



A Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held on **Monday 14th April** at Girton Golf Club at 2.00 pm

Present:

Mrs Mo Poole (President), Mrs J Richardson (Secretary & Regional Delegate), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Mrs Fiona Whitney (Competition Secretary), Maureen Mansfield (CJO), Mrs J Fieldhouse (Assist Competition Secretary), Representatives/Deputies/Officials from 15 Clubs: Abbotsley, Barkway, Bourn, Brampton Park, Cambridge Meridian, Cambridge Menzies, Cromwell, Ely City, Girton, Gog Magog, Lakeside Lodge, Links, Old Nene, St Neots and St Ives.

1. APOLOGIES:

Mesdames: J McGuffog (Captain), Edie Douglas (Vets Captain) Mrs E Cardwell (Handicap Advisor), Sharren Kjenstad (2nd Team Captain), T Broadley (SS Assessor), Mandy Handscombe (Heydon Grange), Janet Kilsby (Menzies), Ros Grey (Ely City), Vivienne Dondi (Saffron Walden), Hazel Suswain (Ramsey), Margaret Butt (March) and Sue Cook (St Neots)

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the 14th October 2013 meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

None

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

5. PRESIDENT:

Mo Poole reported:

I would like to welcome you all to this first meeting of 2104, and especially the new delegates and hope you will enjoy your term in office.

Since the AGM I have attended a number of meeting including the Parents and Players meeting for the Juniors and also a Junior get together, which I found great fun and had a chance to meet the girls and some of the parents. Last week at Lakeside Lodge, the Junior Spring Meeting was held and was a very successful day where I watched some very good golf, gave out not only the prizes but a sackful of easter eggs too! Our thanks go to our Hardworking junior Organiser Maureen and all her team and helpers. Details of which will be presented by Maureen in her report.

The year started off with the Captains and Vice Captains meeting in February, held at Brampton Park Golf Club.

17 new lady captains, 16 vice-captains and 2 club officials attended it this informal meeting where they met our county committee, collected lots of information about the coming year and took back to their clubs the 2014 Blue Book. We had a light lunch and they a chance to chat to other captains, some who were a little nervous as the start of the season approaches. This year was the first year that the Vice Captains were invited and from the feedback we had, they all thought it was a great idea.

Various other documents were handed out at the meeting along with the Presidents Day posters and I have received quite a few already, so don't forget to get the forms off quickly if you would like to put a team in.

Lastly, hopefully by now you will all have heard of and read on our website the National Golf Month 2014 initiative which is targeted to getting more people playing golf more often. This is for both lapsed golfers and new golfers, young and older.

To give you an update, The countdown has started in earnest to National Golf Month and the opportunity to join together with the leading golf companies and associations within the golf industry to get golf growing again! The event aims to get an extra 100,000 lapsed or new golfers playing golf in May 2014.

All the major Golf Unions and Associations, Golf Clubs, Driving Ranges, Golf Manufacturers and PGA Professionals have already signed up and working together can change the trend and get more players on our courses, having fun and enjoying this great game.

All golf clubs have the opportunity to be involved in joining the national marketing campaign and the initiative is driven by the British Golf Industry Association and Bauer media.

This is an online system and the type of offers that golf clubs may wish to promote are: Get back in to golf, Get into Golf, Coaching experiences and Golf Club open days. These activities will take place in May.

There is a nationwide radio campaign, which starts on April 24th, and a huge media campaign by Bauer to attract to 23.7 million.

Sir Nick Faldo and Pdraig Harrington are both supporting NGM and Darren Clarke is the ambassador and providing personal quotes for publicity purposes.

The Launch day is in two days time on Wednesday at Northwick Park, and I shall be attending with my Husband who is the project Director.

I have an excellent mailer from Lakeside Lodge of what they are doing to promote NGM if anyone wishes to have a look after the meeting.

6. TREASURER:

Jane Skerry reported:

Bank Account £34,251.91 **Junior Account** £686.82 **Deposit Account** £25,005.67

Affiliation Fees outstanding are:- Abbotsley, Cromwell, Barkway, Brampton, Meridian, Menzies, Heydon Grange, Kingsway, Lakeside Lodge, New Malton, Ramsey and St Neots

7. SECRETARY:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

England Golf will be launching the Clubhouse platform on 21st April. This was sent as a separate email but I have to say it looks very useful for clubs. We will also be given County access to this so that we can see everything that England Golf send out to Club's.

