

# Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

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## **The 74th Annual General Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held at The Gog Magog Golf Club on November 21st 2013 at 2.00 p.m.**

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone present.

### **PRESENT:**

Greta Barclay (President), Jane McGuffog (Captain), Sharren Kjenstad (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain), Jane Skerry (Treasurer), Jacque Richardson (Secretary), Maureen Mansfield (Junior Organiser), Liz Smith (Veterans' Captain), Elaine Cardwell (Handicap Advisor) Barbara Nicoll (Assistant Competitions Secretary), Ina Hartley (Web Site Administrator) and Fiona Whitney (Competitions Secretary)

Total Attendance 72. (57 voting, 15 non voting, 1 proxy vote)

### **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:**

T Broadley (SS Assessor), J Hardie (St Ives), L Molyneux (March), A Low (Links), S Akers (Barkway), P Parker (St Neots), P Brown (Links), K Osborne (Brampton) and L Gilchrist (Gog Magog).

### **3. THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2012:**

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:**

*Greta Barclay reported:*

Time flies when you are having fun – I just can't believe that 3 years have passed so quickly.

As usual the Captain's meeting was the first function of the year. This meeting provides an opportunity for the new Captains to meet the County officials and to find out what they all do. It also offers the opportunity for the Captains to share with each other their fears and aspirations for the coming year. A number of useful issues were discussed this year which I understand are being introduced for the next meeting.

As usual the members of the Executive Committee have put in a lot of hard work during the year to make sure that things run smoothly. All the individual officers will be presenting their reports.

In her 1<sup>st</sup> year as Competitions Secretary, Fiona Whitney has done a great job to ensure that all the events were efficiently run. She proved to be very competent and her easy going nature and ready smile soon put Club Delegates at ease.

Assistant Competitions Secretary Barbara Nicoll has successfully organised the inter club match play events, the Scratch League and the Scratch Foursomes KO over the past three years. She has also offered a helping hand to Fiona on some of the bigger events and turned up to give a hand at Junior Competitions.

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

Once again it has been a tough year for our County Teams who had varying levels of success. The County 1st team put in a great performance, but finished on the wrong side of three 5-4 results. It was a great pleasure to be able to present County Captain, Jane with her County Colours at Bedford.

The County hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Finals at Abbotsley GC in September and thanks go to 2nd team Captain Sharren Kjenstad for her hard work in organising this event. During the season Sharren has introduced a number of past and current County Juniors into her teams to give them valuable experience for the future.

The County Juniors took part in the JCMD at Bawburgh. Maureen will report on this event but I must just say that there were some very encouraging performances, and the majority of the current team will be available for the next two, if not three years.

It is interesting to see the number of County Junior players coming up through the ranks and making an impact in some of the senior events. This is a testament to the work of Maureen our County Junior Organiser and the Junior Committee, both past and present, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

On the Veterans scene, Liz Smith has managed to control her troops well for the past three years. Demands on fitness are fairly relaxed but the matches are keenly contested, and the priority is for the players to enjoy their matches.

Elaine Cardwell our Handicap Adviser organises meetings for all the Club Handicap Adviser early in the year to discuss any changes that have been made to the Handicap System. She is always available to answer any queries we have on handicaps. She is ably supported by Deputy Handicap Adviser Wendy Cox.

Jane Skerry is the keeper of the purse and she makes sure that we keep within our budgets. Since the last meeting we have received some surprising news and I will leave Jane to give you details when she presents her report.

Jacquie our County Secretary and Regional Delegate has been a tremendous support to me over the last three years. She attends several meetings a year at Woodhall Spa and she works tirelessly behind the scenes making sure that everything is done on time and in the right order. The speed with which the draft minutes appear on my computer after meetings I sometimes think she has written them before we've held the meeting.

Tina Broadley our SS Assessor continues with her training in readiness for the re-assessment of courses.

Ina Hartley – Webmaster, responds very quickly when I send through reports on County events. The Executive Committee are looking to upgrade and improve the website in the coming year.

County Blue Book – Laura Todd (Ely) took on the job of producing the Blue Book last year and has agreed to continue this in the coming year. I thank her in advance for this.

Finally I come to my final President's Day, as always this was one of the highlights of my year. The weather let me down a little early on but the sun soon came out and the wet start was quickly forgotten. I can't speak too highly of the support I received from the members and staff at Ely City; they worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly. My thanks go to the Clubs who provided green fee vouchers for the draw, the Club members who supplied bottles for the tombola, all those who sold draw tickets and to the competitors for their generosity in purchasing so many tickets. Together we raised £2,183.87, (I thank the person who donated £100 to be used for the County 1<sup>st</sup> team) the remainder of the money will be used for the development of our juniors.

To the Executive Committee I would like to say a special thank you for your support over the past three years, you have made my job easy. On behalf of all the members of the Association I thank you all for giving up your time so that we can all enjoy our golf.

#### **SECRETARY:**

*Jacquie Richardson reported:*

During this year there have been 4 committee, a Competition and Finance meeting and a Captain's meeting held. This year saw the first Committee Meeting held in an evening and as it was successful it is intended to hold the July Committee in the evening, again, in 2014.

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 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct with the AGM on the 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.

