



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
OTTERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 2.00pm

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs P. Bodkin, President.

Mrs Bodkin welcomed everyone and then asked members to stand in remembrance of those who had died during the year:

Dolly Winwick (Army); Nancy Hedley (Bramshaw); Rosemary Wood, Judith Pyle and Moira Russell (Brokenhurst Manor); Sylvia Bell (Cams Hall Estate); Gwen Owen, Eileen White, Carol Williams and Mollie Henning (Corhampton); Sylvia Alexander and Margaret Wells (New Forest); Shirley Reese (Portsmouth); Mo Brown (Rowland's Castle); Jan Bourne and Pam Hyde (South Winchester); Pat Pearce (Stoneham); Shirley Twynham and Wynn Gould (Wellow); Sandra Cranham (Worldham), and finally Phyllis Wyllie - former GB, England and Curtis Cup player who was also the Hampshire Champion 4 times during the 1930's.

Mrs Bodkin introduced the members of the Committee sitting at the top table: Mrs Jane Shergold, Captain, Blackmoor; Mrs Gill Staley, Hon. Secretary, North Hants; and Mrs Judy Andrews, Hon. Treasurer, Botley Park.

Mrs Bodkin reminded the meeting that only Club Delegates could vote on behalf of their Clubs.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies had been received from 34 individuals and 6 clubs.

PRESENT: 91 members were present.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated to all clubs, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed by: Deidre Randall (Hartley Wintney). Seconded by: Barbara Mourant (Botley Park).

Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

4. **CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

The 2012 playing season turned out to be the wettest I can certainly remember. Despite the weather there have been some great performances both individually and for the teams as follows:

First Team: The 1st team started their year with various warm ups and included matches against Blackmoor men's scratch team, which we won 3-2, and Hockley men which we won 6-4. Unfortunately, the warm up against Meon men was rained off.

The remaining first team warm up matches were against Dorset at Brokenhurst Manor in April and Oxfordshire at Frilford Heath in May.

Despite Dorset fielding a side that included Curtis Cup squad player and number one in Europe, Georgia Hall, the 1st team squad managed to maintain their winning ways by narrowly beating Dorset at Brokenhurst Manor 4½-3½. Most of the match was played in very cold and wet weather.

Hampshire lost their only, but final, warm up match 3½-5½. This was despite some excellent displays of golf, including debutant junior, Aimee Ponte, who held Oxfordshire's newly crowned County Champion to a half point by birdying the 18th in the afternoon singles.

County Match Week: Held at Princes, in Kent during June. This event saw the return of Kerry Smith to the 1st team, and the introduction of 3 new rookies, Ellie Gardner (Botley), Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey) and Aimee Paterson (North Hants). We also had representing Hampshire, Elaine Barrow, Di Holt, Katie Mundy, Georgina Mundy, Annabel Silk and Becky Scott. The team were well prepared for the unseasonal weather with bobble hats, headbands and mitts!

The week started well with a 9-0 win on Monday against Middlesex. Unfortunately on Tuesday with some of the worst weather conditions we were unable to hold Sussex who won 6½-2½. This was followed by a further 6-3 loss on Wednesday to the eventual winners of the week, Surrey. After a rest day on Thursday, and a dip in the sea by one player, we managed to conjure up a win against Kent 6½-2½ on Friday.

Grateful thanks to the supporters and caddies who made the long trip to Princes for the week to boost and cheer our girls on.

The County Finals, held at East Devon, were won by Essex, with Surrey coming 4th.

In 2013, Hampshire host County Match Week at Blackmoor in June. Spectators are very much appreciated, so do come along to support your county team and see some fantastic golf. Don't forget to wear County blue!

Second Team: Our 2nd Team had a superb season of matches this year, and received warm hospitality from every club they visited for their matches against Berkshire, Wiltshire, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. Twenty-three ladies, from fourteen clubs, represented the county in the 2nd team, and every single one finished the season in an unbeaten team having played their hearts out. It was a marvellous achievement to go through the season unbeaten, although sadly it was not quite enough to bring the Stovold Trophy (played between the 2nd teams of the South Region counties) to Hampshire. Not one of those matches was anything but breathlessly nail-biting; and against Surrey we just couldn't get across the line ahead of them. Surrey might not be used to biting their nails, but they were that day. We could only shake hands on a terrific tied match. This enabled Surrey to retain the trophy for another year by virtue of their greater winning margins in the other fixtures. Mags Clark has asked me to thank the whole 2nd team squad this year for all the time and flexibility they so willingly give to Hampshire. She is looking forward hugely to next season with the team. I would like to thank Mags for her unstinting commitment to the second team, sometimes rising at an unearthly hour to get the boat from the Isle of Wight for the early starts throughout the region.