GolfMark is to be relaunched in late Spring 2014 (May) it will be more streamlined and less paperwork driven which it is hoped will encourage more clubs to apply for it.

There is to be a Play More Golf Fund which could be as much as £1500 for each club to apply for to help to recruit lady members and convert these to playing members. This is NOT for taster sessions (nothing ever seems to be targeted at taster sessions). The paperwork for this will be sent to clubs at the end of April.

There is a large concern about the fact that we could lose some of the Sport England funding due to the fact that we have not met the targets for the number of people that we have introduced into golf. The CGP's are now in the process of revising their plans and the CDO's are to prioritise their work in the areas of club support and get into golf centres rather than going to county fairs or other such events.

There was a lot of discussion about Affiliation Fees and it was agreed that England Golf are to set up a working party (with men and lady representatives) to look at the rules of affiliation and how the fees are collected. The intention is to come up with tweaks to help with the 2015 collection of fees and a longer term solution which would hopefully be introduced in 2016. There has been no review of the affiliation fee process since the merger.

In envelopes today are minutes from Oct 2013 Meeting for your Blue Book Folders. Following a discussion at the Lady Captains Meeting in February there was an overwhelming agreement that the Blue Book Folder is no longer necessary. Can we have a vote on this, please. Vote was a majority to end the use of the Blue Book Folder

Strategic Plan Update

Response to be sent to England Golf on Version 3

Retiring Officers

Jane McGuffog, Sharren Kjenstad and Jane Skerry, Jacquie Richardson and Fiona Whitney end 2015, anyone want the jobs??

County Match Week Update

Planning is progressing well, we are now at the stage where we need commitments from volunteers. As this is such a major event it can not be organised without a lot of willing volunteers. A form for this was sent out to all County Delegates and should be returned by end April to Chris McMullen.

8. CAPTAIN:

Jane McGuffog reported:

We are moving steadily towards county week with a practice at Abbotsley in March where we invited some of the developing juniors. They impressed with their level of improvement and maturity regarding course management- Alan and Maureen are doing a great job with then and both 1st and 2nd team will profit from. We have a match against Girton Scratch team at Gogs on the Wandlebury on 13th April – I will hopefully have updated you of the score , but just in case not, we have a 1st/2nd potential squad playing and getting a feel for the course. We are all disappointed that we will not be able to see the evidence of player development in the county championships this year, and will be focussing on the Division I on the Old course at Gog Magog. The new course manager is doing a great job and the players will notice a few changes as the course has been

toughened up. We have two further practices after the Div I and the selection meeting for the team will be in May after our practice at Gog Magog when we will have our last chance to evaluate players.

Myself, my vice captain Amy Rae, and our 2nd vice Amy Brown are all looking forward to the week and appreciate the enormous amount of organisation and effort going on in the background by the organising committee in concert with Gog Magog Lady Captain Jenny Josslyn's team. It is a really big week - nearly twice as long as the Solheim Cup! Please please come along - even if only to watch and support. You would be much appreciated.

We are still looking for volunteers for all sorts of jobs - large and small, and really encourage you to get your club involved in this really exciting event - Ladies AND gentlemen welcome as volunteers - please see Chris McMullen from Gogs.

9. 2nd TEAM CAPTAIN:

Sharren Kjenstad reported:

Over the winter period, Jane and I have been working together with current and potential new players for both the Second and First team

We have had practice sessions as well as tuition, which has gone rather well, and I am looking forward to the new season.

The Second team does not hold its first fixture until early July however I do have plans for further practice to be held before then for the Second Team

We did however have a practice match against our glorious Cambs & Hunts Veterans Team led by Edie Douglas in March. The weather and the company was fantastic.

There were 8 players per team and the format was four ball betterball. My players representing the Second Team were Tina Broadley (Ely), Cindy McIntyre (Bourne) Jackie Smith (Saffron Walden) Sarah Jones (Gog McGog) Lucy Mills (Ramsey) Laura Todd (Ely) Chalani Allen (Gog McGog) Emily Smith (Royston)

The games went really well with some interesting results for me to work with going forward.