I would like to thank Laura Todd (Ely) for taking on the role of compiling the Blue Books for printing this year, and she has agreed to continue this role for the 2014 Blue Books. 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 (cost £60)

During this year I have attended the Secretaries Conference at England Golf and I also attended the National Strategy Conference held by England Golf at Daventry.

Towards the end of this year we started planning County Match Week 2014 which will be held here at Gog Magog from 15<sup>th</sup> June. I will be very involved in this event both from a Project Management and Administration role.

Envelopes for Collection today include, invitation to the Lady Captains and Vice Captains meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2014 at Brampton Golf Club.

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

#### **CAPTAIN:**

*Jane McGuffog reported:*

Another year has flown by. Sharren and I have worked closely together to make training a squad activity and hopefully make things more inclusive and competitive. The off season training and practices have involved 1st team 2nd team, developing players and juniors all mixing in. Under the guidance of our coach Emma Prentice the players have enjoyed working on short game skills and matchplay. Thanks to Emma, and thanks to Alan Fletcher for his work with the juniors.

What do we do it all for? For the first team its county week and this year we embarked to County week at the Bedfordshire.

A reminder of the team- myself, Marcella Tuttle, Sarah Attwood, Miranda and Tabitha Brain, Amy Brown, Joanne Herd, Chelsey Herbert, Amy Rae, and Megan Taylor, supported by our lady president Greta.

The Bedfordshire is a very tricky course and we contested with windy conditions on most days, and lightening fast greens. My thanks and congratulations to my team who played with gutsy determination and skill, fighting to the last putt to gain games for the team. We started against the eventual winners Hertfordshire on Monday, and were very close to pulling off a coup going down 5-4, with the match effectively decided by the morning foursomes where Herts overturned our challenge. I won't run through them all in detail but we were on the wrong end of three 5/4 finishes against the top 3 placed teams. We were unlucky not to convert some excellent foursomes matches, and while our foursomes conversions looked poor, the quality of the opposition had to be excellent to take those matches.

Overall we were low on points, and the match scores often not reflecting how close the matches were. However, we are very proud that we finished third in games won, and throughout the week we were unbeaten in the afternoon singles, which is an outstanding achievement. This was a great performance and will be looking to turn those 5/4s around next year here at Gogs and bring back the wins. All of the team played well, but in particular I'd like to highlight the achievements of Miranda Brain and Megan Taylor who won all of their singles matches and Amy Rae who was unbeaten in her foursomes matches.

Thanks in particular to Greta for her great support and for keeping me sane. We have really enjoyed her humour and enthusiasm but hope to rope her in for some work this year too!

Thanks also to the spectators who journeyed to the course to follow the team – it really was great to see you and in particular the ladies of Old Nene, Brampton and Gog Magog. Thanks for the fabulous cards sent in by clubs throughout the county which made us the best supported of the teams in our team room! To the county for supporting us- we really appreciate it and will work hard to do even better at home in 2014. Looking to 2014, this will be my last year as Captain and it has focussed my attention on finding a suitable successor. I have had my mind on the person for some time and finally got organised to ask them to come on board. I first encountered this player as a junior who played foursomes with me in the 2nd team. Although quiet, even then she impressed with a powerful game, a good golf mind and a wickedly dry sense of humour.

Since we first played together, she has matured into a really great player, with a high quality game, a lovely attitude and respect for the game. She truly demonstrates the characteristics I would advise young players to aspire to. I have known her for a long time now. I was drawn against her on two memorable occasions in the first round of the county championship match play. She beat me both times and went on to win the championship the first time - which was some consolation to me, and came a close 2nd on the other occasion. But really it is difficult not to forgive her most things and wish her well because she has a lovely personality and is a great talent and this despite encountering some very tough challenges for one so young. Thankfully, after some consideration, she said yes and so it is with very great pleasure that I ask you to put your hands together for my vice captain for 2014, Amy Rae of St Ives Golf Club.

Further to that, we have a big year ahead and being a playing captain is no easy task. To help me and also help Amy get to grips with the task we agreed that getting an understudy in place early would be a great idea to help spread the load and so although highly unusual, I would like to introduce the player who will be helping Amy, and will be supporting her when she takes on captaincy. She too is a quality player with a good pedigree and a fabulous attitude. Recently poached from Norfolk, I ask you to put your hands together for the very talented Amy Brown of Old Nene Golf Club.

I am extremely excited about our chances next year, about the quality and personality of my team, even more so now I have such great support. I also feel very pleased and satisfied that the county will be in such very good hands when I step down this time next year.

So the prospect of a great year lies ahead, not just for the 1st team, who I hope you will come and support here at Gogs the week of 15th June. Good luck to the second team, juniors and vets in their campaigns. We are getting a great camaraderie going throughout the county squads and I hope we manage to extend that to all club players, because county is for everyone. Enjoy your season and good luck in your competitions.

## **2ND TEAM CAPTAIN:**

*Sharren Kjenstad reported:*

It has been an interesting year for the second team this year. We started with foursomes practices trying out potential new players, followed by a friendly match with our Cambs & Hunts Veterans team, of which we drew our match. It was a very enjoyable day and I will look forward to future matches with them.