County Championships: Were held in May at Rowland's Castle - Emma Allen (Meon Valley), became our County Champion, having a few weeks earlier won the Junior Championship. This is first time since 1970 that these titles have been won in the same year by the same person. Emma has gone on to feature very strongly at other prestigious regional and national events. These will be covered later by the CJO's report, along with other junior achievers.

Ellie Gardner (Botley) won the Corse Cup and Coronation medal for her qualifying rounds.

The Challenge Salver was won by Trish Pink (Lee on the Solent).

The Challenge Bowl was won by Cookie Bridgeman (Royal Winchester).

At the Bronze Championship (also held in County Champs week), Sarah Evans (Gosport & Stokes Bay) won Division 1, and Anne Oxford Wright (Royal Winchester) won Division 2.

The organisers, particularly our Competition Secretary, Kathy Estcourt, had a very long week working extremely hard, and my thanks go to all including the ladies and Committee of Rowland's Castle.

Isle of Wight: The main events have been as follows:

IOW Championships: Held at Freshwater Bay: Champion, was Emma Powell (Osborne);

Silver Champion - Kath Harding (Shanklin & Sandown); Bronze Champion - Dawn Hodge (Ryde).

Sybil Bennett Trophy: Held at Cowes, won by Denise Cotterall (Ryde).

Channel Islands: First of all, I would like to thank Sue Welfare for representing Channel Islands, keeping us updated on Channel Island golfing activity and encouraging participation in all County events. Their main events were:

Jersey Championships: Won by Virginia Austin Walker (La Moye)

Guernsey Championships: Won by Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey)

CI Bronze Championships: Won by Stef Ballay (from Guernsey)

Channel Island Championships Final: Held at L'Ancrese, and won by Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey).

The other mainland events were:

County Foursomes Championships: Held at Hockley, was won by Emma Powell (Osborne) and Di Holt (Basingstoke).

Handicap Champions were Joan Pullen (Basingstoke) and Morven Jordan (Sandford Springs).

Hull Shield: Was held at Petersfield, and won by Cams Hall Estate, represented by Linda Carpenter and Jane Walsh.

Centenary Foursomes: Was held at Sandford Springs, and won by Jenny Durston and Linda Fossey (Meon Valley).

Autumn Meeting: Was held at Brokenhurst Manor.

Scratch Trophy was won by Charlotte Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor).

Handicap Trophy was won by Angela Peel (Alresford)

The Scratch and Handicap Aggregate Trophies from the Spring and Autumn meetings were both won by Elly Gardner (Botley Park).

South Region Foursomes: Were hosted by Hampshire and held at Bramshaw. The winning pair were Laura and Charlotte Barrow (Brokenhurst).

South Region Championships: Were held at Betchworth. Kerry Smith, Raffi Dyer and Georgina Mundy won the Team Shield.

I would like to highlight some individual achievements in prestigious competitions outside of Hampshire and thereby promoting the County:

Kerry Smith (Waterlooville): Was very energetic, travelling the length and breadth of the British Isles to compete in several national competitions. These included:

The English Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale.
The British Open Amateur Championships at Carnoustie.
The English Women's Open Amateur Strokeplay Championships at Little Aston.
The British Ladies Open Amateur Strokeplay Championships at Shandon Park, Ireland.
These and other prestigious events earned Kerry, England Golf Order of Merit points. At the end of October Kerry is a very credible 10th position in the Order of Merit.
Raffi Dyer (Hayling Island): Achieved Top 20 placings in:
The English Mid-Amateur Championships at Wetherby and
The English Amateur Strokeplay Championships at Little Aston.
Jacqui Bowden (Boscombe Ladies): Was 6th in England Golf's Grand Medal Final.
Jane Harfield and Chrissie Roper (Burley): Reached the Daily Mail Foursomes National Finals at Forest of Arden in October.
Chris Quinn (Hockley): Our one national title holder's achievements will be detailed in Deirdre's Senior's Report, but I would of course like to add my congratulations to Chris.

