you all an opportunity to find out what is on offer for your own club.

On 9<sup>th</sup> April the Equality Bill became an Act with an immediate effect on Golf Clubs. Although under-18s are exempt it will have an impact on the sports sector and both the EGU and EWGA websites have guidance from the Home Office. It was also announced that the England Golf Disability Website was to go live in June 2010.

In May the committee unanimously agreed a new Constitution. Previously we had only 'Terms of Reference'. During our first year we have reached our target of achieving 4 GolfMark clubs in the county. In particular the award indicates that clubs are Junior and Beginner friendly. Saffron Walden, Gog Magog, Links and Girtton are our first award winners. In addition the Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre at Hemingford

Abbots have been awarded RangeMark. This makes them one of only 7 ranges in England to have been awarded this prestigious standard, and the first one in the East of England. In an EGU/EWGA GolfMark national survey it was shown that 51% of clubs have experienced an increase in membership since achieving the accreditation and 85% have been successful in achieving external funding for projects.

I do hope that this report has given you all an idea of our aims and objectives. We do try to promote ourselves with the use of the inflatable net which has been to numerous venues in the county including St Neots, Thetford, Old Nene and Kingsway Golf Clubs. Accompanied by a Professional, children and adults are able to 'have a go' or get a quick lesson and discover that golf can be fun.

Finally I have a heartfelt plea, we do need another C&H representative – please could someone out there come along and help me fight the 'ladies corner'.

#### 11. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT'S TO RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The proposal is that the Rules of the Association be amended so that the Eastern Regional Delegate be elected at the AGM as from 2011. This was proposed by Jacquie Richardson (Secretary) and Seconded by Jenny Hardie (St Ives) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

#### 12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

TROPHY	WINNERS	CLUB
Holland Trophies	Sarah Smith & Miranda Brain	Links/Gog Magog
Margery Newport	Sarah Greenall, Jane McGuffog & Maralize Synman-Harvey	Links/Gog Magog/Bourn
Championship	Jackie Gregg	Links
Runner Up	Sarah Smith	Links
County Plate	Lesley Ince	Brampton Park
Runner Up	Tina Broadley	Ely
Allen Newport	Sarah Atwood	Gog Magog
Scratch Bowl	Sarah Greenall	Links
Audrey Nicole	Judy Dooling	Bourn
Long Handicap Cup	Romayne Finch	St Neots
Nancie Carter	Glynis Anderson	Menzies
High Handicap Shield	Jayne Reynolds	Lakeside Lodge
Veterans' Cup	Rosemary Farrow	St. Neots
Senior Veterans' Cup	Rosemary Farrow	St. Neots
President's Salver	Maureen Hagan	Ely
Officials' Cup	Jacquie Richardson	Old Nene
Grace Norman	Abbotsley	
Grace Norman-runner up	Saffron Walden	
Jean Wilkinson	Ely City	
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Mary Cole Rose Bowl	Bourn	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl- runner up	Ely City	
Scratch League	Links	
Scratch Foursomes Knock-out	Chelsey Herbert & Sarah Smith	Gog Magog/Links
Junior Champion	Miranda Brain	Gog Magog
Junior Net Champion	Sarah Smith	Links
Junior 18-hole Stableford Trophy	Chloe Ashman	Ely
Lesley Ford Trophy	Harriet Haywood	St. Ives
Alison Cuninghame Trophy	Megan Willis	Old Nene
Biddy Wade Trophy	Laura Tuttle	Links
Mansfield Trophy	Sarah Smith	Links

#### 13. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

President	Mrs Greta Barclay (Ely City)	<b>nominated by executive committee</b>
Secretary	Mrs Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene)	continuing in office
Treasurer	Miss Jane Skerry (Brampton)	continuing in office
Captain	Miss Fiona McGlashan (Girton)	3rd year
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain	Mrs Mo Poole (Brampton)	3rd year
Veterans' Captain	Miss Liz Smith (Ely City)	<b>nominated by executive committee</b>
Junior Organiser	Mrs M Tuttle (Links)	continuing in office
Competition Secretary	Mrs Lin Smith (Bourn)	continuing in office
Handicap Adviser	Mrs Elaine Cardwell (Brampton)	continuing in office
<b>FOR INFORMATION:</b>		
Regional Delegate	Mrs Margaret McCall (Girton)	
Asst Competitions Secretary	Mrs Barbara Nicoll (Saffron Walden)	
Deputy Handicap Adviser	Mrs Wendy Cox	
Press Officer	Miss Greta Barclay (Ely City)	

