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Cambs & Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

The 76th Annual General Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association

was held at The Gog Magog Golf Club on November 26th 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone present.

PRESENT:

Mo Poole (President), Sue Hill (1st Team Manager), Cindy McIntyre (2nd Team Captain), Jane Skerry (Treasurer), Jacquie Richardson (Secretary), Edie Douglas (Veterans' Captain), Wendy Cox (Handicap Advisor) Jaine Fieldhouse (Assistant Competitions Secretary), Ina Hartley (Web Site Administrator) and Fiona Whitney (Competitions Secretary)

Total Attendance 62. (44 voting, 18 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.

2. APOLOGIES:

Jane McGuffog (Training Manager), Shirley Longbottom (Cambridge Meridian), Sue Cook (St Neots), Chris Heath (Gog Magog), Lesley Gilchrist (Gog Magog), Sally Barrett (Gog Magog), Dubi Brain (Gog Magog), Elaine Knobel-Forbes (Heydon Grange), Pat Dugdale (Links), Barbara Coe (Links), Rosemary Hay (The Cambridgeshire), Chris McMullen (Gog Magog), Ruthie Ashton (Ely City), Paula Ewing (St Ives), Brenda Davey (Brampton Park), Phoebe Brown (Links), Nel Philpotts (Brampton Park), Tina Bone (Bourn), Sandra King (Lakeside)

3. THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2014:

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

4. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

5. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT:

Mo Poole reported:

As always the captains meeting was our first function of the year and a time for the Captains and their vice Captains to meet the County Officials and find out what we all do. This meeting also gives the new Captains a chance to meet other club Captains and exchange thoughts, fears and aspirations for the coming year. All the members of the Executive Committee have as always, put in a lot of hard work during the year to make sure that things run as smoothly as possible and they will each be presenting their reports.

Fiona Whitney our County Competition secretary has done a fabulous job in ensuring all the events were very efficiently run. She has such an easy-going nature, always with a ready smile and at the end of the phone for any delegates that may need advice.

Assistant Competition Secretary, Jaine Fieldhouse, has once again successfully organized the inter club match play events, the Scratch league and the Scratch Foursomes KO.

I congratulate all the winners of all the County individual and team events.

Last Year at the AGM we introduced a new role of a training officer being Jane McGuffog and latterly that of a Team Manager being Sue Hill, along with Alan Fletcher the professional from Girton and a team from the County Committee who help to select and run the County Team. They have all been working very hard to bring the two squads together and to make up winning teams for both County week and the second team matches.

We had a very good county match week at Chigwell, good team spirit and all our players put in a great performance. Despite a valiant effort we didn't win but felt we learnt a lot from the experience and I know the squad are looking to paint Bishops Stortford Golf Club a shade of light blue at Match week next year! The County B Squad finals were held at Royal Norwich in late August and thanks go to Cindy McIntyre for her hard work organizing and running these matches. During the season Cindy has introduced many of the County Juniors into her team not only giving the team more strength but also valuable experience for the future.

The County Juniors took part in the Junior County Match Days at John O Gaunt in Bedfordshire. Though I know Maureen will be reporting on this later, and can't wait to tell you how they did, I would also like to say

that they were just Amazing! I was honoured to have been part of the committee and spend the 3 days with them. They are all a delight to be around and a breath of fresh air.

We have some amazing juniors in our squads with lots more coming up through the ranks and this is a testament to the work of Maureen our County Junior Organiser and the Junior Committee, I would like to thank them all for all their hard work and dedication.

Edie has managed her Vets well over the past Couple of years. The matches are always keenly contested and the priority is to enjoy the matches - which I know for sure everyone has, and they have all been played in great spirit.

Wendy Cox our Handicap Advisor organises meetings for all the club Handicap Advisors, early in the year, to discuss any changes that have been made to the Handicap System. I think with all the changes which are occurring this coming year she has been more busy than normal. Wendy is always available to answer any queries we have on handicaps and is supported by Deputy Handicap Adviser Elaine Cardwell.

Jane Skerry our Treasurer works hard at the accounts and makes sure that we all keep to our budgets.

Jacquie Richardson our County Secretary has been a tremendous support to me over the past two years. She works endlessly behind the scenes to ensure that everything is done on time and in the right order. Her Minutes from our meetings are always perfect and there before you know it. Jacquie is always at the end of the phone for help or support day or night, even I have called on her on the odd occasion this year! Thanks Jacquie!

Our East Regional Delegate, Trina Miller has had a busy time organising the East Region Girls Championship at Saffron Walden back in August and held a very successful Championship with around 41 girls competing. Trina also is our link with England Golf and attends many Partnership meetings on behalf of our county.

Tina Broadley our SS Assessor is working her way around the county with a team of helpers re-assessing our courses and has so far assessed Kingsway and Old Nene and Ramsey is next on her list.

Ina Hartley our Website administrator has done a great job organizing the upgrade on the new website and updating the photos and results. Ina is wonderful at responding to reports on County events and they are on the site almost before they have been sent!

My thanks must also go to Greta Barclay our Press Officer. Greta continues to pop up at every event, in fact I can only think of two she has missed. 9 out of 10 events Greta isn't competing in the competition but she still manages to find the time to get over to the said golf club and takes the photographs and then sends detailed reports to the local press and also for our website. Thank you Greta for all you time and support. And finally I come once again to my Presidents day, the highlight of my year. We once again had good weather, even though the day before was horrendous and I was worried that the course might have been closed. Brampton Park staff and members were amazing and I couldn't have managed it without all their support. I understand the cakes were good too!

