



A Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held on **Monday 24th May 2010** at Girton Golf Club at 2 pm

Present:

Mrs R Farrow (President), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Miss F McGlashan (Captain), Mrs Mo Poole (2nd Team Captain), Miss G Barclay (Veterans' Captain), Mrs M McCall (Regional Delegate), Mrs L Smith (Competition Secretary), Mrs K Musgrave (Assist Competition Secretary) and Representatives/Deputies/Officials from 17 Clubs: Abbotsley, Bourn, Brampton Park, Cromwell, Ely City, Girton, Gog Magog, Heydon Grange, Lakeside Lodge, March, Menzies, New Malton, Ramsey, Saffron Walden, St Ives, St Neots and Waterbeach.

1. APOLOGIES:

Mesdames J Richardson (Secretary), M Tuttle (CJO), E Cardwell (Handicap Advisor), J Clark(Barkway Park), A Low (Links), K Pilmer (Cambridge Longstanton), L Clark (Old Nene) and J Jarvis (Royston).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the 15th March meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

EWGA have written with regard to the Angela Uzielli Bursary. This is a bursary available to girl golfers going to University or College. Anyone who may be interested in this please contact Jacquie for details.

The Blue Book Folder copies of the Minutes of the Meeting on 15th March and a Junior/Ladies Greensomes Competition Entry Form were handed to Delegates.

5. PRESIDENT:

Rosemary Farrow reported:

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

The season is now in full swing and in fact in a few weeks the most important week in the County diary will take place at West Herts. golf club when our 1st Team will do battle to try to win County match week. Fiona McGlashan our County Captain has more details.

The County Competitions have slowly built up, the Junior Spring meeting at Lakeside Lodge, fantastic day, I was allowed to caddy. Division 1 Meeting at Girton and last week the Championship at Saffron Walden, I played. These meetings were very efficiently run by the delegates involved and the teams of volunteers from the host Clubs. (Reports later).

The quality of the golf at Division 1 was excellent and it is encouraging to see new players improving so rapidly – we would like to think that the incentive of playing in County Competitions and teams encourages players to try to improve.

The Championship at Saffron Walden produced some excellent matches and our new Champion is Jackie Gregg of Links who beat Sarah Smith, also Links, on the 18th. Jackie had a hole in one on the 7th hole so you can see it was a very tight match. Congratulations to Sarah who was playing in her first Final. Lin Smith, our Competition Secretary, is to be congratulated on the smooth running of this her first Championship.

There are only 5 slots left for my President's day on 26th August. I will be running a tombola stall once more and depend on your generosity to make this a success. Please spread the word that I need bottles. A couple of bottles from each club would be fantastic. There is a small poster in each Delegate's envelope for their Club notice boards.

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7. TREASURER:

Jane Skerry reported:

Bank Account £23820.26 **Junior Account** £2108.84

Loss for Division 1 meeting - £26.33.

Loss for County Championship £353.15. This was due to the fact that this year we did not have any sponsorship. Thanks to the ladies of Saffron Walden for donating drinks/food and flowers.

7. SECRETARY:

Margaret McCall reported (in Jacquie Richardson's absence):

Our web site is proving very popular. During April we had 778 visits which I thought was very good but then up to 17th May we had 827 visits which is excellent. We are trying to keep the web site as up to date as possible and a big thank you to all the Ladies who contribute to this. Please keep sending us any of your success stories so that we can share these.

8. CAPTAIN:

Fiona McGlashan reported:

After a wonderful County Championship, I have pleasure in announcing the Team that will represent Cambs. & Hunts. at County Match Week at West Herts. GC. - Jackie Gregg, Sarah Smith, Sarah Greenall, Caroline Agnew (all Links GC, Newmarket), Sarah Attwood, Chelsey Herbert, Janet Phipps, Jane McGuffog, Miranda Brain (all from Gog Magog GC). Non- travelling reserves : Amy Rae (St Ives GC) and Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog GC).

We played our final practice match against the County Men and the County Seniors yesterday at Girton, a triangular singles match that not only stretches the golf but also the brain. Unfortunately, we lost against a very strong CAGU men's side ½ to 7½ but managed a victory against the CAGU Seniors by 4½ to 3½.

Next Saturday the squad has a practice round at West Herts. GC near Watford and then we're into full swing with County Match Week preparations.

We would very much like to see as many of you as possible supporting us at West Herts. and the full match timetable can be found on the County website. It's a great boost to the team to have a sea of light blue on the course and we look forward to seeing you all at West Herts. If any of you are attending and would like to caddy for the team, please would you let me know by email which day you are likely to be coming along.