The final result was a win to the Second Team 2 1/2 to 1 1/2

I certainly hope this fixture will continue

10. VETERANS' CAPTAIN:

Edie Douglas reported:

Our first match was at Ely City Golf Club on the 29th March against the County Ladies Second Team. We had a very competitive and enjoyable day, the weather was fine and the course was in good condition, the catering was excellent.

The result was one and a half to the VETS Ladies and two and a half to the County Ladies.

Our next match is at Saffron Walden Golf Club on the 16th April, Camb's VETS v Essex VETS.

I would like to wish Sharren, Captain of the Ladies County Second Team, and her team a successful and enjoyable year.

11. JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Maureen Mansfield reported:

We have had a very busy year to-date, commencing with a parents/girls evening in early January. Alan Fletcher, our County Junior Coach, gave an excellent talk on how he foresees the future for all our Squads, i.e. 1st & 2nd teams and our Development squads 1 & 2, in particular with regard to training and coaching. He explained the transformation between each of the squads and the way in which parents can help and support the girls to achieve their aims. Greta, gave a short report on the County Golf Partnership, Rosemary Hay who runs the development squad on their training and participation within the County and how their own clubs can help in their development and myself on how we look to select our 1st and 2nd teams. The evening was well attended, refreshments were served and lots of questions were asked and answered.

The County Junior Girls Annual Get Together was held at Girton on Sunday 2nd February. Thirty girls attended and were divided into 4 teams of mixed ability and age. They played 4 different indoor golf games, plus a picture quiz and a golf quiz. The girls all seemed to enjoy the afternoon and prizes were presented. I had the pleasure of introducing our new Junior Captain, Megan Willis and Vice Captain, Chalani Allen and the winners of the trophies in 2013 were presented to them by our new County President, Mo Poole. The afternoon concluded with an excellent buffet tea.

This was followed in March by our training/bonding weekend mostly for the girls in our first team and those with the possibility of getting into the squad this year. It was once again a packed weekend with gym work, and golf training in the morning followed by lunch and then 9 holes of golf in the afternoon. Alan gave each of the girls a booklet he had devised in which, according to him, would help to develop, support, motivate and improve their performances. Before lunch on each day they went to the range for their flight-scope sessions. The girls were divided into two groups and Alan and Andy taught them how to use the equipment. The equipment measures the

distance they hit shots with each club, both landing and run. The girls enjoyed recording each other's distances etc and from our point of view, as spectators, it was great to see the support they had for each other. At the end of golf on Sunday afternoon they were all very tired but had learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. It was once again a very successful weekend.

Nine of our girls took part in the Cambridgeshire Schools County Golf Championship at St Neots Golf Club. Five of our girls took prizes, namely Jade Guest (Gog Magog), Chalani Allen (Gog Magog), Morgan Tritton (St Neots), Natasha Bamford (Ely City) and Hannah Ward (Meridian). Well done to all these girls and all who participated in this event.

April involved another trip to Lakeside Lodge for our Junior Spring meeting. Thirty girls attended this event with 15 girls playing on the Lodge Course, 10 on the 9 hole Manor Course and only 6 on the par 3 course this year. Girls playing the 9 hole and par 3 course were given training on the range followed by putting, chipping and tri-golf games, before going out on the courses. The weather, although dry was windy and chilly but some of the scores from the Lodge course were phenomenal with the Lesley Ford trophy being won by Libbi Pikett from Girton with an excellent nett 58 (14 under her handicap). Jade Guest, Gog Magog took the scratch prize with a gross 78. Two other girls played under their handicaps Chloe Drewery (Brampton Pk) with a nett 68 and Morgan Tritton (St Neots) with a nett 69. Prize giving followed an excellent lunch where all the girls received an Easter Egg of varying sizes.

Our thanks goes to Lakeside Lodge for the excellent organization for both of these last two events. Their facilities are great and we have always received a warm welcome. We look forward to returning there again in May for our Junior Championship.

I have also received a very favourable report on our two girls who are receiving England training namely, Emily Smith and Jade Guest – they are very pleased with both girls.

Greta and myself are also in the process of putting the final touches to the programme, which we put together to try and obtain a grant from Sport England to further enhance our Squads. The grant has now been given to us and will be administered by the County Golf Partnership. It will mean more work for us but should be beneficial to the girls which will in the long run be beneficial to the County.