The second team players this year were Tina Broadley, Marilize Snyman-Harvey, Cindy McIntyre, Lesley Gilchrist, Laura Todd, Katie Nichol, Marie Bayes, Beth Peckham, Sarah Jones, Laura Howard & myself, also I tried out a couple of Juniors to the team this year Emily Smith from Royston and Chalani Allen from Gog McGog.

This has proved to be a learning year for the team, of which my focus was on development of the team, which hopefully will be a basis for the team next year.

Even though we did not win a lot of our matches, we did have some good results, more so in the singles than the foursomes. This year Cambs & Hunts hosted the second team finals day at Abbotsley Golf Course, where Essex won the trophy.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all the assistance I received from Abbotsley, and also from the County for the help I was given in running this fixture.

My focus over the winter months into the spring will be getting the girls to bond more as a team also getting used to playing foursomes together, hopefully establishing possible partnerships ready for the new season. We have already had a couple of sessions working with Jane and her girls, which so far has been quite positive and has also given me an opportunity to trying out a couple of other girls.

Finally I am very pleased to announce that I have also found a successor to the second team and she will be acting as my Vice Captain for 2014, Cindy McIntyre.

Also I would like to add good luck to the first team in 2014 .

## **VETERAN'S CAPTAIN:**

*Liz Smith reported:*

This is my final report as County Veteran's captain, and I can't believe how quickly those three years have gone by.

We have had mixed fortunes in our matches this year, but they have continued to have been played in a competitive but friendly manner and, although we may be getting a bit slower walking up the fairways, we have added some new fixtures for the Vets, to prove we may be old but we still have energy and ambition!

Our first fixture was a new one against the County 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Sharren had challenged the Vets to a match to start the season off, and we were not going to refuse. We had 4 very competitive games of 4BBB off scratch, at St Neots Golf Club, and it ended in a very friendly draw, 2 matches each. We immediately offered a return for next year, and it is hoped this will become a permanent fixture.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> we set off to Maylands Golf Club, in Romford, right next to the M25, for the match against Essex. We encountered torrential rain, a few rumbles of thunder and a very strong Essex team! Needless to say we lost 2 and a half games to 1 and a half, Rosemary Farrow and Polly Brown winning their match and Grace Eastment and Rosemary Hay halving theirs.

The sun came out for the game against Northamptonshire, at Overstone Park, and so did the stars of the Cambs and Hunts team. We won 5 matches to 3. The format was 4BBB off handicap, with Cambs & Hunts giving shots in most matches. Winners were Julie Aspinall & Jean Curtis, Sandy Mitchell & Sue Corbett, Barbara Coe & Linda Lakey and Elaine Cardwell & Hazel Suswain, who had a magnificent 8/7 victory! Two matches were halved and there were only 2 losses. We all loved the Overstone Course, and the hospitality of the Northants Ladies was superb.

We played Norfolk Vets at Weston Park on July 8<sup>th</sup>, in bright sunshine again. With a scratch 4BBB format we drew 2 matches each, with 2 halves and a win by Edie Douglas and Vet newcomer Jane Webster. It was good to catch up with Sue Meadows, even though she hit the ball a mile and beat myself and Rosemary Farrow almost single handedly!!

The weather plagued the team again at St Ives Golf Club on July 29<sup>th</sup>, against Bedfordshire. This was the match that was cancelled last year due to a waterlogged course. This year the teams were called off due to thunder and lightning and torrential rain, and whether it was because they were losing in most matches, or that they were a little wet, the Beds Ladies were reluctant to go out again, so the match was abandoned after 9 holes. My thanks to Edie Douglas, acting Captain for the day, who had a difficult situation to deal with, and to St Ives for their understanding of the decision the Captains came to.

Our next match was against Suffolk, played at Meridian Golf Club, on 20<sup>th</sup> August. It was a glorious day, and the heat and challenging course proved too tough for the Suffolk team as we won 3 to 1. The winners were Mo Poole & Rosemary Farrow, Polly Brown & Glynis Anderson and myself and Jenny Jarvis.

Our final match was against Norfolk Seniors. They were formed last year and were looking to play singles match play off scratch, for Ladies 50+. After a 4BBB match in their inaugural year we decided we were up for the challenge of singles at Kings Lynn Golf Club this year. Three Ladies made their debut for the Vets: Julie Walter, Sarah Greenall and Paula Ewing but even their youth and experience was not quite enough against a strong Norfolk team. We lost 6 to 1, with Sarah being the sole winner. I will leave it up to my successor as to whether the Vets play this format again!! It was very competitive but still very friendly.

So with 2 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses and 1 abandoned match it has been an interesting and enjoyable year. There have been 43 ladies representing the County Vets, including 10 making their debut, and from 14 different clubs. I would have liked to have included more ladies but the playing standards are improving all the time and we are meeting teams with many single figure handicappers. If the 4 games off scratch and 4 off handicap format could be tried and tested it could mean higher handicap ladies could represent the County.

I would like to thank all the Ladies who have played in the Vets matches over the last 3 years. They have made my job easy by being enthusiastic, punctual, sociable and competitive. I would also like to thank the clubs that have generously given us courtesy of their courses and provided us with great meals. We have had good fun, met interesting partners and opponents, and played on beautiful courses. We've had lovely food and enjoyed good weather, most of the time!!! My position of County Vets Captain, and serving on the County Committee, has been one I have been honoured to do. The County committee, headed by President Greta, have been extremely supportive and I know Edie Douglas, my successor, will enjoy it as much as I have.