My thanks also go to all the clubs who provided green fee vouchers and the club member who supplied all the items for the tombola and those that bought tickets to win them back again!

Between us we raised just over £3240 which included a generous donation of £100. This money will go towards the continued development of our Juniors.

So, that ends my report but I would like to say a special thank you to all the Executive Committee for all your support over the past two years. You all work tirelessly, without pay and give up your time and dedication to make this county association a pleasure to be part of so that we can all enjoy our golf.

We have had some fun and some not so... But I think we did ok and I will miss not being part of the team.

SECRETARY:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

During this year there have been 4 committee, a competition and finance meeting, and a Captain's meeting held.

My thanks go to Girton and Gog Magog golf clubs for the use of their rooms for the meetings and the AGM. Dates for the next year's committee meetings are 18th April, 18th July, 19th Sept, and 17th Oct with the AGM on the 24th Nov.

The Blue Book will remain in the same format as last year. Anyone wishing to place an advertisement in the Blue Book, please contact me or Val Musson (cost £60)

In the file for collection today includes, invitation to the Lady Captains and Vice Captains meeting on 5th March 2016 at Old Nene Golf Club.

As you already know this is my last AGM as Honorary Secretary. I have been Secretary for the last 6 years and have enjoyed all of this time. As you can imagine I have met an enormous amount of ladies in this time and made some really good new friends with lots of them. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the Officials for their help and support over these 6 years and also the Delegates who are invaluable at keeping their clubs informed of all that is going on in the County. I would also like to wish my successor Val Musson all the best in her new role, and I am sure she will do an excellent job for the County.

CAPTAIN & TRAINING OFFICER:

Sue Hill reported as County Captain and also Jane McGuffog's Training Officer Report:

At this time a year ago it was not clear who would manage the County squad for the coming year and I certainly did not imagine it could be me! No obvious candidate had emerged to implement the changes required to meet the demands of County week that is now a commitment to six days of golf. It is not a task one person can easily manage. Hence the formation of a squad from which the County team will emerge is managed by a group of County Officials who already have knowledge of players at all levels in the County. The committee last year consisted of County President Mo Poole, Second team Captain Cindy McIntyre, Junior Organiser Maureen Mansfield, Training Officer Jane McGuffog and Vets Captain Edie Douglas. I was

co-opted onto the committee to manage County week. We also have input from coaches Alan Fletcher and Emma Prentice that is invaluable.

It was from consultation in this committee that our match squad for County week 2015 emerged. Ten players played at Chigwell and out of these six people were able to commit the whole week the others managed two days. This did create a difficult task organizing a consistent order of play especially in the foursomes.

Our team was:-

Miranda Brain, Tabby Brain, Jade Guest, Jane McGuffog from Gog Magog

Tina Broadly, Laura Todd from Ely City

Jackie Ewing, Sarah Greenall, Marcella Tuttle from Links

Sarah Peeke-Vout from Girton

Sarah Jones from Gogs stood by as reserve.

All the team members played well but were not able to overcome the might of Essex who won the whole tournament.

For me the management of the various facets of match week was a steep learning curve! But we can see ways in which we can improve and will endeavour to put them in place at Bishops Stortford next year.

Jane McGuffog's Training report addresses some of those issues.

We hope that after Christmas the squad will practice the training points ready for the season starting in April.

Finally in the run up to choosing next years team I have started an Order of Merit which logs current playing performance. I will add scores achieved in Division One and the County Championship 2016 to rank players. The chosen squad will come from this ranking and have practice rounds with Alan and Emma before the match week.

We may not match Essex yet but we will not come last

At the AGM in November 2014 we introduced the role of training officer. This has started well with myself taking up the role and working closely with a working group comprised of the County first team manager Sue Hill, 2nd team captain Cindy McIntyre, Junior Organiser Maureen Mansfield, President Mo Poole and Vets captain Edie Douglas to help do some of the ground work and support the sessions, and also assist Sue in planning for county match week which hopefully most of you are now familiar with. Due to the short timeframe in which to put a Pro in place to run county training, the team agreed that golf professional Alan Fletcher of Girton , who has done such a good job with developing a training plan for the junior girls, should be the primary coach. He proposed that he work in turn with Emma Prentice of Gog Magog GC who has worked with the team up until now, to implement a new approach for the county.

Alan laid out his long term goal to build strength and depth throughout all of the teams such that Cambs and Hunts are competing to win at all levels- 1st team, 2nd team and junior. Immediate goals were to prepare a squad able to compete and win regional county match week.

To enable this, it was proposed that the county look to support the development of players from ~12 handicap down who were keen to improve, and to encourage an environment where players could learn that everyone can improve with the right attitude and coaching. We established an expanded the training group and embarked on an introduction to training, followed by a series of spring sessions focused on short game and shot selection.

In January, the introduction evening was held as an opportunity for all ladies to meet coaches and officials and a chance for Alan to communicate what he was looking for in county players, and what the program is designed for. Players currently involved in the county set up were invited along with players identified through current contact /knowledge of players of 12 handicap and under who would be interested in representing the county, and hence interested in developing their matchplay skills and game.

A first on course session was held on at Girton in January, where 21 players were able to attend. All played an informal 9 hole Texas scramble with a twist, which was fun and got the players to know more about each other. Further on course playing sessions were in April, May and June. 30 players signed up and sessions were well attended, with much more commitment than previous years.