9. 2nd TEAM CAPTAIN:

Mo Poole reported:

We played our first Practice match against Lincolnshire back in April at Abbotsley Golf Club. The course was in great condition and although it seemed a bit strange playing the course the other way round to that which we are used to, it obviously suited our team as although only winning 1 match in the foursomes in the morning, we won 4 of the 6 in the afternoon singles. We had 2 new girls making their debut, Kay Osborne from Brampton Park and Marilize Snyman-Harvey from Bourn. Both played really well and each won a match. The overall score was 11 points to us and 7 to Lincolnshire – a great start to the season, especially after losing to them last year.

Earlier this month we had a new fixture to our practice matches, the Brampton Park Men's Scratch team thought they would like to take us on!! Brave Men!

We decided to play 4 ball better ball as this is what the men normally play – no problem.

The first match with Marilize and another newcomer to the team, Marie Bayes (Abbotsley), set off with great determination and quite a lot of banter from Marilize, Not sure whether it was the golf or the banter, but they won their match 1 up.

Rosemary Walker (Girton) and Lesley Gilchrist (Gog Magog) took on the next pair, but unfortunately couldn't quite pull off their match with a win, but lost by only 2 holes. Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Beth Peckham (Menzies), who used to play for the 2nd team and is now back from college, secured a brilliant ½ against the men's captain who plays off +1 and his partner off 1. The overall score was a ½.

The men and our girls all said how much they enjoyed the matches although I do think the men thought that they would win. How silly of them! It will definitely be a fixture in our diary from now on.

On Thursday of this week we play our first County match against Bedfordshire at Aspley Guise and I'm delighted to have Laura Tuttle (Links) joining us for the first time and hope once again to secure a win.

10. VETERANS' CAPTAIN:

Greta Barclay reported:

We have played two matches so far. The first against Essex at Royston was played on a relatively calm day but it was rather cold. Essex found the going tough and Cambs. and Hunts. ran out winners by 4 – 0. Jenny Jarvis (Royston) and Mary Thompson (St Neots) made their debuts.

In the second match we played Northants 2nd at Heydon Grange. This match was off handicap. Once again we managed to stay dry and we did see the sun but it was a bitterly cold day. We managed to win 5 – 3. The pairings of Elaine Knobel-Forbes and Wendy Osborne (Heydon Grange) and Edie Robinson (Menzies) and Mary Mitchell (Royston) all made winning debuts.

11. JUNIOR ORGANISER:

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

We had a great turnout at our first event of the year with 42 girls (aged between 6-18) attending the Junior Spring Meeting (formally called the Jamboree) 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 this year we also had a golf exercise slot. The more experienced players with handicaps play an 18-hole medal. With the largest number of entries we have had for this meeting, all the girls seemed to enjoy themselves. Eight girls played for the Lesley Ford Trophy, which was won by Harriet Haywood (St Ives) for the second time in two years. Ten girls played the 9-hole course and 24 girls played the par 3. Thanks as always must go to the patient helpers who make the staging of the event feasible.

We've started our training programme with Sue Hill looking after the Rookies group and organising events each month during the playing season at different venues. For the more experienced players, we have set-up a short game programme with Paul Ashwell, one of the top coaches in the country, with two groups receiving training on four afternoons. We have also put in place a training voucher scheme for the girls' individual coaching needs.

The County Academy Programme organised by the County Golf Partnership is progressing well with the next stage being the organisation of the Talent Days where the players will be selected for the programme. 25% of the players in the programme should be girls, so I will be nominating most of the Rookies squad for the programme. Please keep an eye out for the publicity in your club and try and make sure the girls that are eligible attend.

We played our first County match of the season against Essex at the Gogs on 11th April. The 1st Team halved and the 2nd Team won. Our next match is on Sunday 6th June against Hertfordshire at Newmarket.

Six girls played in the Ladies' County Championship held at Saffron Walden GC. Sarah Smith (Links) did us proud by reaching the final only losing on the 18th hole to Jackie Gregg. Claire Tuttle (Links) also had a very successful Championship by reaching the semi-final of the Plate competition for the second time in two years having had to play her sister, Laura, in the quarter finals. Five girls have been selected to represent the Ladies County 1st Team in the Eastern Region 2010 County Week at West Herts. Golf Club between 14th-18th June. The girls selected are Chelsey Herbert and Miranda Brain from Gog Magog and Sarah Smith from Links, Newmarket, with Tabitha Brain from Gog Magog and Amy Rae from St Ives as non-travelling reserves.