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS PROPOSED BY MRS ROSEMARY FARROW (ST NEOTS) SECONDED BY MRS LESLEY CLARK (OLD NENE) AGREED BY A SHOW OF VOTING SLIPS

**14. ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES OF AFFILIATED CLUBS TO EXECUTIVE:**

	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>
ABBOTSLEY	Mrs Sue Hurren	Mrs Vivien Ward
BARKWAY PARK	Mrs Ann Barnes	
BOURN	Mrs Yvonne Previtt	
BRAMPTON PARK	Mrs Jane McGlashan	Mrs Julie Miller
CAMBRIDGE LONGSTANTON	Mrs Kim Pilmer	
CAMBRIDGE MERIDIAN	No Delegate	
CAMBRIDGESHIRE MENZIES	Mrs Rosemary Rennie	Mrs Janet Kilsby
CROMWELL	Mrs Fiona Morgan	Miss Lesley Ford
ELY CITY	Mrs Linda Steele	Mrs Liz Smith
GIRTON	Mrs Maureen Mansfield	Mrs Penny Baker
GOG MAGOG	Mrs Barbara Davies	Mrs Sheila Hayward
HEYDON GRANGE	Mrs Heather Neill	Mrs Wendy Osborne
KINGSWAY	Ms Caroline Ingarfield	
LAKESIDE LODGE	Mrs Judy Northrop	Mrs Pat Thornley
LINK'S	Mrs Anne Low	
MALTON	No Delegate	
MARCH	Mrs Jo Rowlett	Mrs Lynda Robinson
OLD NENE	Mrs Anyta Francis	Mrs Lesley Clark
RAMSEY	Mrs Christine Wishart	Mrs Nancy Smith
ROYSTON	Mrs Pam Bonnett	
SAFFRON WALDEN	Mrs Rita Craig	Mrs Sue Ward
ST IVES	Mrs Jennie Hardie	Mrs Norma Fyson
ST NEOTS	Mrs Sue Cook	
STILTON OAKS	No Delegate	
WATERBEACH	Miss Greta Warden	Mrs Ann Butler

The election of the above delegates was Proposed by Jacquie Richardson (Secretary) and Seconded by Carol Curtis (Ely City) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

**15. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING OFFICERS:**

The President paid tribute to all the retiring Officers for all their hard work, Vets Captain, Greta Barclay, and Assistant Competition Secretary, Mrs Kathy Musgrave.

Rosemary Farrow then handed over the Presidents Badge to Greta and said "I have known Greta for many years. She has been Ely's County Delegate, Scratch league Club Captain and has been a superb County Vets Captain for the past 3 years. As if that was not enough, for all of that time she has also been our Press Officer.

As President I haven't made it to every event, but I think Greta has hardly missed a single one. Team matches, Junior events, All the Div meetings, Championship Finals. If the County organised it then you can be almost certain that Greta would be there, taking notes and clicking away on her camera. Greta has given so much of her time to the county already. Greta was an obvious choice to be our next President."

Greta Barclay accepted the President's Badge and said "that it was a great honour" and thanked the County for the confidence shown. Then made a presentation to Mrs Farrow stating that Rosemary, had a hard act to follow but I think I can say without reservation that she has had three very successful years. She has given her time freely and her commitment, dedication and enthusiasm for the game has been amazing. Her wealth of golf experience had been invaluable, particularly at County Match Week, where she has been a calming influence for the younger members of the team."

Jacquie Richardson then presented Rosemary with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the membership.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**17. CLOSE OF MEETING**

As there was no other business, The President declared the meeting closed at 3.50 pm

**AGM 2011 WILL BE HELD at The Gog Magog Golf Club on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 p.m.**  
Tea was then served.

Signed..... Date .....