The mix of short games and on course worked well- the short game sessions taking the form of a number of skills tests on the par 3 course at Pidley, and the on course looking at restrictions imposed on players to challenge their strategy/shot selection. Sessions on 19th April and 2nd May went smoothly and we rounded up with a match Squad B v Squad A playing foursomes at Girton, all hard fought, with some shots given to make it a fair test. Squad B were the victors by one match.

The sessions went well and a good squad atmosphere has started to build- reinforced amongst players from the training team's perspective it was good to see players stretched, focused and mixing up. Also the training team and Sue could observe players in this environment and learn more about them, involved in county week, 2nd team matches and some of the players involved in junior county match week.

For the autumn the working group revisited county match week and debriefed with Alan and Emma, who had both given up time and made the journey to Chigwell to watch for improvements in 2016.

In that debrief key areas were identified that stood out as having the most potential to improve performance across the training squad to bring us closer to opposition performance level. Areas were;

- Putting
- Short game
- 3ball on course coaching (course management shot selection- allowing closer analysis of players)

Alan proposed a plan that included some exciting expert session in the autumn followed by the proposed 3 ball on course coaching with Alan and Emma.

Aims

To improve the quality of play with our potential county ladies team members. The focus on these sessions will be putting, wedge play and short game as well as key focus on decision making and mindset as well as course management

Three autumn sessions were planned and rolled out. These were very successful.

- In October the squad had a morning with Dr Christian Swann – Sport Psychologist followed by 9 holes on course with AF to apply learning's of morning session.
- Later that month there was an evening session at Brampton with Dr Matt Bridge to discuss and help players understand record and analyse their true weaknesses in their game
- This month we had a fabulous session at Woburn with a whole morning @ Woburn's new short game area with Charley Hull's short game coach Daniel Grieve 9-12pm. We were then lucky enough to get access to 9 Holes on the Duchess Course to practice what we had done in the morning, players paying their own green fee.

These autumn sessions were attended by at least 15 players per session and the response from the players was excellent. The majority are inspired to get working on their games, now they have a better awareness of how to analyse their stats, find out their strengths and weaknesses, and put it into action. There is an excellent vibe now the players know each other better and the team spirit is building.

There is a long road ahead but this year we have seen reductions in the handicaps of a number of players, some quite dramatic, and the momentum is building.

The committee have unfortunately only committed to funding the autumn training at around £1500, and the squad are lacking funding for the spring sessions. A request will be put forward to the committee to see if we can get funds for at least 3 spring sessions to put into practice what has been laid down in the autumn. Thank you to the team for their hard work and support, to Alan and Emma for their hard work and great input. Thanks also to Girton GC for letting the county use their facilities and course, and also to Brampton for allowing us to use their conference room.

2ND TEAM CAPTAIN:

Cindy McIntyre reported:

It has been an interesting year in the 2nd team.

Due to the loss of a number of players in the first team who have either had babies or turned professional, lots has changed for the County Golf teams. It's a little like England Rugby after the 2003 World Cup when everybody retired and England had to rebuild. You have to ask players to step up perhaps earlier than they would be comfortable or anticipated doing.

Some of our established players have moved up into the first team and as a result the 2nd team bears virtually no resemblance to previous years. So we have been rebuilding and have continued where Sharren Kjenstad (the previous 2nd team Captain) started by bringing more of the juniors into the squad.

You may remember we had a recruitment drive last year to invite interested club golfers below the handicap of 12 to join training, to see if they would like to be included in the County teams. I think that was a success and we have new members who I am sure will play a strong part moving forward.

The training officer role that was established with the intent of improving training is in its infancy but has been going well with Jane McGuffog and the two professionals Alan Fletcher and Emma Prentice combining well. In collaboration with a working team they have been developing a specific training approach tailored to the needs of the County teams and I would like to thank them for all their hard work this year.

Looking at results is a little pointless because of all the change in the teams, and unsurprisingly with a new team we didn't win, but we came very close including holding Essex to a 5 games to 4 result, and at finals day we beat 2 of the other 3 counties. The majority of the individual games were very close and nobody in our team got beaten easily with most matches going to the 17th or 18th. As you can imagine the matches were very exciting.

It was a year where we learnt exactly how far away from the other Counties we are. There has always been a myth that because we are a small County we can't compete but that just isn't true. I spent some of the matches in a buggy trying to get a feel for where we need to focus in order to be competitive and it really highlighted that there was little difference between the teams. Our players showed that they are very close to the likes of Norfolk and Essex and with a few tweaks and some deep belief I would love to see how close we can get.

A big thank you goes to all the girls who played this year and worked hard on their games, they are:

Chalani Allen Chloe Ashman
Marie Bayes Lucy Mills Cripps
Paula Ewing Sarah Oldham
Amanda Rawson Marilize Snyman Harvey
Emily Smith Lindy Tapping
Claire Tuttle Laura Tuttle
Rosemary Walker

VETERAN'S CAPTAIN:

Eddie Douglas reported:

Due to my retirement this is the last Committee meeting of my Captaincy of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies Vets.

It has been a very enjoyable two years, which was made easier by the support of the lady players it was very helpful that most ladies would step in at short notice if a player was unable to attend. There will be more available ladies from next year as the minimum age eligible to play has been lowered from 55 to 50.

I have enjoyed playing different courses and meeting new ladies from other clubs. The clubs have made us most welcome with excellent facilities and friendly banter.

It has been interesting to be involved with the County Committee which helps me realise the hard work that is required to run such an organisation. One of the highlights of this year was to be involved with the County Week at Chigwell.