## **JUNIOR ORGANISER:**

*Maureen Mansfield reported:*

I have now completed my first year as County Junior Organiser and have thoroughly enjoyed the year, particularly when I am with the girls whether it be my first team, second team or the development squad, I have enjoyed my time with them all.

We started our year with our usual get together and presentation of trophies. Thirty-two girls and their parents attended this year and the numbers seem to be growing every year. We played indoor team games, individual and team quizzes which concluded with afternoon tea, presentation of trophies and prize giving.

Laura Howard was introduced as our Junior Captain for 2013 with Megan Willis as Vice Captain. The girls were given an up to date list of county, regional and national events they could attend during the year. It was as usual a very successful afternoon and good to see our more experienced girls helping the youngsters. My thanks go to my colleagues at Girton for their help and to my committee for their support.

We introduced, for the first time this year, a team training/bonding weekend. Girls who had the potential to make the first team were invited and although three girls were unable to attend, 10 girls attended for both days and 2 girls could only attend on one day. Alan Fletcher, our Junior coach had devised a full programme for both days to include, short game skills, fitness testing/analysis, awkward lies, bunker shots and shot

shaping. However, due to weather conditions the programme was amended to include more indoor work on fitness, although they did have some short game tuition and managed to play 9 holes on both days on an extremely wet course. Our new Junior Captain, Laura, did a great job sorting out the pairings for all the events. Our thanks also go to Andy Fletcher, the coach at Lakeside Lodge for his help during the weekend. The girls had the opportunity to visit his new indoor centre where their swings and club suitability were tested. I believe this proved expensive for some parents. We are hoping to hold a similar event again this year.

Forty girls attended the Spring Meeting at Lakeside Lodge during the Easter holidays and it was good to see how some of the girls had moved up a group from the previous year and the enthusiasm of those playing for the first time. Our thanks as usual go to Lakeside Lodge for their hospitality and to all my helpers for this event.

During the year we also introduced County Junior medals. These were played on four different courses during the months of April, May, June and July and limited to our main squad girls. It was also another opportunity for the girls to meet up with each other. Our thanks go to Gog Magog, Girton, Ely and St Neots for allowing us the use of their courses. These medals proved successful and we will be holding them on four different courses in 2014.

Our numbers also increased for the Junior Championship, which was held at Abbotsley Golf Club during May. The weather was not kind to us but all the girls completed the course whether they played 36, 18, or 9 holes and even the development squad girls playing the par 3 at Cromwell did not give in – we bring them up tough in Cams & Hunts. Emily Smith from Royston was crowned our Junior Champion for 2013.

Several of our girls have been included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team County events during 2013 which I am sure has helped to boost their confidence.

My highlight was taking our 8 girls, namely, Megan Taylor, Laura Howard, Emily Smith, Jade Guest, Chloe Ashman, Charlotte Platt, Lindie Tapping and Megan Willis to Bawburgh for the County Junior Match Days. These girls were selected to represent our County at this event in August. We did not succeed in getting many points but always managed to get at least one win in each game. However, we always knew we were up against some very tough opposition but we were very proud of the way the girls represented the County both on and off the course. It was a young team and I have every faith we will do better in 2014. We had to say 'goodbye' to Megan Taylor who flew out early on the Wednesday morning to take up a Scholarship in the USA but she assures me she will be back to support the girls next year as a 'cheer leader'. My thanks go to Greta, Sue Hill and Rachel Ashman for their help and support to the girls during this event. A 'special' thank-you to those that came to support the girls it was very much appreciated by us all.

Chris Heath has looked after the Second Team for us in 2013 and out of the three matches we won one, halved one, and lost one. We have tried to give all the girls who have a 36 handicap and below the opportunity to play in one of the matches and the reserves have also had the opportunity to play behind the main matches to gain experience. All the girls have enjoyed the challenge and the future looks bright – thank you Chris.

Rosemary Hay does a fantastic job with the Development Squad organising the training and competitions for the Squad. Her enthusiasm and encouragement has helped build confidence in all the girls and they are now all keen to improve on the handicaps she has given them, which I am pleased to report many of them have during this year. Rosemary also runs the Order of Merit ladder and the Handicap Challenge, which she is busy working out for presenting the trophies at our get together in the New Year. Rosemary is a gem we cannot afford to lose – thank you Rosemary.

Rachel Ashman took on the task of organising the winter competition for the Alison Cunningham and Mansfield Salver. This is played in leagues and then the semi finals and finals in a match play format on one day. It is a difficult competition to deal with as the weather plays a big part as to if the leagues can get completed on time. Rachel did an excellent job this year and has already sent out her paperwork for next year – thank you Rachel.

The majority of our girls with a CONGU handicap have reduced their handicaps since August, some by 10 shots. We now have five girls with a single figure handicap and several are nearing that achievement. Alan, our Junior coach, is confident that we could be taking a team for this year's County Junior Match Days all with single figure handicaps and I know that if they don't succeed it won't be for the want of trying. Unfortunately, in 2014 we will be saying goodbye to Megan Taylor, Claire Tuttle and Laura Howard. We wish them all well both in their chosen careers and with their golf. Laura has been a very good Junior Captain and has built up a good team spirit. She will be a hard act to follow but I am sure Megan Willis will keep up the good work.

