



A Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held on **Monday 15th September** at Girton Golf Club at 2 pm

Present:

Mrs Mo Poole (President), Mrs J Richardson (Secretary & Regional Delegate), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Mrs Fiona Whitney (Competition Secretary), Mrs E Cardwell (Handicap Advisor), Maureen Mansfield (CJO), Edie Douglas (Vets Captain), Mrs J Fieldhouse (Assist Competition Secretary), Representatives/Deputies/Officials from 15 Clubs: Barkway, Bourn, Brampton Park, Cambridge Meridian, Cambridge Menzies, Ely City, Girton, Gog Magog, Heydon Grange, Links, Old Nene, Royston, Saffron Walden, St Neots and St Ives.

1. APOLOGIES:

Mesdames: Jane McGuffog (Captain), T Broadley (SS Assessor), Sharren Kjenstad (2nd Team Captain), Hazel Suswain (Ramsey), Margaret Butt (March), Sue Corbett (Cromwell), Ali Cope (Bourn), Wendy Cox (Lakeside), Jo Fletcher (Abbotsley), Kay Osborne (Brampton), Brenda Pryor (Meridian)

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the 21st July 2014 meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. Error on date of Jean Wilkinson final was corrected

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

None

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank You cards have been received from team members in relation to County Match Week. Letter from Daphne Haddock family

5. PRESIDENT:

Mo Poole reported:

Since our last meeting in July, I have attended several County events and I would like to thank all the county delegates for their hard work in the successful organisation of these events and a big thank you to Fiona for the numerous hours she spends on making sure that these events run smoothly. I would also like to thank Jaine for organizing all the team events.

So, since our last meeting we have had the Grace Norman Semis and Finals, the Mary Cole Rose Bowl and the Junior/Ladies Greensomes played just yesterday. The relevant officers will give reports on all these events.

My thanks must also go to Ina for putting all the reports on our website and keeping the club members informed of what's going on in the county. If there is anything happening within your club or any exciting news please forward it to Ina and she will put it on our website for all to hear about. The next events will be the Autumn Foursome's at Girton this coming Wednesday, then the Semi's and Finals of the Jean Wilkinson at Menzies on September 24th and lastly the Officials cup at St. Neots. I notice that not many of you the delegates have signed up for it which is a shame as it is always a fun competition and organized especially for yourselves as our county delegates for all the hard work and commitment you do during the year keeping your club up-to-date with all that's going on in the county and of course for the committee too. For those that have, please remember that this event was originally going to be held at the Cromwell Golf Club, but has had to be changed to St. Neots due to circumstances beyond our control, yet again.

I have attended various junior development days and the Junior County Match Days at Bury St. Edmunds. It was a great 3 days; the girls did really well and played well. We didn't win as the standard of some of the other counties is so high, but I'm sure with the help of Alan Fletcher who runs the development days, we can in the next few years reach that high standard of play. Maureen will report on that event later.

Lastly, I held my presidents day in August and firstly I must thank the sun for shining on all the 96 players as the forecast earlier in the week was awful!

I believe that everyone enjoyed themselves and I must thank all those club delegates who brought along bottles for the tombola and the huge generosity of the people who bought tickets and stayed

for the Auction, and spent lots of money. My colleagues Brampton worked so hard to ensure that the day ran smoothly and I would like give them a very special thank you for all their support. The day raised £3243, £110 of which was from two anonymous donations. Myself, and my husband who helped out all day and did the auction, went home tired but very happy at the amount that you all raised, thank you again!

6. TREASURER:

Jane Skerry reported:

Bank Account £32,460.88 **Junior Account** £552.82 **Deposit Account** £24,047.44

7. SECRETARY:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

AGM Nominations:-

2nd Team Captain, Cindy McIntyre

Voting Member, Jaine Fieldhouse

It was agreed unanimously that Abbotsley and Cromwell will not be used to host County Events in the future

8. CAPTAIN:

Jane McGuffog reported:

Please accept my apologies for my failure to present a report and lack of attendance at the last meeting. I have no excuse other than early memory loss, potentially brought on by the great relief in County Match week at Gog Magog, Wandlebury course, having gone so well. Many many thanks go to all of the volunteers who have helped in supporting county match week. Personally I was very impressed with the help that came from the Gog Magog ladies, ably organised by Lady Captain Jenny Josslyn, her Vice Captain Jenny Larkey and County representative Chris McMullen. There were many more who stepped forward both from the club- and from clubs within the county - it was really appreciated and I hope that you enjoyed it. Those who I have spoken to so far have all said that they enjoyed being part of it, and in particular, watching the high quality of golf.