I would like to thank President Mo and the Committee for their support and organisation, some of which are retiring this year including President Mo. I would like to wish Jacquie Richardson as incoming President and the new committee well for their term of office.

I would like to wish my successor Hazel Suswain an enjoyable term as Captain of the Vets, I am sure she will receive the same support that I have enjoyed.

Finally I would like to wish you all good health and good golfing for 2016.

JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Maureen Mansfield reported:

During this report I will only be mentioning the main winners of competitions, as they have all been reported both in the minutes of County meetings, on the website or in the Newsletters.

As usual our Junior events start off in January with the girls and parents evening. This year we had 30 girls and their parents attending. Alan, our County Coach, outlined what he proposed to do during the training sessions and what he hoped the girls would achieve. The monthly training dates were set at the same time each month so that parents could plan to bring the girls along. The girls in the Development Squad and those in the Main Squad alternated with morning and afternoon sessions. This all seemed to work out very well and we hope to do the same in 2016.

In February we had our usual Junior Get Together where the girls are divided into teams of all mixed abilities and play indoor games and take part in a team quiz. Trophies and prizes, having been engraved, were presented as well as County Colours for those that had achieved the required standard. The golfer of the year and winner of the handicap challenge is also announced. It was attended by 32 girls, who enjoyed all the activities which was followed by afternoon tea for everyone. It was good to see the way the older girls, helped and encouraged the younger ones, which is what this event is all about.

March saw us go to Lakeside Lodge for the girls training weekend. This is limited to girls from the 1st and 2nd team who might be considered for the Junior County Match Day event in August. This year 14 girls attended the weekend and the aim was to improve their short game skills, fitness and game awareness on the course. The whole weekend was very successful, and I am sure the girls appreciated how important fitness is if they wish to achieve their aim in golf.

In April, 33 girls attended the Spring Meeting which was also held at Lakeside Lodge. We were very pleased with the numbers. Ten of them were new to golf and it was the first time they had attended any of our junior events. Apart from the main girls who play an 18 hole round to find the winner of the Lesley Ford Trophy, the remainder of the girls played on either the 9-hole course or the par 3 course, after they had received some coaching from Andy the coach at Lakeside, as well as putting. Chipping and tri golf competitions organised by my committee members. This was followed by lunch for all the girls and helpers and then the presentation of the trophy and prizes for winners of each of the groups. On this occasion the Lesley Ford Trophy was won by Anna Guest of Gog Magog Golf Club. However, all the girls go away happy as they all get an Easter egg even if they haven't been amongst the other prize winners.

Marcella Tuttle organised the Cambridgeshire Schools Event which is for boys and girls and was held at Girton Golf Club this year. 49 children took part and the standard of golf was excellent. I was very proud of all our girls who entered and I believe they all won either an individual or team prize. Unfortunately, some of the girls were busy with exams and were unable to take part.

Twenty-two girls took part in the Junior Championship which was held at Ely City Golf Club. Thirteen of the girls played in the 36-hole competition to find the Junior Champion for 2015 which was won by Jade Guest with a Gross Score of 158. The Biddy Wade trophy was won by Chloe Drewery from Brampton Park with an excellent score of -21. The day ran very smoothly, the weather was kind to us and Ely City were perfect hosts. My thanks go to all the Ely Ladies who helped to make the day run so smoothly, and to Fiona and Mo for checking the cards and producing the results.

The Junior 2nd team played 3 matches' the match against Suffolk was played at Gog Magog which we lost 2-1 and the second match was against Norfolk at Newmarket which we also lost 3.5 to 0.5. The third match was against Bedfordshire at John O'Gaunt we won 2.5 to 0.5. However, these matches are good practice and experience for these young girls and gives them match play practice for when they join the County Junior 1st team against stronger opposition. My thanks goes to Chris Heath for organising these matches for me and for all the girls who played.

Our County Junior Match Days were held at John O'Gaunt Golf Club on 17-19 August. The team selected were: Chalani Allen, Chloe Ashman, Jade Guest, Ella Mason, Chloe Neal, Sophie Nicoll, Emily Smith and Lindie Tapping. Their handicaps ranged from 3 - 14, they had been put through their paces in a practice round the week before by Alan Fletcher our County Coach, and they all appeared up for the challenge. Without exception they all played very well against some very strong opposition and we were delighted that we came 3rd overall. The team spirit was great both on and off the course. We all had to join in and have blue face paint put on daily, as well as our nails painted. I think, I can speak for all of us when I say it was a pleasure to be with the team and our evening sessions were fun too. We look forward to 2016 and hopefully being able to climb further up the ladder.

Some of the girls have also represented the County in regional and national competitions of their choice. As already mentioned our training sessions with Alan this year were planned to be around the same weekend of each month, which we hoped would suit the parents better. I believe this has worked very well as the sessions have been well attended by all the Squads. The development squad has grown this year and we now have over 30 girls on our books ranging from 7 - 14. Rosemary Hay looks after this section on our behalf and she does an excellent job with the organisation and encouragement she gives to them all.

However, we are also both very grateful to our fellow committee members and to the parents for their help. We do need a lot of help with this group, particularly when they go out on the course. The Development squad also has a Grand Tour which consists of them playing on 5 different courses, having some coaching and then playing 9 holes - they all thoroughly enjoy these events. However, I think we all get our reward by watching them interact with each other and seeing their faces when they succeed in what they are doing. This group finished their training with a strengthening and conditioning session and were given exercises and putting tasks to keep practicing before we meet again next year.