Laura Tuttle (Links) has reached the final of the Abraham Trophy, which is being played at the English Girls' championship in Lincolnshire at the end of July. This event is to find the most improved golfer of the year and Laura was the area winner for the East Region beating many girls to win her place. The entry criteria is for the player to submit their 6 best nett scores during the year – Laura submitted 34 under, averaging 5.5 under for each round – an average which was very difficult to beat. The last player to represent our county at this event was Sarah Smith in 2007. Our Junior Championship is being held next week during half-term at Gog Magog GC. My thanks must go to Cheffins who have agreed to sponsor this event this year.

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Lin Smith reported:

With the good weather has come great golf. The first two county meetings have produced good, competitive golf.

Division 1 held at Girton had 48 entrants. The Marjory Newport Trophy (Gross Prize) was shared by three players who came in with a gross 76: Jane McGuffog (Gogs), Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) and Sarah Greenall (Link). Best net went to Glynis Anderson (Menzies) with a net 65 and second net to Amber Frear (Ely City) with a net 68. The afternoon Foursomes Stableford was won by Jane Webster and Julie Aspinal (Ely City) with 36 pts; on count back from Margaret McCall and Sandy Mitchell (Girton) with 36 pts; and in third place Alison Peake and Judy Morris (Bourn) with 35pts. Many thanks to Maureen and her team of ladies for a successful day.

We then moved to Saffron Walden for the County Championship and again the weather was kind to us. The course was in great condition although I understand the greens were tricky! Jackie Gregg (Links) had a hole in one on the seventh when winning the championship from Sarah Smith (Links); losing semi finalists were Sarah Attwood (Gog Magog) and Marcella Tuttle (Links). The Plate competition was won by Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) with runner up Tina Broadley (Ely City); losing semi finalists Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Claire Tuttle (Links).

The Allen Newport Trophy (best scratch score over first 36 holes) went to Sarah Attwood and the Scratch Bowl (best combined gross scores from Div 1 and Championship went to Sarah Greenall. The County must give thanks to the ladies, members and staff at Saffron Walden for looking after us so well and in particular to Rita Craig for organising her band of helpers.

Division 2 and Division 3/High Handicap meetings are next on the list and I am sure that the relevant delegates will report on these.

13. ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Kathy Musgrave reported:

Rounds 1 & 2 of Grace Norman completed. Quarter final matches are: St Ives (Away) v Lakeside Lodge, Ramsey (Home) v Abbotsley, Girton (Away) v Saffron Walden, Ely City (Away) v Links
Grace Norman Finals: Tuesday 27th July at Brampton Park. Thanks to them for giving courtesy for this event despite holding the Autumn Foursomes as well this year

Scratch Foursomes Match Play 11 entries again this year.

Results tables for Jean Wilkinson, Grace Norman, Scratch League and Scratch Match Play are up to date on website and a copy of the GN results to date is available for collection today. There have been some problems in updating the new website, particularly with the spreadsheets for the JW and Scratch Leagues but I think we are near to resolving these. If anyone notices errors /omissions please let me know. JW results not provided as fewer than half the matches played.

14. HANDICAP ADVISER:

Margaret McCall reported (in Elaine Cardwell's absence):

Nothing to report. Sue Hurren confirmed that Abbotsley had the second copy of the Rules DVD. The other copy is with Links.

15. EASTERN EWGA DELEGATE:

Margaret McCall reported:

The following were discussed at the April meeting:

County Match Week in 2011 is now 27th July.

Insurance – Counties need to check that their insurance covers under 12's and over 65's. (C& HLCGA's does)

From EWGA Operational Board

The EWGA handicap committee suggests that Counties should encourage inactive handicap players to enter County Competitions. Regional committee disagrees – think clubs should be encouraging players to regain active handicaps - will seek clarification from EWGA.

The completion of 13 holes of a competition makes a card eligible for handicap purposes.

EWGA is looking into 'igolf' who apparently can issue handicaps.

Percentage of players not playing in their own region's medal finals is to be investigated.

Club winners of the Ping competition to receive a logo umbrella, runners-up a logo towel.

EWGA is to run more events for non-elite single figure golfers – may involve overseas finals in conjunction with one of the new companies wishing to get involved with amateur ladies golf.