I have to say the list of jobs and tasks presented to us by Hon Secretary Jacquie, who made a superb job of project managing the week (and us), was astounding. The list of thanks is endless, but in particular go to the fabulous hostesses, the ball spotters, flag wavers, champagne draw organisers, the club general manager Kevin Mader and his staff, and Ian Bambrough and his staff in the pro shop. Finally to Andrew Howarth the course manager who presented the course in great condition, and ultimately to our fabulous Secretary Jacquie Richardson, without whom it would not have happened.

My team, who played their hearts out for the county, gave their all but unfortunately, in a year of re- building, the results did not reflect their effort. This was no surprise when we weighed up the close matches and the quality of golf from every team.

We started well against Norfolk, drawing the singles with them but the foursomes decided the match and we lost 5-4. Having been unbeaten in singles in 2013, but losing all of our foursomes, we were pleased to beat Herts 2-1 in the morning foursomes , but their depth showed in the singles and we lost 6-3. On Wednesday we again started hotly beating Essex 2-1 at foursomes, only to be turned round again at singles. Miranda Brain arrived on Thursday to give some of the players a rest. We had a close result in the foursomes, but Suffolk were again stronger in the singles. Finally on Friday we played Bedfordshire and were keen to get a win. We lost the foursomes 2-1 but only halving the singles meant we lost overall. A disappointing week of results, but we take heart from the foursomes results and the quality of the golf.

The team also thank President Mo Poole for her support and company in the team 'big brother house' where we stayed instead of in a hotel. The team enjoyed the week and are most grateful to the county for your support. We look forward to adding strength from the next crop of juniors who impressed us when we practiced with them this year, and we will strive to do better next year at Chigwell in Essex.

9. 2nd TEAM CAPTAIN:

Sharren Kjenstad reported:

On the 29th August Cambs & Hunts 2nd Team travelled to Bedfordshire Golf Club to play a match against Norfolk at the Finals Day.

The team was Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey), Laura Todd (Ely City), Cindy McIntyre (Bourne), Sarah Oldham (March), Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourne) and Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton).

Bedfordshire Golf Course was a lovely course. The day was very windy but stayed dry, which made conditions very hard.

We had some very close games against Norfolk, of which again, the majority of their team were under 18 years old, all of whom played some lovely golf.

Camb & Hunts played some very good match play even though the results do not reflect this. Sharren and Sarah Peeke-Voute lost on the 17th 3&1, Laura and Sarah Oldham won their match 1 up and Cindy and Marilize lost again on the 17th 2&1. This resulted in Norfolk leading 2 games to 1 up after the morning round.

The matches in the afternoon were also well fought, the weather having got stronger in the afternoon from the morning. We managed to get two wins for Sharren 2 up and Marilize 1up with Laura bringing a half.

The match was won by Norfolk 5 ½ to 3 ½.

The final match was also played on the same day with the other counties to find out the results for this season.

Essex proved to be quite strong and finished by taken the trophy this year.

I would like to thank all my girls this season for playing and producing some wonderful golf.

10. VETERANS' CAPTAIN:

Edie Douglas reported:

To date we have played 6 matches. The last match will be played on 22nd September. Since our last meeting we have played 2 matches. Losing to Bedford 3½ to 4½ and losing to Suffolk 1½ to 2½. I would like to thank all the ladies that have supported me and played in the matches.

11. JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Maureen Mansfield reported:

Since my last report we have now played our County Junior Championship at Lakeside Lodge with 25 girls taking part. The weather on this occasion was very kind to us and all the girls seemed to enjoy it. Since we did not have any real beginners taking part, all the girls who did not have a proper CONGU handicap played the 9-hole course, some from forward tees and were delighted they were playing on a proper course. It was great to hear them all talking when they came in. Paige Hardwidge won the 9-hole trophy and Grace Sadler from the forward tees.