The 1st & 2nd Team plus County Squad 3, who are able to train with either groups have also enjoyed their training with Alan. He has worked them hard both on and off the course. From the results of a survey we issued to this group, he plans to work them even harder on their short game next year and has given them tasks to practice before he sees them again.

Although the girls all contribute a small amount to their training sessions we were fortunate to receive some England funding again this year and have also been awarded some more funding for next year provided we achieve what we set out in our application. I would also like to mention that both Jade Guest and Ella Mason have been accepted for the Under 16 England training.

We were also delighted when Jade Guest went to Portugal to play in final of the Daily Telegraph Competition and came 6th. Jade has also now reduced her handicap to 1 which is the lowest a junior has got since I have been involved.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee who all contribute in various ways. However, a special thank you, goes to Rosemary Hay for running the Development Squad, she is so good with the girls, they have monthly equipment checks, so by the time they come to play for the County they will be well turned out. To Greta for her excellent photographs, writing the reports for the papers, website and newsletters, working out the budgets and being there for me to discuss new ideas or solve any problems. To President Mo for her support throughout the year. We are a great team and long may it continue.

Last but not least if you have any young girls who join your clubs please let me know, so we can invite them to come along to our training sessions and meet girls of similar ability and age.

Next year Cambs & Hunts will be hosting the Junior County Match Days at The Cambridgeshire, so please come along and support us on 15-17 August 2016.

COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Fiona Whitney reported:

This has been my third and final year in office and again it has been a busy year. We started off the year with a meeting at Brampton for the new incoming Lady and Vice Captains and despite us nearly being snowed in it proved to be a very successful 'networking' day and put us off on a good footing for the 2015 season.

Our first meeting of the year was the Division One meeting at Links and this was well attended and set off the County events to a good start. Thankfully this year we were able to hold the County Championships at St Ives as planned. All three days were kind weather wise although it was a tad cold for the middle of May at least it didn't rain!

All the other events held throughout the year went exceptionally well and this is very much due to the help and dedication of the County Delegates and their teams at club level. I would like to thank all the County Delegates and their teams of helpers who helped with registration, sold raffle tickets, ball spotted, checked cards - you name it they did it - thank you all very much.

I would also like to thank all the Clubs who helped us throughout the year in hosting events, and also to all of the Clubs who have been booked for next year too. It is very much appreciated and without their help we would not be able to hold these competitions.

The numbers for the entries for the events this year were down again on previous years. There could be many reasons for this but we hope that 2016 encourages more ladies to enter these very good value competitions. The prices are being held again for next year so even more reason to enter.

The new website has proved successful and all the Competition details are listed on there. Results are posted almost immediately and I would like to thank Ina for being so prompt with this task.

I would like to introduce the new County Competition Secretary to you all - Jude Hole - Jude plays her golf at Links and I am sure you will all welcome her to her new role.

And last but not least I would like to thank everyone on the current and previous committees who have helped, supported and encouraged me over the last three years. I can honestly say I have had a wonderful time as the Competition Secretary. I have met some great people, made many new friends and I can say whenever I go to a club within the Cambs & Hunts area I can usually bump into someone I now know, and although he is not here today I would like to say a big thank you to my husband who has been there when I needed him - taking messages, picking up the County flag when I have left it somewhere and delivering squash and biscuits to club delegates - I think he will be quite glad I am retiring!

ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Jaine Fieldhouse reported:

My thanks to St Neots Golf Club and Royston Golf Club for generously giving courtesy of their courses for the Grace Norman and Jean Wilkinson finals. I must also thank their County Delegates for their invaluable help organising these events and all those who generously gave up their time to act as rules officials, ball spotters and general helpers at each event.

19 clubs competed for the Grace Norman Trophy, 15 for the Jean Wilkinson Trophy and 13 in the Scratch Leagues. Thank you to all players for competing in such good spirit and to all Lady Captains and Scratch Captains for ensuring the competitions ran smoothly.

Entries this year were up in the Scratch Foursomes Match Play with 11 pairs taking part with Justine Voss and Linda Kelsey from Saffron Walden winning the 2015 trophy. Many thanks to all the Clubs who gave courtesy for the home matches and to The Cambridgeshire for hosting the final.

I would like to thank President Mo and all the Executive Committee, their support and encouragement has been very much appreciated and my thanks go to all members of the Association and had it not been that I am to be Lady Captain at Saffron Walden I would have remained on the County Committee and do hope to return in the future, if they will have me.

I have made many great friends and would encourage everybody to give it try and see just how much hard work the committee does to keep us playing our golf.

I wish Jacquie every success as Lady President and look forward to supporting her in my new role

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

HANDICAP ADVISOR:

Wendy Cox reported:

You will be pleased to hear that I have very little to say as I come to the end of my first year as your handicap advisor.

At the beginning of 2015 we held 2 meetings for handicap secretaries which were well attended and generated much discussion. I will be holding similar meetings after the New Year.

As the year went on I received various club handicap enquiries and hopefully these were all resolved satisfactorily. A big thank you goes to Elaine Cardwell, my deputy, for all her assistance and advice during the year.

Finally as I'm sure you are all aware there are some CONGU changes next year so I will be in touch with all your handicap secretaries to help things run smoothly as the golfing season starts again.

REGIONAL DELEGATE:

Trina Miller reported:

Eastern Region Girls Championships Report

The Eastern Region Girls Championship took place at Saffron Walden Golf Club on Thursday 13th August There were 41 entries for both the U18 and U15 championship. The entries had been slow coming in but in the last month before the event the pace picked up with most entries arriving two/three weeks beforehand. With the start sheet and general information needing to be sent out we, the organisers, felt that the closing date of two weeks before the day was too short.

