



A Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association
was held on **Monday 9th May 2011** at Girton Golf Club at 2 pm

Present:

Miss G Barclay (President), J Richardson (Secretary), Mrs Mo Poole (2nd Team Captain), Mrs L Smith (Competition Secretary), E Cardwell (Handicap Advisor), Mrs B Nicoll (Assist Competition Secretary), Mrs M McCall (Regional Delegate), and Representatives/Deputies/Officials from 16 Clubs: Abbotsley, Barkway, Brampton Park, Cambridge Menzies, Cromwell, Girton, Gog Magog, Heydon Grange, Links, March, Old Nene, Ramsey, Royston, Saffron Walden, St Neots and Waterbeach.

1. APOLOGIES:

Mesdames Miss F McGlashan (Captain), M Tuttle (CJO), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Mrs L Smith (Veterans' Captain), Yvonne Prevett (Bourn), Judy Northrop (Lakeside Lodge), Rita Craig (Saffron Walden), Barbara Davis (Gog Magog), Pam Bonnet (Royston), Kim Pilmer (Cambridge Longstanton) and Linda Steele (Ely City).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the 7th March 2011 meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING: None

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None

5. PRESIDENT:

Greta Barclay reported:

I would like to welcome you all to the meeting. The season is well and truly under way and the pace of events is certainly picking up. All of our County teams have been in action, with mixed fortunes. We have had two County competitions to date, the Junior Spring meeting at Lakeside Lodge and the Division 1 meeting at Abbotsley. Both events were played in good weather and were well supported and well organised and our thanks go to Marcella and Maureen and their helpers and to Lin Smith our Competitions Secretary and Sue Hurren, Abbotsley Club Delegate.

The next big event is the County Championship at the Links on 20th-22nd May.

Entries for President's Day on 25th August have been very encouraging and I have just one slot left. I will be running a tombola stall on the day, and contributions of bottles will be gratefully received. I hope you can spread the word at your Clubs that I need bottles.

6. TREASURER:

Jane Skerry reported:

Bank Account £30,719.08 **Junior Account** £2,339.80

7. SECRETARY:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

Documents issued at the meeting were Previous Meeting Minutes, hole punched ready to place in Blue Book Folder.

"Hole Sponsorship" for the County Championships currently stands at 14 Holes having Sponsors.

8. CAPTAIN:

Fiona McGlashan reported:

Once again my apologies for not being able to be with you in person.

We have been quite quiet on the first team front with only one practice session at the Gogs and one practice match since our last meeting. Our practice session under the watchful eye of Emma Prentice once again concentrated on short game skills pitching, chipping, bunkers and long and short putting – which I am sure all of us need to practice! The girls then took their newly honed skills into a practice match against Northants Ladies at St Ives GC. My thanks to St Ives for looking after us so well on the day. As few of our players had had a chance to play the new St Ives course it was a bit like an away fixture for both sides but the final result was a draw at 2 matches each with a particular mention for Sarah Smith and Miranda Brain who recorded a 4/3 victory over Rosie Youngman and Gemma Davies.

All our thoughts now turn to the County Championships at Newmarket in a couple of weeks' time – if you've decided not to play this year, then why not come along and watch - there is always some great match play over the weekend and the final will undoubtedly be a great advert for golf in our County.

Finally, as you may know, this is my last year as County Captain and I am delighted to announce that Jane McGuffog from Gog Magog has agreed to be my successor.

9. 2nd TEAM CAPTAIN:

Mo Poole reported:

We had two very successful training sessions with Emma Prentice from the Gogs in March, working predominately on our short game and target practice. So much so, that one of our players had a hole-in-one the next day at her club, she now owes Emma a large drink!

Our practice match was against Lincolnshire at Blankney Golf Club at the beginning of April. We stayed overnight at a grotty Travel Lodge and spent the evening in Lincoln walking the town like waifs and strays, trying to find somewhere half decent to eat.

However, arriving at Blankney made up for the somewhat different night as it is a wonderful course opened in 1904 and trees are a major part of the course, as we found out in the 4/somes in the morning. It is certainly a course that you need to know your way around as there are many blind shots and a fair amount of water.

We managed to secure 1 win in the morning and in the afternoon singles we won 1 match and halved 3 to make an overall match result of 51/2 to 31/2 to Lincolnshire. It was always going to be a tough match as many of the Lincolnshire ladies knew the course quite well which was a big advantage on this very tight and beautiful course.

We are looking forward to our first county match which is against Essex – usually a tough one, at Meridian on June 2nd and we would love to have some supporters if you are free on that day.

10.VETERANS' CAPTAIN:

Liz Smith reported:

My apologies for not being able to attend the committee meeting.