Regional meeting agreed that more competitions were needed for ladies within the 8-15 handicap range - will be taken back to the Ops. Board.

900 Ladies' Sections have uploaded to the Central database of handicaps.

Uptake of the electronic newsletter continues to rise – only 45 ladies out of 1702 in Cambs. and Hunts. Please encourage your ladies to sign up for the email newsletter.

Merger

EWGA - should be a decision by October. Relevant information will be available to clubs as soon as possible. County Delegates will need to arrange County meetings in September to get the vote from Club Delegates to take to the proposed Special meeting. (I am hoping that the C & H LCGA meeting in September will suffice but may need an extra meeting in September)

Herts. & Beds. are arranging meetings with men's committees to discuss merging. Norfolk meets men via the County Partnership.

Rules Seminars

Details of this year's rules course will be available soon. Please encourage any of your club members who are interested to take the course.

Regional events

Foursomes – Suffolk – 44 pair entered, age range 11 to 70. Winners Sally Shalyer and Bridie Quinn from Bedfordshire.

County Match Week – Herts. Details have gone out to County Captains.

Championship – 1 day 36-hole event this year in Beds. Hope Counties would encourage at least all 1st and 2nd team players to enter

DMD's at County Events

Not allowed in County events in Norfolk, Cambs & Hunts, Essex and Bedfordshire. Herts. allow them, Suffolk details to be confirmed. Felt that though they may speed up the game there should be no more deskilling of the game.

EWGA Trust diaries – hopefully will be available in August. Please encourage your club members to buy them.

Ring Fenced Pot – stands at £19k. County match Week finals will now be allocated £2000.

Meeting felt that more funds should be available at lower levels and that £1200 funding for CMW was insufficient. Will be taken back to the Ops. Board.

Accident Claims Form – it was agreed that each club where an event is held should be responsible for these. All County events must have adequate insurance cover. EWGA should be providing advice on this. Hopefully more information will be available at our next meeting.

Seniors Championship – Counties to discuss replacing the East Anglian Championship with a Seniors Championship. C & H are in favour of this.

16: CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Sue Hurren reported:

Our Pro/Am was held on 7th May at Gog Magog Golf Club. It proved to be very successful, raising the profile of the Partnership and raising £1797. This money will be used to continue to help with organizing events to encourage more people into golf and eventually provide more club members. Comments have been made concerning the format of the day and these will be taken into consideration when we plan the event for next year.

Upon her retirement, enormous thanks must go to Jan Stockham for her continuous hard work on the Partnership committee, acting as secretary and treasurer, and for her invaluable involvement in the organization of the Pro/Am.

In line with some other counties, we are considering renaming the Partnership 'Cambridgeshire Golf'.

We are looking to link our website to the England Golf web site. This will enable us to present continual updates of information.

CLUB DELEGATES:

Abbotsley:

The lady members have settled down happily following the changes mentioned at the last meeting. At present new ladies' facilities are under construction as well.

Sadly our General Manager, Margaret Middleton, has had to step down from her position due to personal reasons.

Brampton Park: 14 pairs already entered for the Autumn Foursomes.

Menzies: 48 entries received for Division 3/High Handicap meeting. Thanks to delegates for encouraging entries.

Girton: Enjoyed running Division 1 meeting and working with Lin. Good atmosphere and thanks to helpers.

Heydon Grange: Queried when preferred lies stop - 1st May. If still in use on 1st may need permission for competitions to be qualifying.

Lakeside Lodge: 49 entries received for Division 2 meeting. Thanks to Delegates for chasing up entries.

New Malton: Getting used to new layout of the course. Owners managing the course organically. Have 30 ladies – many without a handicap.

March: Pleased to host 2011 Officials/Delegates Cup.

Jean Wilkinson competition – matches may go out in any order? Yes. e.g. match from highest handicap division may go out first. Possible to have teams split into North/South divisions to reduce travelling? Has been discussed before. No - too few teams for this.

Saffron Walden: Enjoyed hosting the Championship and working with Lin.

St Ives: New course now open to club members – fantastic course. Not yet open to the general fee payers at present. Pleased that Amy Rae has rejoined the club. Are attracting more junior girls.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The President congratulated Sue Hewison (Ramsey) for winning the East Region EWGA Medal final, and Tina Broadley (Ely City) who was 9th. Both qualify for the Final.

There being no further business, Madam President closed the meeting at 3.00 p.m.

The **next Committee Meeting** will take place on **5th July 2010** at 2 pm at Girton Golf Club

Signed.....Dated