I have not singled out any major achievements for any of the girls as these have been reported at our County meetings during the year, in Greta's newsletters and on the website.

Finally, they say every good leader needs a good support team and I certainly have that. I would like to thank all my committee for their support and hard work. They have all risen to the tasks given to them during the year and have been in attendance at our main events. However, I would particular like to say a special thank-you to Greta for her support and for being my confidant. She attends nearly all the junior events with her camera at the ready and represents our interests on the County Partnership and takes the minutes for me at our Junior committee meetings – she is a star! Speaking to me a couple of months ago she remarked that she has only a few weeks to go before 'retiring' to which I quickly replied not from my committee. I think she would miss the girls and they would miss her, as would we all.

If any of you know of any young girls who would like to have a go at playing golf do get in touch, our telephone numbers and email addresses are in the blue book and we would be pleased to hear from you.

## **COMPETITION SECRETARY:**

*Fiona Whitney reported:*

Firstly I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has either played or helped in all the County events this year. As you know it has been my first year as Competition Secretary having taken over from Lin Smith. My gratitude goes to Lin for all the very neat and well-presented files that were handed over to me at the end of last year.

The year started for me with meeting the 'new' Lady Captains from most of the clubs in the County. This is an invaluable get together and allows me (and other members of the committee) to put names to faces which is great when we hold events at the clubs and you immediately see the friendly face of the Lady Captain when you enter the clubhouse which is much appreciated.

My first competition in earnest was the Division One in April at Saffron Walden. It was a very successful day with the event being a 'sell out' and put me at ease for what was to come for the rest of the year. On the whole we have had good turnouts for most of the events this year. The Autumn Foursomes again had poor attendance and to this end we are reverting to the original format of a couple of years ago i.e. 36 hole format and hope that it will be well attended at Girton next year and the numbers entering getting back up to the numbers we had a few years ago.

The Blue Books will again be published in the New Year and handed out at the Lady Captains Meeting. The information will also be on the website which I would urge all of you to look at on a regular basis and put it as a 'favourite' on your computer, and as a consequence of this I look forward to the postman bringing me dozens of entries for the events next year!

Finally I would like to give special thanks to both Greta and Barbara for all their help and guidance over the past year and wish them well in their 'retirement' from County duties.

## **ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:**

*Barbara Nicoll reported:*

What a lovely year 2013 has been ! This is also my final year as Assistant County Competition Secretary.

I would like to thank Cromwell and Heydon Grange Golf Clubs for generously giving courtesy of their courses for the semi-finals and finals of the Grace Norman and Jean Wilkinson competitions; thanks also to the County Delegates for their help and support with the organisation of these events, and to all the ladies who generously gave their time to act as rules officials and helpers

19 clubs competed for the Grace Norman Trophy, 16 for the Jean Wilkinson Trophy and 13 in the Scratch League competition. Thank you to all players for competing in a good spirit and to all Lady Captains and Scratch Captains for ensuring the competitions ran smoothly. We are sorry to lose Cromwell from the Jean Wilkinson competition for 2014, but we welcome Old Nene who are participating in this competition for the first time

Entries for the Scratch Foursomes Match Play competition were again low this year but the event resulted in a very exciting final in September. Amy Brown & Megan Willis of Old Nene, won the trophy this year at their first attempt. My thanks to all the Clubs who gave courtesy for the home matches and to Menzies Cambridge for hosting the final

A reminder to any players who have a long term need for a buggy in any competition that they need to submit their annual written request to Competition Secretary, Fiona, before the start of the 2014 season

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 Greta and the Executive Committee for their continued support during my three years as County Assistant Competition Secretary

I have great pleasure in handing over the responsibilities of Assistant County Competition Secretary to Jaine Fieldhouse of Saffron Walden

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you on the course in 2014

## **HANDICAP ADVISOR:**

*Elaine Cardwell reported:*

We had to rearrange the handicap secretaries meeting at the beginning of the year due to inclement weather but I was able to rearrange it for April. By then the weather had improved, Wendy and I had attended a handicap seminar at England Golf and the new handicap secretaries had had time to settle in to their new roles. As it was such a success later in the year I plan to do the same next year and the date will be announced at the new Captains meeting.

I reported back all the changes suggested by England golf and we now have confirmation that these will go ahead next year. The information has been passed on via e mail to the delegates. Please make sure your handicap secretaries receive a copy. The suggested links are very useful especially the one for new secretaries

One of the changes that will affect us all is that from next year you will notice a small "c" annotation next to your handicap. This indicates that it is a competition handicap. The "I" indicating inactive will no longer appear. This will bring us in line with the Scottish and Welsh unions.

The County has purchased two new rules DVD's. These have already been borrowed by one or two clubs. If you would like to borrow one please contact me.

There has been a few problems this year that Wendy and I have tried to work with you to resolve satisfactorily. Please remember that although we sometimes do not agree with the decisions of the rules they are meant to be there to help us.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Christmas a a good golfing New year.