We have played one match since our last meeting, but are playing the second against Northampton as we speak. We had a very pleasant match against Essex at Canon's Brook Golf club. We were a little worried that they had gained a small advantage by playing a couple of "juniors" in their side, ladies who were only 50 years old! I shall make sure that doesn't happen next year.

We did feel very smart as we sported our new Vets team shirts and I would like to thank Mo Poole for organising their printing for us. We now just have to sort out the payment.

I would like to thank all those Ladies who played for the team.

11.JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Maureen Mansfield reported (in Marcella Tuttle's absence):

28 girls took part in the Junior Spring Meeting at Lakeside Lodge during the Easter holidays. This is an event where we encourage beginners, improvers and the more experienced players to mix with each other. Coaching and short game skills are offered to the beginners and improvers and for the second year running we also had a golf exercise slot. In her first appearance at the Junior Spring Meeting 10 year old Jade Guest from Gog Magog put on a superb display of golf to win the Lesley Ford Trophy. After 18 holes at the Lakeside club's Lodge Course, Jade recorded a magnificent nett score of 61, six ahead of second-placed Chloe Ashman (Ely City) who had a very respectable score of nett 67. Jade cut her handicap from 36 to 31. Junior County Captain, Amy Rae (St Ives) won the scratch prize after a round of 79. St Ives' Megan Howard took first place in the nine hole competition on the Manor Course with 20 points, with Libbie Pickett (Waterbeach) second with 18 points. The winner of the par three competition was Charlotte Boston (St Neots) with a score of 41 on countback from Alice Guest (Gogs), clearly hot on the heels of her sister Jade. Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned up on the day to help, without them it would be impossible to hold the event.

Following the Junior Spring Meeting, Jade played in two more Junior Opens and cut herself from 31 to 23. That's 13 shots in 3 days! She then went down to Princes Golf Club in Kent the following week and cut herself another shot and now plays off 22. I have alerted EWGA to a potential star and will be monitoring her progress very carefully.

In our first match of the season the 1st and 2nd Junior Girls golf teams were both narrowly beaten by Bedfordshire. The match was played at Mount Pleasant Golf Club in very windy, but dry conditions. Mount Pleasant in Henlow, Bedfordshire is a little gem of a nine-hole course, with 18 different tees and set in 70 acres of beautiful meadow and parkland. The 1st team played singles matchplay and the 2nd team played foursomes matchplay. Laura Howard and Chalani Allen were playing in the 1st team for the first time. Unfortunately, Laura Tuttle was unable to play due to a wrist injury and Megan Taylor due to holiday commitments. Jade Guest and Jessica Gibbons made their debut in the 2nd team. Our next match is against Essex on 3rd July.

Congratulations to Miranda Brain and Sarah Smith for coming second in the East Region Ladies

Foursomes at Pavenham Park in April, narrowly beating Sarah Greenall and myself. I'm looking at introducing a 3-year training programme, which Alan Fletcher at Kingsway will be heading up. The Junior Committee are meeting this week with Alan Fletcher to discuss options and I will report back on progress at the next meeting.

Although no longer a Junior, I'd like to congratulate Sarah Smith on winning the Faldo Series, an U21 event at Walton Heath Golf Club last week. Sarah has qualified to play for the next phase of this event, which takes place in Ireland in September.

Apart from the five Juniors playing in the Ladies County Championship in a few weeks time, our next big event is the Junior County Championship which takes place during the May half-term at Bourn Golf Club.

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Lin Smith reported:

We held our first county event at Abbotsley last week with 63 players entering Division 1.

Our thanks go to Abbotsley Ltd for letting us have two tees for the afternoon foursomes, otherwise it would have been a much longer day. Thanks to the Abbotsley members for all their help on the day and to Sue Hurren for all her organisation.

The Margery Newport Trophy for best gross was shared between Vivien Saunders (Abbotsley) and Sarah Greenall (Links) with a gross 78.

Best net: Paula Offer – Bourn Net 70
2nd net: Tracey Parsons – Royston Net 71
3rd Net: Glenna Cooper – St Neots Net 74 ocb
4th Net Mary Thompson – St Neots Net 74

PM Foursomes Stableford

1st Vivien Ward (Abbotsley) & Sue Cook (St Neots) 35pts ocb
2nd Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) & Tina Broadley (Ely City) 35 pts
3rd Glynis Anderson & Edie Robinson (Menzies) 34pts
4th Edie Douglas & Barbara Coe (Links) 33pts ocb

We have 46 entrants for the Championship at Links and I look forward to seeing many of you at Newmarket on 20-22 May to support the players.

13. ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Barbara Nicoll reported:

Round 1 of the Grace Norman Competition 2011 is completed. There are still three matches to be played in round two, but Girton, St Ives, Ramsey, Lakeside Lodge & Cromwell are already through to the quarter-finals.