This is first year the HLCGA has operated under a merged England Golf. England Golf continues to harmonise their operations from the 2 previous organisations of EGU and EWGA. The benefits are starting to be realised in encouraging, and supporting, playing golf both locally and nationally. I'd like to thank Barbara Mourant, our England Golf Representative and Voting Member, who ensures Hampshire's ladies' interests are covered at a national level.

Hampshire Ladies are working and talking with the Hampshire Golf Union, with a view to an eventual merger at some stage in the future (with the agreement of our members). This year:

- has seen us, from an administrative point, represented at the men's County Championships at Shanklin and Sandown.
- the HLCGA has been sharing the HGU referees - which helps build access to a larger pool of County referees.
- HGU have agreed to collect our Affiliation Fees for 2013 on our behalf, which will be a great help in reducing our administration burden.

Under Hampshire Golf Partnership: Jackie Keay and Di Holt have been our representatives on the Steering Group this year. Elaine Barrow has also been representing the girls' interests on the County Academy Programme. I would like to thank them all for their contribution in working with the HGU and the PGA in partnership to develop golf in Hampshire. The 4 year plan is due to be completed in March 2013. We are currently working with England Golf Representatives and our partners to secure funding for the next 4 years. The main aim will be to work with golf clubs more closely by facilitating expertise to grow golf club membership. Hampshire Ladies expectations are to reverse our falling membership numbers, and most importantly, to encourage many more girls into the game.

Communications: Our main communication tool is our website. Dorothy Shore has diligently maintained our website this year, to keep you and our members fully informed on what is going on in the County. I thank Dorothy, on your behalf, for her time and effort. Dorothy continues to make communication as relevant as possible, and over the winter is planning to hold an on-line questionnaire for members on if, or how, the website could be improved. I would encourage as many people as possible to take part in order we can get an accurate reflection of views.

Sheila Harris (Lee on the Solent): As our archivist, Sheila has been faithfully keeping our records of achievements and news for the last 10 years. These were on display at the County Championships at Rowland's Castle this year and stirred a great deal of interest. Sadly, Sheila will be retiring at end of year. I would like to thank her for her contribution over the last decade. In future, our records, as they become archives, will be available on line for everyone to access at will. The paper records will be kept in safe hands.

Liz Owsley (Army): As Welfare Officer, Liz continues to ensure that as an organisation our responsibilities to children and vulnerable adults are met, and I thank her for her expertise and time.

As you know we are a voluntary organisation and we could not operate without the participation and goodwill of all of our volunteers. These have ranged from referees, to shepherds and helpers at our juniors events. I would particularly like to thank Basingstoke ladies for their help in ensuring Hampshire hosted a successful JCMW in August.

Furthermore, members of your Committee are also volunteers; some of these will shortly be giving their own reports and so are not covered here. From a personal point they have been a great source of support to me, and have made my first year as Captain a very enjoyable and fulfilling year and I give them my grateful thanks.

5. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT:

This report is on behalf of both myself as Honorary Secretary, and Kathy Estcourt as Competitions Secretary, because in some aspects of our roles we work very closely together. In fact, we've had a very hot, hotline between our 'phones and computers this year, keeping one another up to date with competitions both as they are being set up, and in the final stages of organisation. Fortunately, we're still talking to each other after 12 months, as of course we are now working towards the 2013 and 2014 programme of events.

Generally speaking, the split in the secretarial role doesn't seem to have caused too much confusion this year, as long as our ladies remembered that basically, that I do the general administration and take in competition entry forms until the 'close of entries', and that Kathy then completely takes over the running of County competitions thereafter; including the production of results for publication on the website by Dorothy.

Events: Fortunately no events had to be cancelled this summer due to the weather, although, at times it did rain quite a lot, and many of our ladies more than got their money's worth from their waterproof clothing, and their County bag covers - which incidentally are still going strong after many years of use!

Which leads me to the very wet Day one of the Championships week which took place at Rowland's Castle; when Division 3, played their qualifying round, and the Bronze Championships also took place. As in 2011, this day was not only heavily over-subscribed, but was also an extremely long day for all concerned, with 145 ladies playing. Unfortunately, it was necessary to ballot a further 16 ladies out of the Bronze Championship, and 5 ladies out of Division 3, as we were unable to fit any more competitors on the course. As a consequence, in 2013, it has been decided that the Bronze Championships will be held, on Day 1 of County Championship Week, but on a different course in the vicinity - at Hockley. Hopefully, this will not only enable all the ladies who enter both competitions to play, but will also result in a shorter day for all concerned.