### **REGIONAL DELEGATE:**

*Jacquie Richardson reported:*

The East region meetings are held twice a year and the attendees are, one representative from each of the six Eastern Counties. Following on from the England Golf merger this group's role is now only one of organising the East Region Competitions. At our meeting in October it was decided that the East Region Foursomes Event in 2014 will be changed (as a trial) to a 4 Ball Better Ball event with a maximum handicap limit of 20. The other dates and venues for the East Region Events are on the web site. The previous roles and responsibilities of this committee are now contained within the Voting Members Meetings which are held at Woodhall Spa 3 times a year.

The Voting members meetings are attended by one representative each from the Men's County Unions and the Ladies County Associations throughout England.

At the Meetings there are reports from the Chief Executive, Financial Director and the various Committees of England Golf (e.g. Championships Committee)

The Voting Members will sometimes need to vote on items but these are usually discussed at County Meetings prior to the Voting Members Meetings so that I have a steer on which way to vote.

The main points from the England Golf Meetings this year have been: -

- Format for County match week – this has been discussed and debated at length and at the end of this it was decided to leave the format for each region to decide between themselves. The East Region has decided to keep the format used in previous years.
- In 2013 the Australian Spoons lower handicap limit was changed from 21 to 15 (to encourage more entries) and the entry fee for 2014 will be increased from 50p per player per card to £1 per player per card.
- The Regional Medal Final dates will be moved to May/June instead of April
- From 2014 there will be no reduction in entry fees for Juniors in England Golf's Women's Competitions
- There are also some slight changes to the eligibility criteria for Women to play in County Teams .
- England Golf are in the process of developing a strategic plan, I attended the National Conference on this in October, and this plan will be designed to impact at County level and present a clear vision for 2014-2017. It is proposed that this plan will be ready for voting on at the England Golf General Meeting in Feb 2014. At yesterday's meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the Strategic Plan was issued. There is a survey for all to complete with their views on this plan and I will email the link to the Club Delegates. A Club and County framework is now included in the plan.
- From 2014 members will only pay one affiliation fee to England Golf and Counties based on their "home club".
- England Golf announced that there will be a "golf month" in April/May 2014, more details will follow on this subject.
- A new online DBS (previously CRB) application system will be introduced by the end January 2014, for Counties to use.

### **SCRATCH SCORE ASSESSOR:**

*Tina Broadley reported:*

All training has been completed and a programme will be drawn up to start assessing courses. The men should be doing it at the same time so it will be one team coming out to a course.

Please contact me via email if there are any questions etc.

### **WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR**

*Ina Hartley reported:*

I am well into my second year as the website administrator and still find it a challenging and enjoyable task, although it can be frustrating at times as the software underpinning the site is not as user friendly as the likes of word or excel.

How many of you ladies here today view the site on a regular basis?

At the top of the website there is a box with the words:

Welcome to the CHLCGA website. Our aim is to provide as much up to date information on all County Events, Fixtures, Results and News - throughout the year. Any special results from Regional events relating to one of our Clubs can be included. Please feel free to email any relevant photos or articles that you feel may be of interest to members of our County.

I hope we have fulfilled our aim, as a committee, as we try our very best to get the information onto the site as soon as possible after the event. However, very little information is passed to us from Clubs. If you have any news to share with the County please let me know. You can find my email address under the Officials tab on the website.

All the pictures on the home page of the website can be downloaded onto your own systems by right clicking on the picture and choosing to "save as". Competition rules, start sheets and results are all there for you to view and should you wish to learn more about the rules of golf, there is a link on the front page to register for the R&A Rules Academy.

At the moment we are considering updating the website software as its getting rather old. The latest version is much more modern and will be easier to maintain – or so I have been told. I read an article the other day which said that "A good website is always work in progress" and this is very true. So ladies, if our current website doesn't suit your needs please let us know then we can do something about it.

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

*Jane Skerry reported:*

### **INCOME**

The subscription for 2013 – is based on 1523 Members 77 down on last year

### **SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS**

We were fortunate this year to receive a bequest from the late Miss Daphne Haddock of £25000 which has been put into a separate account which will be used for specific purposes

### **PRESIDENT'S DAYS**

A profit of £2184.42 was made on this event, which includes kind donations, and we thank the President and Ely City Golf Club for hosting this event

### **COUNTY CARDS**

We received £1710 from CAGU for the cards purchased by the Ladies

### **EXPENDITURE**

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

There was a significant increase this year due to an increased junior programme plus the remaining money made from the Presidents Day's of the last 3 years.

#### **UNIFORMS**

There were new uniforms purchased for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams

#### **COUNTY WEEK**

The costs are on a par with last years expenditure

#### **COUNTY TEAMS COACHING**

The costs are on a par with last year

#### **CLOTHING**

Replenishment of sweatshirt stock

£1000 to the Golf Partnership

### **JUNIOR ACCOUNTS**

#### **INCOME**

##### **TRAINING**

Monies were received from the parents to help with Training costs

##### **COMPETITION**

This includes the Junior Championship and Lady/Junior Greensome's Competitions

A donation from C&LCSGA

Donations from the Rules of Golf evenings and The Golf Partnership

##### **GRANTS**

A grant was received from EWGA

##### **EXPENDITURE**

Several Competitions and the Matchplay Finals

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 Jean Burnham (Saffron Walden) and was agreed by a show of voting slips.