We dealt with last minutes changes and we were ready for the day. Although the weather did cause some problem in the afternoon credit must go to the competitors who stayed out and completed the event in spite of the rain.

Saffron Walden, with Delia Roberts the link between the county and club, did an excellent job throughout the day. There were plenty of club members available to help and with Rosemary Hay acting as Rules Official every job was covered efficiently. A big thanks to our President, Mo Poole, who not only presented the prizes but was also a great help to me in adding up all the numbers at the end of the day!

The main results were as follows.

U18. Winner Scratch	Amelia Williamson	Norfolk
Runner up	Ashley Croft	Essex
U15. Winner Scratch	Lily Humphries	Essex
Runner up	Jade Guest	Cambridgeshire
U18. Winner Net	Rebecca Earl	Hertfordshire
Runner up	Sophie Faulkner	Hertfordshire
U15. Winner Net	Emmanuella Hewson	Hertfordshire
Runner up	Hope Neild	Norfolk.
Team Winners	Essex	

England Golf

I attended two England Golf meetings this year in my role as the delegate for the ladies association. As the voting member I take the opinions of our executive and voted accordingly. Both meeting have covered much the same material, proposed changes to Governance, Affiliation and Membership.

England Golf needs to increase its' membership to retain funding from Sport England so the main thrust of their work has been about developing new membership options, casual, independent and new golfers. There are also major changes planned for the Executive structure of England Golf.

Both these areas of work are still in the consultation and planning stage and will not be voted on until the December meeting which I will attend.

Hopefully I should be able to give you the results of the voting on the issues at the next AGM assuming that a decision will then be made.

SCRATCH SCORE ASSESSOR:

Tina Broadley reported:

Three courses have been assessed this year- Kingsway, Old Nene and Ramsey have been completed.

Plan to do 5 this year – Ely, Barkway, March, Gog Magog Old Course and Orton Meadows, with Newmarket Links on the reserve list.

Question was asked as to why Bourn is not on list, and it was explained that this is due to changes to be made there.

It was asked how long it takes to do the assessment and it was answered that this takes a whole day at the course, followed by another whole day completing the paperwork.

WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR

Ina Hartley reported:

Another year has past and its getting more and more difficult to stand here and enthuse about the website without any "hesitation, repetition or deviation". Still I will try.....

I hope you find the new website easy to navigate? Feedback is very much appreciated as the design is very much based on what was thought "necessary at the time". What is website design?

I did a GOOGLE search and briefly, website design means planning, creation and updating of websites.

Website design also involves information architecture, website structure, user interface, navigation ergonomics, website layout, colours, contrasts, fonts and imagery (photography) as well as icons design.

Taking each of these in turn:

Planning and creation was a joint effort between a local specialist website & graphic design agency, Secretary Jacquie and myself. I also carry out the necessary updating.

Many of the other items on the list ie colours, contrast, fonts etc. are determined by the theme picked. But some deviation is possible. The information is structured through the use of pages (tabs across the top of the website) and posts (news items on the front page). Pages can have navigation links to other information pages.

Greta Barclay, our Press Officer, supplies the photographs and write-ups on all our major competitions. Information, whether it be for knock outs or competitions is emailed to me by the relevant Officer and the website updated asap – usually minutes after I receive the email. I have also created a Facebook page which I update with the latest news items. This is proving to be a good source of communication without the hassle of logging-on to the website.

With so many people using tablets and mobile phones to get on-line their view of the website will be different so more links need to be shown on the front page – this page can always be accessed by tapping on the home key.

Besides a view of the latest news items there are links to: the Past County Ladies Captains' website, BBC's Golf page, view National Golfer magazine, to Golf Empire – the site that has lists of the majority of Open events, list of County events, the Minutes, the main County competitions entry form and a list of useful websites. Have a play and you never know, you may find something useful.

We are lucky in that we have the ability to redesign our site whenever we feel like it and have the authority to keep the software underpinning it updated. This keeps me busy and I have learned so much about the software – learning is easy when one is interested in the subject.

If you have a problem with the layout or there is data that you would like to see, that's not there already - please let me know and if it's possible, I have no hesitation in saying, we will try to oblige.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Jane Skerry reported:

INCOME

The subscriptions for 2015- based on 1508 members 21 down on last year

Loss of £507 from Running County golf events

A profit of £3399.00 was made on Presidents Day, and we thank the President and Brampton Park Golf Club for hosting this event

We received £1192 from CAGU for the County Cards purchased by the Ladies

EXPENDITURE

Contribution to the Junior Committee was £3589 covered by the kind decision of the President for the money she raised to go to the Juniors plus the Junior affiliation fees

Uniforms were purchased for the 1ST, 2ND and Vets Team's

The County Week cost was £4349 which is down on last year when we hosted the event

County Team's coaching has increased due in part to the way the training has changed

Trophies cost is for engraving

The administration running costs are down this year

Daphne Haddock Fund monies were spent on the refurbishment of the trophies and the new website

Unfortunately we were victims of a fraud where we lost £756. I had an email from Mo, or so I thought, to pay someone. This was a scam and didn't come from Mo at all. Not having my brain in gear I didn't check and transferred some money. I apologise to the County for this error.