The only noticeable swings in competition entry levels compared to those in previous years were:

- To the Championships (Division 1), where we had the best entry for 6 years.
- The Veteran's Championships, which at 78 was a lower entry than average.
- The Foursomes Meeting, which attracted 25% more entries this year.
- The Autumn Meeting (Division 1), where we had 109 entries - resulting in a ballot.
- The entry numbers for the Autumn Meeting (Division 2), which in theory should be attracting the same players as enter the oversubscribed Bronze Championships, was once again, very disappointing. Despite Delegates being asked to encourage entries from their members, and a reminder being placed on the website, there were only 23 entries. This unfortunately resulted in the competition having to be cancelled, much to the disappointment of both the Executive Committee and the host club Bishopswood GC. Hopefully, this competition will attract a higher level of entries in 2013 when it is held at Tylney Park GC.

On a slightly different note, I've received numerous comments from ladies regarding the significant number of individuals - and teams - that are not staying for the presentation of prizes, and especially for trophies, at the end of competition days. I know it makes for a long day, but please do make an effort to stay on, or indeed come back, for prize giving especially if you have won something. Prize-giving is so much more of an occasion for the winners if they are well supported.

The South Region Foursomes was held at Bramshaw in August. Forty pairs entered, the majority being from Hampshire Clubs with a smattering of entries from Surrey and Sussex. Many congratulations go to Laura and Charlotte Barrow from Brokenhurst Manor who won the trophy. The Club, both staff and volunteers, couldn't have been more helpful with the organisation of the day. The Manager, Ian Baker, even produced a useful welcome pack for the competitors; and I have to say that Amanda's catering was a 'hit' with the ladies, especially the Sticky toffee pudding! I'd like to thank Laura and Charlotte who have brought in the trophy today for you to see. It is on the presentation table together with some very interesting County archive material that Dorothy has brought in for you to look at and reminisce over - there's nothing quite like 'hands on' history.

Entry Fees to all County Competitions remain the same as in 2012. Can I remind Clubs, once again, to make their players aware that post-golf food is included in the entry fee for both the Hull Shield and County Centenary Foursomes.

Fixtures: Many clubs have been represented in competitions throughout the season, but there still remain quite a few that are not. It would be really nice to see ladies from those clubs enter competitions next year. The 2013 Fixture List has been on the County website for a while now, but for those who have not had the opportunity to look, the general competitions are as follows:

Veteran's Championship - Botley - 2nd May.

Foursomes Championship - Army - 20th May.

County Championships - Royal Winchester - from 3rd to 7th June.

Bronze Championships - nearby, at Hockley - 3rd June.

Seniors' Championships - Basingstoke - 11th July.

Centenary Foursomes - Stoneham - 15th July.

Hull Shield - Dummer - 6th August.

Foursomes Meeting - Hartley Wintney - 13th August.

Autumn Meeting (Division 2) - Tylney Park - 9th September.

Autumn Meeting (Division 1) - Bramshaw - 23rd September.

AGM - Otterbourne Village Hall - 14th November.

Hampshire will be hosting the South Region County Match Week between 24th and 28th June at Blackmoor, which is the home club of our County Captain Jane. Please encourage your ladies to come and support our team as the venue is centrally placed in our County.

The South Region Junior County Match Week is to be held at Ealing GC in Middlesex, from 12th to 14th August. Once again, Hampshire supporters will be most welcome!

General matters: Contrary to Mary's hopes last year, the number of applications by ladies for County Cards in 2012 has fallen once again, only 233 this year. Can I remind you that the current cards cover clubs across 23 counties, not just local counties as in the past. You can obtain an application form either by clicking on the link on the 'Forms' page of our website, or by going directly onto the Hampshire Golf Union website, (as they now administer the cards), where you can see precisely which clubs you can have access to with reduced green fees.

We were very sorry, to receive notice of their dis-affiliation from the HLCGA from Dunwood Manor GC, following their closure earlier this year. Dunwood will be missed from amongst the ranks of our Hampshire Clubs, and so we'd like to wish all their recent lady members a happy, and successful, year as they settle in as members at their new Clubs.