The girls playing 36 holes on the main course did very well with some excellent scores. Our Junior Champion was Lindie Tapping from Gog Magog with a gross 160, Handicap Cup, Emily Smith from Royston with a net 143 and the 18 hole Stableford was Chloe Drewery from Brampton Park with 41 points. Lindie Tapping also took the Bidy Wade Trophy with -20. All results were put on the website

Our County Junior Match days was held at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club two weeks later. The girls performed very well against tough opposition and were a credit to the County and to Alan Fletcher who has been coaching them all year. We finished in 5th place but so many of our matches went to the 18th hole we could easily have finished 3rd. Still it was not to be and we will do our best to improve again next year. I would like to thank all those who turned up to support the girls it was much appreciated.

Megan Willis, Old Nene, won the Alison Cuninghame Trophy narrowly beating Charlotte Platt and Morgan Tritton, St Neots, won the Mansfield Salver by beating Chloe Ashman, Ely City, both matches were played at Menzies Golf Club.

Yesterday, we played the Lady/Junior Greensome at Old Nene with 12 pairs taking part. Once again the weather was kind to us and the clubhouse was buzzing with talk and laughter. The winners were Greta Barclay & Natasha Bamford (Ely City) with 42 points from Rachel Ashman & Ella Mason with 36 points on c/b from three other pairs. I was kept very busy as even the 9-hole winners were on countback.

My thanks goes to Old Nene for looking after us so well and I personally enjoyed seeing the changes that have been made since I last played there.

The development squad has had several training sessions with Alan and the squad seems to be growing with 3 more girls joining last Saturday. It is great to hear them all enjoying both the training and on course activities. This week we had a Texas Scramble, which they had not played before. Next weekend they will be playing their tour event at the Huntingdon Par 3 Golf Course. I will be accompanying 6 of our girls this coming Sunday to participate in the new East Region Trophy at Stoke-by-Nayland. It is a similar format to the Jean Wilkinson with 1 from 0-9, 2 from 10-15, 2 from 16-24 and 1 from 25+. The girls are all looking forward to the challenge and who knows we may come back with the trophy, which will be to the delight of us all. The result will be put on the website and I will report on it at the next meeting.

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Fiona Whitney reported:

Since our last meeting there have been 2 events, the Veterans Meeting at Ely, a big thank you to the Ely Ladies. Results are published on the website.

The next event was the Mary Cole Rose Bowl at Royston, 16 clubs entered, thank you to Pam and Kath at Royston, a big thank you to Val Oliver for referring. The winners were Girton with Links in

second place. The next meeting is the Autumn Foursomes at Girton, and order of play with 4th hole being out of play, is being looked into.

Last event will be Officials Cup and a big thank you to St Neots for helping out with a venue at the last minute.

Up to date copy of 2015 Fixture List is in file.

Trophies will need to be returned at the next meeting in October for engraving ahead of the AGM.

Division 3 needs to go out in 4 balls due to being able to elect your playing partner.

Division 2, you can request your playing partner but as field goes out in handicap order it may not be possible. Field will go out in 3 balls.

A proposal was put to the meeting regarding a Vet's Championship being integrated into the County Championship weekend. Mo talked the meeting through the proposal and this will be emailed out to all Delegates for discussion with their ladies. (see Appendix 1)

13. ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Jaine Fieldhouse reported:

Grace Norman semi-finals were:- Ely City v St Neots and Brampton Park v Old Nene at Cambridge Meridian on 23rd July 2014. The final was Ely City v Old Nene with Old Nene winning the trophy for the first time since the competition started in 1965. A big thank you to Cambridge Meridian and their ladies.

Scratch League is progressing well

Still one match to be played in Div 1, Gog Magog won Div 2, Girton won Div 3, and Saffron Walden won Div 4

Scratch Foursomes:- Thanks to Menzies for hosting the final. It was a great game and was won by Marie and Tabitha (Abbotsley) from Marcella and Sarah (Links)

The Jean Wilkinson semi finalists are:- Links & Royston and Abbotsley & Saffron Walden, and the finals will be held at Cambridge Menzies on 24th September 2014.