JUNIOR ACCOUNTS

INCOME

Monies were received from the parents to help pay for the training costs

Competitions include the Junior Championship and Ladies/Junior Greensomes competition

Donations and Grants include those from the President, England Golf, Cambridgeshire Development Group and the Rules of Golf evenings. We thank them all very much

EXPEDITURE

Training costs have risen this year
 Competition and Matchplay Final costs were similar to last year
 The Accounts have been signed by the Auditor as a true and fair view
 Di Nicholson who is taking over as Treasurer was introduced to the meeting.

Adoption of Accounts Proposed by Jane Skerry (Treasurer) and Seconded by Mel Owers (Bourn) and was agreed by a show of voting slips (non against)

7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR 2016:

The Treasurer proposed that Mr Graham Adams be appointed as auditor for 2016. This was seconded by Jane McGlashan (Brampton) and agreed by a show of voting slips (non against).

8. ADOPTION OF OFFICERS REPORTS & VOTE OF THANKS:

Val Musson proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers of the association, for their personal and collective endeavours and their enthusiasm over the last year. They all give their time willingly and voluntary to aid the smooth running of the association to give us all a very positive experience of County Golf. It was proposed by Val Musson to accept the officers reports as put forward today, and this was seconded by Jennie Hardie (St Ives) (non against).

9. TO APPROVE AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2017:

Madam Treasurer (Jane Skerry) proposed that the 2017 Fees be set at £8, which was seconded by Val Musson (Lakeside) and agreed by a show of voting slips (non against).

10. TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The proposal to change the Constitution to change a couple of terms used was read out and is:-

- a) To approve the change of all references to EWGA, in the constitution, to read England Golf
 - b) To approve the change of all references to 1st Team Captain, in the constitution, to read Team Manager.
- This was Proposed by Jacquie Richardson and seconded by Sue Kent (The Cambridgeshire) and agreed by a majority show of voting slips (non against).

11. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

TROPHY	WINNERS	CLUB
Holland Trophies	Marcella Tuttle & Sarah Greenall	Links
Margery Newport	Tabitha Brain	Gog Magog
Championship	Tabitha Brain	Gog Magog
Runner Up	Marcella Tuttle	Links
County Plate	Geraldine Fleming	St Ives
Runner Up	Lucy Mills-Cripps	Ramsey
Allen Newport	Tabitha Brain	Gog Magog
Scratch Bowl	Tabitha Brain	Gog Magog
Audrey Nicole	Teresa Locke	Links
Long Handicap Cup	Sandra King	Lakeside
Nancie Carter	Sandra King	Lakeside
High Handicap Shield	Hilary Rogers	Brampton
Veterans' Cup	Pat Nixon	Ely City
Senior Veterans' Cup	Rosemary Farrow	St. Neots
President's Salver	Hazel Suswain	Ramsey
Autumn Foursomes	Pam Lammimam and Lynda Hall	Brampton Park
Officials' Cup	Trina Miller	Brampton Park
Grace Norman	St Ives	
Grace Norman-runner up	Abbotsley	
Jean Wilkinson	Saffron Walden	
Jean Wilkinson-runner up	Brampton Park	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl	Brampton Park	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl- runner up	Ely City	
Scratch League	Links	
Scratch Foursomes Knock-out	Linda Kelsey and Justine Voss	Saffron Walden
Junior Champion	Jade Guest	Gog Magog
Junior Net Champion	Chloe Neal	St Neots
Junior 18-hole Stableford Trophy	Jordanne Sillitoe	Ely City
Lesley Ford Trophy	Anna Guest	Gog Magog
Alison Cuningham Trophy		
Biddy Wade Trophy	Chloe Drewery	Brampton Park
Mansfield Trophy	Jade Guest	Gog Magog
Adrienne Trophy		

12. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

President	Jacque Richardson (Old Nene)	nominated by Executive Committee
Secretary	Val Musson (Lakeside)	nominated by Executive Committee
Treasurer	Diane Nicholson (Brampton Park)	nominated by Executive Committee
Captain	Sue Hill (Girton)	nominated by Executive Committee
Training Officer	Jane McGuffog (Gog Magog)	nominated by Executive Committee
2 nd Team Captain	Cindy McIntyre (Bourn)	continuing in office
Veterans' Captain	Hazel Suswain (Ramsey)	nominated by Executive Committee
Junior Organiser	Maureen Mansfield (Girton)	continuing in office
Competition Secretary	VACANT	
Handicap Adviser	Wendy Cox (Lakeside)	continuing in office
Eastern Regional Delegate	Trina Miller (Brampton Park)	nominated by Executive Committee

FOR INFORMATION:

Asst Competitions Secretary Mrs Rosemary Rennie (The Cambridgeshire)
 Deputy Handicap Adviser Mrs Elaine Cardwell (Brampton)
 Standard Scratch Assessor Ms Tina Broadley (Ely City)
 Press Officer Miss Greta Barclay (Ely City)
 Web Site Administrator Mrs Ina Hartley (Ramsey)

The above nominations were proposed by Jacque Richardson (Old Nene) Seconded by Delia Roberts (Saffron Walden) agreed by a show of voting slips (non against)

13. ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES OF AFFILIATED CLUBS TO EXECUTIVE:

CLUB	DELEGATE	DEPUTY
ABBOTSLEY	Sarah Rennie	Sue Hurren
BARKWAY PARK	Sue Akers	
BOURN	Mel Owers	
BRAMPTON PARK	Shirley Osborne	Jane McGlashan
CAMBRIDGE MERIDIAN	Shirley Longbottom	
THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE	Shelagh Byrne	Rosemary Rennie
CROMWELL		
ELY CITY	Jill Gamlin	
GIRTON	Veronica McGrath	Barbara Laman
GOG MAGOG	Dubi Brain	Sheila Hayward
HEYDON GRANGE	Elaine Knobel-Forbes	
KINGSWAY	No Delegate	
LAKESIDE LODGE	Sheila Withams	
LINK'S	Margaret Beckley	
MARCH	Margaret Butt	
OLD NENE	Lesley Armstrong	Anyta Francis
RAMSEY	Diane Clitheroe	
ROYSTON	Pam Bonnett	Josie Seaward
SAFFRON WALDEN	Delia Roberts	
ST IVES	Paula Ewing	Norma Fyson
ST NEOTS	Sue Cook	Fiona Whitney

The election of the above delegates was Proposed by Jacque Richardson (Secretary) and Seconded by Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and agreed by a show of voting slips (non against).

14. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING OFFICERS:

The President paid tribute to our retiring officers:

Fiona Whitney, our Competition Secretary has worked extremely hard over the last three years. Fiona is always smiling, relaxed and always available to deal with any queries regarding competitions. The first to arrive on the day and the last to leave!

We hope that you can now take your holiday leave away from county events, go somewhere nice to chill out, and have some lie ins!! We all look forward to seeing you playing in some county events next year as opposed to sitting behind the desk all day on the computer, putting up results. Thank you Fiona, it's been a pleasure to spend as much time with you as I have over the past two years.

Jaine Fieldhouse our Assistant Competition Secretary, a pleasure to work with and brilliant at keeping our website up-to-date with the results for all the team knockout competitions. Jaine had her captain's drive-in last weekend at Saffron Walden and I know she will be a brilliant captain and there will be lots of fun and laughter with her at the helm. We wish her a very successful and happy year ahead.

Jane Skerry keeper of the purse! Now if anyone deserves a rest, it has to be Jane!. 8 years on the county committee looking after our money and keeping a hold on the purse strings as if they were her own. Thank you so much Jane for you tremendous support to the County and I hope you can now have a little more time to yourself and perhaps a new hobby!

Edie Douglas our Veterans Captain has done a great job giving lots of players a chance to play in these events. Edie has been fun to work with and I certainly have really enjoyed playing in the matches under her captaincy, thanks Edie for all your hard work.

Jacque Richardson has been amazing, and I wouldn't have enjoyed my last two years so much without her invaluable help and support and I know the rest of the committee would also agree. I hope you find a little more time for yourself over the next 2 years and enjoy your new position. I know you are also looking forward to being one of the first for using your fantastic new club house next year for some of your events. Thank you Jacque for all your hard work and support to the county.

Mo Poole Over the last two years it has been a pleasure to work alongside Mo. Mo has got an amazing sense of humour, and an inordinate amount of patience (which has been fully tested over the last two years), she has also been a very dedicated and committed President of CHLPGA.

Over the last 2 years I think Mo has attended virtually all the County Events and whether playing or not has always been eager to help and support others at the events, especially the Junior Events, which I know she has particularly enjoyed.

I am sure you will all agree with me that she has been a wonderful ambassador for Cambs & Hunts Ladies Golf throughout her term as President. On behalf of all the Ladies I would like to present you with a small gift so that you can create something to remind you, fondly, of your time as President.

Mo then handed over the Presidency to Jacque and Jacque's response was:-

When I announced that I was retiring from my Secretary position, after 6 years, I had no idea that I would be asked if I would consider being President. When I was first asked I was shocked, honoured and then worried, in that order, about the role.

I will always remember my first County event, which was here at Gog Magog, it was one of Jan Stockham's Presidents Days. I was asked by the ladies of the Old Nene to make up one of their teams. I was very nervous that day (a bit like today), but thoroughly enjoyed and became hooked on County Events. I will always remember I was told that as it was a County event I had to behave myself (not sure I have always managed that!!).

Lesley Clark was my "mentor" in my early golf days and she encouraged me to enter events etc. When playing the Mary Cole Rose Bowl at Ely City the then President Rosemary Farrow asked if anyone would volunteer to help the County in an administrative role. I was encouraged by Lesley to take this on and she introduced me to Rosemary, and wrote a letter of recommendation for me, so she will have to shoulder some of the blame for me standing here today, but hopefully I have done her proud.

I am looking forward to the next 2 years as your President and I hope that I will do a good job, and be a good ambassador for Cambs & Hunts Ladies.

Finally I would like to say a couple of thank you's, firstly to the ladies of the Old Nene that are here today for me because I know their help and support will be invaluable to me over the next 2 years and lastly to all of you for appointing me as your President.

15. REPORT FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Sheila Withams reported

Papers have been provided for each club, to take away, to summarise what the Development Group does. Sheila and Trina attend the groups meetings on behalf of Cambs and Hunts. There is a County Development Officer which is Mark Smith, and funding has now been obtained for Mark to work full time in Cambridgeshire. There is a lot of plans and potential for this group but this has yet to come to fruition. Steve Peet, the Regional Officer, and Mark are very willing to come to clubs and help. There is to be a business growth forum held at a range of venues. There is a small amount of funding available for initiatives.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Question asked when are the Blue Books going to come out, they will be available at the Lady Captain's Meeting on 5th March 2016.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The President declared the meeting closed at 16.15 pm

AGM 2016 WILL BE HELD at The Gog Magog Golf Club on 24th November 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Signed.....

Date

APPENDIX 1
AGM 2014 Item 10

It is proposed that the role of Training Officer be included in the Constitution from 27th November 2014.

The proposal means that there needs to be a change to the Constitution which will be:-

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