Merger: Following the Merger, the EWGA offices in Birmingham have now closed, and we are all beginning to work with new systems and contacts at England Golf. Both myself and Barbara Mourant, our South Region Representative, receive a significant amount of information from England Golf, including reports, Minutes on every conceivable aspect of golf imaginable, men's information, surveys and newsletters, all of which has to be read and distributed appropriately.

As part of the Merger implementation, I attended the first joint 'County Secretaries Conference', which was held at Woodhall Spa in March. This 2 day event was attended by the majority of Union and Association Secretaries. It consisted of a mixed golf competition on the Hotchkin Course followed by a series of presentations and discussion groups on subjects as diverse as, an England Golf update, an EG 'branding' presentation, the Members Benefit Card (details of which should by now be on your Club notice boards), the 2 separate course rating systems currently used by the Unions and Associations, EG Affiliation Fees, Safeguarding, and more. I learned a lot whilst I was there, and the Conference was a really invaluable opportunity to network with other County Secretaries (both male and female, both paid and voluntary) to see how they view and deal with various topics that come within our sphere of work.

As you will be aware from the paperwork sent out with the Calling Notice, it is necessary to make some minor amendments to the Rules of the Association – our President, Penny Bodkin, will tell you more shortly.

Finally, on behalf of Kathy and myself I'd like to thank everyone who has been so supportive and helpful to us this year whilst we got immersed, and I use that word on purpose, in our new roles on the County Committee. Kathy would particularly like to thank not only the club officials and volunteers at host venues, but also the ladies who have worked directly with her in helping to run competitions 'on the day' throughout the summer. These events could not have been run so smoothly without their invaluable help, thank you.

HLCGA RULES

It is necessary to amend the Rules of our Association to change all references to 'English Women's Golf Association' (EWGA) to read 'England Golf' (EG). This requires a simple amendment.

We also need to amend the following Rules of our Association:

2d) omit 'in accordance with the rules of the English Women's Golf Association'

4a)(i) delete 'Reg. 7' and replace with 'Reg. 6'.

8d) delete 'term of office shall be dependent on the EWGA Rules'

8f) add 'Welfare Officer'

8f) delete 'LGU Council (or their deputies)' and replace with 'LGU Board'

9b) delete 'and in particular to the Selection Sub-Committee'

Proposed by: Jackie Keay (Hartley Wintney). Seconded by: Margaret Clark (Shanklin and Sandown).

Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

6. HON.TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the year ended 30th September 2012, which have been independently reviewed, have been circulated to clubs.

The number of members is down this year by 70, now at 5,769 (2011 - 5,839 and 2010 - 6,028). Also down is the number of county cards sold at only 233 compared to 251 in 2011.

We increased the entry fee for the Hull Shield and Centenary Foursomes this year so these two competitions now break even, and you will have already seen that the entry fees for the other club competitions have increased for 2013. We have decided to keep the entry fees for individual competitions stable despite increased costs in facility fees and expenses so as not to deter members from entering but may have to adjust the prize vouchers accordingly.

Some of you with good memories might remember me saying last year that the costs for Junior County Match Week would be lower this year, but the accounts as shown do not reflect this, and show an increase of some £1,400. The reason being is that the high mileage costs include not just those for the 3 day, event but for all the meetings and organisational travel in the previous year. This amounts to an additional £1,200. Also, we paid £300 for the girls' coach, Kevin Flynn to attend.

The accommodation for County Match Week at Kent turned out to be particularly expensive, at more than double the cost in 2011, and this is reflected in the higher total of cost of the event £12,000 compared to £10,000 in 2011.

Despite increasing the affiliation fee this year, there is still an overall deficit for the year of £2,694, compared to £6,713 in 2011.

Onto Affiliation Fees: England Golf have decided that the Counties will be responsible for collecting their own Affiliation Fees for next year; so after discussion with the men, we agreed that it was simpler for clubs to be issued with one invoice for all members' - fees both men and women. The men like to issue this invoice in September, which is before our AGM when we agree the Affiliation Fee for the following year. I therefore have to ask you to approve the fee for not only 2013, but also for 2014 as well. As it is obviously more difficult to budget for 2 years, hence we recommend an increase to the fee for the next 2 years to £5 per head per year. Hopefully this level of fee will remain stable for the foreseeable future, however should the level of funds start to increase we can decrease the fee, as has happened in the past.