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Fiona Whitney reported:

The first fixture I attended this year was the Junior Spring Meeting at Lakeside. There were some great scores as you have heard from Maureen in her report – Can I emphasise at this point as to how the scores are relayed back to the CDH and how the information is retrieved by whoever administers the handicaps at your club. When the scores are entered into the county laptop they are then downloaded to the CDH via our software system Club 2000. It is up to your handicap secretary or (club sec) whoever manages your handicaps to upload the scores into their system. I cannot tell anyone new handicaps and it is down to each individual to retrieve their details and current certificates if they believe there may be a change to their handicap.

Our next fixture is the Div 1 at Gog Magog on 29th April – we have had a good response and have over 60 people with their names down to play. I must thank Chris McMullen for her help and assistance with this and we are looking forward to a very busy and long day! – Chris and the 'Gogs' team have a lot on their plates this year with the County Week coming up in June too!

As you all know by now the County Championship for 2014 due to be held at Abbotsley has had to be cancelled, as Vivien Saunders said she could not accommodate us. Despite all our best efforts as an Executive committee we were unable to find a suitable replacement venue at such short notice. We are very grateful to all the clubs who replied offering help and it was very much appreciated. The County Team selection process which usually takes place at the Championships will be done in part at the Division 1 meeting for this year. Hopefully, it will be business as usual at St Ives next year and also I have recently received confirmation that St Neots will host the County Championships in 2016 – we are exceptionally grateful to the management committee of St Neots for allowing us to use their course. It will be a welcome return to St Neots as we have not held the Championships there since the 1990's.

I am negotiating with clubs to host next years events for us and have had two confirmations so far – Ely for the Junior Championships and March for the Division 3 – (please see the sheets which have been circulated today) – as soon as I received new information I will update the sheet accordingly.

I have all the Inter-Club Competition forms back in now so by 1st May, Jaine and I will be sorting out the draws for the relevant competitions.

The Veteran Meeting poster has been circulated for you to put up on your notice boards - please note that entries should not be sent to Ros Grey until 1st June.

Trophies. I will be sending out emails to everyone requesting return of the trophies in good time to be able to present them at the various events, and thank you to all that have already started to give them back.

13. ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Jaine Fieldhouse reported:

The Scratch Foursomes has been drawn.
The Grace Norman and Jean Wilkinson are well underway

14. HANDICAP ADVISER:

Elaine Cardwell reported:

2 good meetings have been held and were well attended by Handicap Secretaries

15. EASTERN EWGA DELEGATE:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

This year we are hosting County Match Week, next year it is the East Region Juniors Event at Saffron Walden and in 2016 we will host the Australian Spoons Event.
In 2014 we decided, as a trial, to change the East Region Foursomes event to a 4BBB event. Early indications are that this has been successful so watch this space for the future.
We now have East Region Tee Markers and Banner Flags from England Golf.

16. STANDARD SCRATCH ASSESSOR:

Tina Broadley reported:

Nothing to report

17. CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Ali Cope reported:

There is a possibility of a loss of funding to CGP's and we are not fully sure of the implications yet. John Harvey left at Xmas and the interim CDO is currently concentrating work in the area of the Get into Golf Centres. He is hoping to run a workshop for all clubs to show what the Golf Partnership can do for clubs. Leaflets were handed out to delegates to show what can be done by the Partnership.

18. CLUB DELEGATES:

Cromwell: Just done a Get into Golf Event and another will be held on 22nd May

Bourn: Hosting Division 2 Meeting on 12th June, need more entries

Ely City: Taster days have taken place, Golfmark applied for, funding applied for from England Golf but not accepted. Ali Cope is to get Mark Smith (CDO) to contact club to help with funding issue.

Gog Magog: Holding a Ladies invite to golf on 1st May. Need more volunteers for County Match Week as Caddies, please contact Chris McMullen if you can help.

Lakeside Lodge: Lots of events being held during National Golf Month, all offers are on the web site.

Saffron Walden: Tom Munt has been appointed General Manager

St Neots: Were pleased to host the County Schools Championship

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Delegates were asked to discuss the possibility of hosting a Vet's Championship alongside the County Championships and this will be discussed further at the July Meeting

There being no further business, Madam President closed the meeting at 3.10 p.m.

The **next Committee Meeting** will take place on **21st July 2014** at 6.30 pm at Girton Golf Club

Signed.....Dated