Grace Norman Finals: Will be hosted by Bourn on Thursday, 28 July 2011. Tee closures are from 08.45–10.15am and from 1.45pm. Greta has already said that she is available for Starting the Final and I am hoping that Lady Captain, Wendy Ward, will be available to start the semi-finals. Thanks to Bourn Golf Club for hosting this event as they are also hosting the Foursomes Championship this year.

The Jean Wilkinson matches have started and some results have been received, but there are many games still to be played.

Jean Wilkinson Finals: Will be hosted by Cromwell Golf Club on Tuesday 20 September 2011. Tee closures are from 07.45–09.15am on 1st & 10th, and 13.30pm for the final.

Scratch Foursomes Match Play: Entries were very low this year and despite extending the closing date only seven pairs entered. It was decided that the event would proceed.

14. HANDICAP ADVISER:

Elaine Cardwell reported:

Elaine reported that that St Neots had been allowed preferred lies due to the condition of the course.

15. EASTERN EWGA DELEGATE:

Margaret McCall reported:

At the EWGA AGM all proposed changes to the constitution were passed.

Merger – Regional Committee does not want a road show. It proposes that the County Delegate is sent a DVD with a script and the DVD is shown to Club delegates at a County meeting. Club delegates to then be given a replica pack. Latest estimate is that the vote will not be before October/November.

If merger goes ahead the Regional committee will be restructured – responsible for running and administering Regional competitions only. Probably only 2 meetings a year. EWGA has suggested that the County Delegate is the County Competition Secretary.

Par 3 competition is currently being marketed. Scratch and 9 hole competitions to come on stream during the next 2 years.

Questionnaires sent to County Captains about the format of future County Match weeks have not

yet been analysed.

Foursomes Championship at Pavenham Park – won by Sally Shayler & Bridie Quinn (Beds.) with Sarah Smith & Miranda Brain second.

Please encourage your members to enter the East Region Senior Championship at Haverhill on 12th July and also the East Region Championship at Cambridge Meridian on 1st September. Details of these have been sent to you. Please contact me if you are able to help with the Championship at Meridian – especially if you are willing to be a ball spotter.

There will be a rules test paper on the EWGA website later this year, (Sept). County handicap advisers, Club delegates and CJO's should be encouraged to take the test. Seminar places will be available in Spring 2012 for those with the highest marks in the test.

16. CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Sue Hurren reported:

The CCGP Pro/Am is taking place on Friday 13th May at St Ives. To date we have 14 teams on the Start Sheet with potentially 4 more teams at least joining us.

I will be sending to our County Treasurer a cheque for £1030. This is the Grant for 2010, from the EWGA for the development of Womens and Girls Golf. The cheque is to be paid to the Junior Section, but £250 should be for the use of the Ladies Section.

17. CLUB DELEGATES:

Abbotsley: On Tuesday 3rd May Abbotsley Ladies' Section had the honour of hosting the County Division 1 Meeting. The day ran very successfully with 63 ladies taking part in the morning Medal round and the afternoon Foursomes.

The weather was sunny and fine but the 'cross-wind' did help to create some problems for the players!

I wish to thank, most sincerely, Lin Smith for her help in the organization of the day. Everyone agreed that it was a pleasure to work with her.

Brampton: Ladies Open to be held 24th June please contact Jane McGlashan for Entry Forms.

Cambridge Menzies: 54 Entries received for Division 2 Meeting, thanks to Lin Smith for help.

Cromwell: Looking forward to hosting JW Finals. Club now has new Ladies Changing Room.

Heydon Grange: Only 20 Entries so far for Div 3 Meeting.

Links: 46 Entries for County Championships. Ball spotters will be needed so please help if you can.

March: Only 4 entries so far for the Delegates Cup.

Old Nene: Megan Willis has now reduced her handicap to 19.

Royston: Royston are now through to the 5th round of Daily Mail Classic.

St Neots: Ladies Section have sponsored a hole at County Championships. They are to host Coronation Foursomes Regional Final on 18th August 2011.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Royston asked if Courtesy rounds should be given for Jean Wilkinson practice rounds. The County view is that Courtesy rounds do not have to be given.

Please support your County Team at County Match Week 27th June to 1st July at Kings Lynn. Show your support by wearing something light blue!

Can all Delegates please encourage their Ladies to play in County Competition's.

If you have any club members that do well please let Greta know so we can publish success on the web site.

County Championships Finals start at 13.30 and 14.00 at Links on 22nd May and all supporters are welcome.

It was suggested (by Gog Magog) that maybe the colour of the paper that the County Competition Posters are printed on might benefit from a change.

There being no further business, Madam President closed the meeting at 2.55 p.m.

The **next Committee Meeting** will take place on **4th July 2011** at 2 pm at Girton Golf Club

Signed.....Dated