## **7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR 2014:**

The Treasurer proposed that Mr Graham Adams be appointed as auditor for 2014. This was seconded by Sue Cook (St Neots) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

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

Edie Douglas (Links) 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 Anyta Francis (Old Nene) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

## **9. TO APPROVE AFFILIATIONS FEES FOR 2015:**

Madam Treasurer proposed that the 2015 Fees be set at £8, which was seconded by Wendy Cox (Lakeside) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

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

*Ali Cope reported*

CCGP News:

- As I reported at the last C&H Delegates meeting the Partnership has met its target of establishing 5 Get in golf Centres: Ely, Brampton, Girton, On Par & Cowley Rd Golf centre. These centres, with the Partnership, will be working with Living Sport to deliver 5 Women Only Golf opportunities for new golfers. Look out for the promotional materials in March and April.
- CCGP Pro Am will take place at the Links Golf Club, Newmarket on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please consider entering a team to support the Partnership
- Bourn Golf Club has gained Golf Mark as a High Achieving Club. Others awaiting a decision are Ely and Ramsey. As such the Partnership as met its year target with 9 clubs achieving Golf Mark
- Finances are on-line for the year, but future funding beyond April 2014 is yet to be confirmed. 14-

25 targets are on-line, but 26+ are behind expectations

- Underspend from 2012-13 has supported the Partnership's work with Living Sport, developing the Marketing Plan particularly. This has led to new business support, increased take up at the GiG centres, the new CCGP Newsletter with 2 additions to-date. Visit the CCGP website or our C&H website to view!
- For Facebook and Twitter fans follow the CCGP and have your say!

England Golf Strategy 2014-17

- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of their emerging strategy is available for comment via an on-line survey. To take the survey, go to [www.englandgolf.org](http://www.englandgolf.org) and click the Take Survey button. The survey will be available until 13 January 2014
- As a result of the initial consultation they have added sections outlining key actions for both clubs and counties along with a section which focusses on priority actions for 2014 and 2015. This is key to ourselves as golf club members and the C&H Association
- The final draft will be presented for approval at the General Meeting of England Golf on 12 Feb 2014. It is proposed to launch the plan on 02 April 2014

Thank You:

- To our club delegates for listening to me! BUT particularly for collating information regarding new to golf members. I hope you will continue to do so!
- BUT mostly to Greta. How special is our President! Greta has endured 3 years on the CCGP committee, no mean feat! It has required her to grit her teeth often, smile nicely frequently – she is very good at this - but despite this it hasn't stopped her commitment to support the Partnership. The CCGP is moving forward and finally into a new era of positivity. Greta's enthusiasm throughout the challenge simply reflects her absolute commitment to her Presidency role. The CCGP has been blessed with Greta's professionalism and absolute presence of purpose. On behalf of the Partnership I would very much like to thank her for the last 3 years. Greta has agreed to remain in the short term whilst we transition a new representation.

## 11. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

TROPHY	WINNERS	CLUB
Holland Trophies	Claire & Marcella Tuttle	Links
Margery Newport	Paula Parker	St Neots
Championship	Sarah Atwood	Gog Magog
Runner Up	Amy Rae	St Ives
County Plate	Laura Todd	Ely City
Runner Up	Roz Irons	Brampton Park
Allen Newport	Sarah Atwood	Gog Magog
Scratch Bowl	Sarah Atwood	Gog Magog
Audrey Nicole	Joan Cheeseman	St Neots
Long Handicap Cup	Lesley Miller	Bourn
Nancie Carter	Lesley Miller	Bourn
High Handicap Shield	Jacqui Maranian	Bourn
Veterans' Cup	Rosemary Farrow	St Neots
Senior Veterans' Cup	Rosemary Farrow	St. Neots
President's Salver	Tina Barker	Girton
Officials' Cup	Rosemary Hay	Menzies
Grace Norman	Menzies	
Grace Norman-runner up	St Ives	
Jean Wilkinson	St Ives	
Jean Wilkinson-runner up	Ely City	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl	Ely City	
Mary Cole Rose Bowl- runner up	Links	
Scratch League	St Ives	
Scratch Foursomes Knock-out	Amy Brown & Megan Willis	Old Nene
Junior Champion	Emily Smith	Royston
Junior Net Champion	Charlotte Platt	Bourn
Junior 18-hole Stableford Trophy	Natasha Bamford	Ely City
Lesley Ford Trophy	Chloe Neil	St Neots
Alison Cuninghame Trophy	Lindie Tapping	Gog Magog
Biddy Wade Trophy	Emily Smith	Royston
Mansfield Trophy	Chloe Ashman	Ely City
Adrienne Trophy	Isabelle Brookes	Saffron Walden

## 12. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

President	Mrs Mo Poole (Brampton Park)	nominated by Executive
Secretary	Mrs Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene)	continuing in office
Treasurer	Miss Jane Skerry (Brampton)	continuing in office
Captain	Miss Jane McGuffog (Gog Magog)	continuing in office
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain	Mrs Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey)	continuing in office