14. HANDICAP ADVISER:

Elaine Cardwell reported:

Nomination at AGM is:- Wendy Cox and Elaine Cardwell to be Deputy

15. EASTERN EWGA DELEGATE:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

Nothing to report

16. STANDARD SCRATCH ASSESSOR:

Tina Broadley reported:

Nothing to report

17. CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Ali Cope reported:

CCGP will be using digital advertising, through England Golf, to promote the upcoming courses at the Get into Golf Centre's, but also to promote a joint venture with Living Sport, to specifically develop women's participation in golf.

Bourn GC are set to become a Get into Golf Centre. The next CCGP newsletter will be out soon.

18. CLUB DELEGATES:

Abbotsley: Jo Fletcher has resigned due to personal reasons, Sue Hurren is acting as deputy

Barkway: Annual Air Ambulance charity day has been held and raised over £16K

Cambridge Meridian: We have a new County Rep, to work alongside Brenda and it is Jamie Wood. Now have a full committee with 50 lady members, hoping that next year will be able to start playing friendly matches and maybe County Events.

Cambridge Menzies: Looking forward to Jean Wilkinson finals

Cromwell: Very sorry that Officials Cup could not be held there

Ely City: Lisa Charlton is new manager. Carrying on with get into golf and next year due to good response will encourage these ladies to integrate into the club. Have abandoned Ladies Committee and have Ladies Forums instead.

Gog Magog: Is feedback required for Vet's Champs? Opinions of Ladies are required

Links: Anne Low will not be able to attend October Meeting but thanked everyone for information that has been passed down and insight given

Old Nene: Thanked Maureen for nice comments. Very proud of our Ladies for winning the Grace Norman. Megan Willis has left us to work away, and Amy Brown is due to have her first baby in two weeks time.

Royston: Enjoyed everyone coming to Royston for the Mary Cole Rose Bowl

St Neots: Sue apologised for not being there for the Official's Cup and also for the next meeting

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

AGM Paperwork will be issued at meeting on 13th October

Discussion and explanation of England Golf Strategy was explained. This has been reviewed at Executive Committee and it is felt that the actions required at County level are already being undertaken. A summary document of the Strategic Plan was made available.

There being no further business, Madam President closed the meeting at 3p.m.

The **next Committee Meeting** will take place on **13th October 2014** at 2.00 pm at Girton Golf Club

Signed.....Dated

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSITION FOR VET'S CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT

Currently Cambs & Hunts do not hold a Veterans Championship event. It is proposed to hold a Veteran's Championship within our current County Championship Event

HISTORY

The current County Championship is held over 3 days:-

Friday 36 holes of medal play which then identifies the top 32 players. This 32 are then broken down into players 1-16 for the County Champion and players 17-32 for the County Plate.

Saturday 2 rounds of matchplay in each of the County Champion and County Plate competitions this means that there will then be 4 players left in each competition

Sunday 2 rounds of matchplay in each of the County Champion and County Plate competitions which results in the winners and runners up in each.

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that some of the older (over 55 years) Ladies do not wish to play 36 holes of Competition in one day.

It has also been raised that Cambs & Hunts do not hold a Veteran's Championship, only a Vet's Meeting.

PROPOSAL

The current County Championships to remain in the same format as present.

To introduce a new Vet's Championship that will be held at the same venue and same time as the County Championships.

The Veteran's Championship format would be:-

Eligibility is Ladies 55 years and over

Maximum handicap 16? (this could be changed to a higher handicap maximum)

Maximum number of entries 24 (this is due to the number of entrants that can be accommodated)

Friday 18 holes of medal play which will identify the top 4 players

Saturday 1 round of matchplay which will mean that there are 2 players left in the competition

Sunday 1 round of matchplay which results in the winner and runner up

The proposal will be discussed and voted on at the Cambs & Hunts Committee Meeting to be held on 13th October 2014.