Veterans' Captain	Mrs Edie Douglas	nominated by Executive
Junior Organiser	Mrs M Mansfield (Girton)	continuing in office
Competition Secretary	Mrs Fiona Whitney (Cromwell)	continuing in office
Handicap Adviser	Mrs Elaine Cardwell (Brampton)	continuing in office
Regional Delegate	Mrs Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene)	continuing in office
<i>FOR INFORMATION:</i>		
Asst Competitions Secretary	Mrs Barbara Nicoll (Saffron Walden)	
Deputy Handicap Adviser	Mrs Wendy Cox (Lakeside Lodge)	
Standard Scratch Assessor	Miss Tina Broadley (Ely City)	
Press Officer	Miss Greta Barclay (Ely City)	
Web Site Administrator	Mrs Ina Hartley (Ramsey)	

The above nominations were proposed by Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene) Seconded by Mrs Sue Cook (St Neots) agreed by a show of voting slips

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

	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>
ABBOTSLEY	Jo Fletcher	Sue Hurren
BARKWAY PARK	Ann Barnes	Sue Akers
BOURN	Ali Cope	
BRAMPTON PARK	Kay Osborne	Jane McGlashan
CAMBRIDGE MERIDIAN	Brenda Pryor	
CAMBRIDGESHIRE MENZIES	Janet Kilsby	Rosemary Rennie
CROMWELL	Sue Corbett	Lesley Ford
ELY CITY	Ros Grey	Jan Stuart-Menteath
GIRTON	Patricia Atkin	Maureen Mansfield
GOG MAGOG	Chris McMullen	Sheila Hayward
HEYDON GRANGE	Mandy Hanscombe	
KINGSWAY	No Delegate	
LAKESIDE LODGE	Wendy Cox	
LINK'S	Anne Low	Dianne McDonald
MALTON	No Delegate	
MARCH	Margaret Butt	
OLD NENE	Anyta Francis	Lesley Clark
RAMSEY	Hazel Suswain	
ROYSTON	Pam Bonnett	
SAFFRON WALDEN	Vivienne Dondi	Marjory Smith
ST IVES	Jennie Hardie	Norma Fyson
ST NEOTS	Sue Cook	

The election of the above delegates was Proposed by Jacquie Richardson (Secretary) and Seconded by Sally Barrett (Gog Magog) and agreed by a show of voting slips.

### 14. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING OFFICERS:

The President paid tribute to our two retiring officers:

**Barbara Nicoll**, our Assistant Competitions Secretary has worked extremely hard over the last three years to ensure that the website is kept up-to-date with the results for all the team knockout competitions. This is very much appreciated by Clubs as they work out what result they require to clinch a place in the semi-finals. She has been responsible for the booking of venues for the semi-finals and finals and is usually the first one to arrive on the day and very often the last to leave.

From the many comments I have had from members of host clubs, they clearly like the relaxed way that Barbara quietly goes about her business. Thank you Barbara for all you hard work.

As you would imagine, Barbara is going off to put her feet up, at least until Sunday, when she has her Captains drive –in at Saffron Walden. We hope the weather stays fine and that your drive is long and straight and that you have a very happy and successful year.

**Liz Smith** our Veterans Captain has added an additional fixture against Norfolk, involving 7 singles matches and managed to get Bedfordshire to increase the number of players involved in our match with them. This has enabled her to give more players a chance of representing the County.

Her relaxed style of Captaincy and quick wit ensures that any newcomer to the team is immediately put at their ease. Thanks Liz for your hard work, it's been fun.

Now Liz is going off to put her feet up as she flies off to Barbados in the morning. Have a great trip and chill out – with the cold snap being forecast I am envious.

Greta Barclay then handed over the Presidents Badge to Mo and said "I have known Mo for many years. Our early encounters were on the golf course where she was a fiercely competitive opponent. She is a member of Brampton Golf Club and was their Lady Captain in 2001. Throughout her playing career she has been a keen supporter of all of our County Events. Mo has been a very active member on the Cambs and Hunts Executive Committee in the past having served for four years as our Midlands representative followed by

three years as County 2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain. Her in depth knowledge of golf administration will be invaluable in the coming season as we play host to County Match Week at Gog Magog Golf Club in June.

With all this knowledge Mo was an obvious choice for President and I have great pleasure in presenting her with the President's Badge and County Jumper. I hope you enjoy your term of office as much as I have enjoyed mine".

Mo accepted the Presidents Badge and said "When Greta asked me to take over as president, my first thoughts were what an honour and how could I possibly follow in her footsteps! She is certainly going to be a hard act to follow. The time and dedication that she has shown to the county in the past 3 years is unprecedented, always with a smile and willing to help and support anyone, at any time.

We will miss you on the committee Greta but know that we will be seeing you as our press officer popping up behind trees and bushes with your trusted camera, taking photos for the county website.

I in return will do my best to honour the President's position and carry forward all the good work and the reputation that you have shown during your years as president. Along with the amazing committee that we have who dedicate so much of their time to the county, it will be a pleasure and an honour to be your county president. "

Jacque Richardson then presented Greta with a gift on behalf of the membership.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

As there was no other business, The President declared the meeting closed at 4.07 pm

**AGM 2014 WILL BE HELD at The Gog Magog Golf Club on 27th November at 2.00 p.m.**

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