Can I ask the Delegates for a show of hands of those in favour of the proposal to increase the fee for 2013 to £5, and for 2014 to also be £5.

Approval of the Accounts.

Proposed by Dorothy Shore (Bramshaw). Seconded by Maureen Humphreys (Lee on the Solent).

Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

7. COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER'S REPORT

It was yet another busy year for the girls who continued to receive training either through the Select Girls, sponsored by the Hampshire Ladies, or through the County Academy programme which is offered by the Hampshire Golf Partnership. I would like to thank all the professionals who have been involved with our training programme, especially Kevin Flynn who is our Select Girls coach. Again, this will continue for the coming golfing season. The Hampshire Ladies also funded a 6 week coaching programme in Guernsey where 8 girls enjoyed coaching from the professional at Royal Guernsey, Lindsay Boyd.

England Training: Some of our girls were selected for England training:

AASE training: Danielle Burrell, Janet Cuschieri, Georgina Mundy, Laura Barrow and Lucy Burke.
Birdie 3: Charlotte Barrow; and Birdie 2: Emma Allen and Emma Higgins.

Futures and Eagles: We continue to hold our 'Futures' training days for girls that do not have a CONGU handicap. Currently about 20 regular girls attend these days. Disappointedly the numbers have not grown as much as we expected. I would like to thank Linda Warren and her team for their enthusiasm and energy towards these days. During the October half term we held our last training day and Championship day at Cams Hall Estate where 7 girls played. Congratulations to Rebecca Lugton who is our 'Futures' Champion for 2012. From the golf I watched it will not be long before these girls achieve their CONGU handicap and join the 'Eagles'. This year, our 'Eagle' training days were held at several courses around the county, concentrating on team building, training and competition as well as enjoying the game of golf. This will continue next season.

HGP Development Tour: This year the Hampshire Golf Partnership launched the Development Tour, aimed at providing competitive golf for beginners through to the higher handicap golfers across our county, through 6, 9 and 18 hole competitions. This will continue next year after a review.

This new initiative, as well as our current programme through the Hampshire Ladies and the Hampshire Golf Partnership, are aimed at encouraging and developing more girls into golf and will continue throughout 2013.

In 2012 there have been some great golfing achievements both individually and as a team. Some notable successes are:

The Girls Championships were held at Hockley in April where:

Emma Allen became our Girls' Scratch Champion.

Bethany Goater became our Girls' Handicap Champion.

Stephanie Ballay won the Douglas Cup.

Georgina Mundy and Aimee Ponte were selected to play for the Hampshire Ladies in County Match week at Princes in Kent.

At the English Girls, Aimee Ponte finished 15th at Sandiway; and Emma Allen finished 11th in the U15 at Delamere Forest.

Laura and Charlotte Barrow are the EWGA South Region Foursomes Champions.

At the British Girls held at Tenby GC in Wales, Aimee Ponte finished 24th, which put her into the matchplay stage where she won her first round, but then lost in the 2nd round to Sophia Pauline Zeeb from Germany.

Emma Allen finished runner up in the South Region Girls Championship held at Enfield.

At the HLCGA Autumn Meeting, Charlotte Barrow won the Scratch Trophy

At the Liphook Scratch, Aimee Ponte finished 8th, Charlotte Barrow 12th and Rosie Mist 13th.

Charlotte Barrow is the Hampshire Schools Champion

Bethany Goater is the Hampshire Schools U16 Champion.

Laura Barrow is the Hampshire Girls Summer Knock-Out Match play Champion.

At the Hampshire Girls Autumn Meeting:

Kirsty McCulloch won the Dot Hayward Trophy,

Nancy Fenton won the Presidents Cup.

Katy Mackworth-Praed was awarded the Kerry Smith Award.

The La Moye Salver, for the girl who had the largest handicap reduction this season, was awarded to Adrian Mylrea who has cut her handicap from 36 to 18.

The following girls became Ladies Champions at their clubs; Rosie Mist (Hayling), and Emma Higgins (Highcliffe).

As of the 30th October, Emma Allen is 23rd in the Girls England Order of Merit, and Aimee Ponte is 36th. This is a fantastic achievement and shows what talent we have within Hampshire.

Some of our junior girls have represented the Hampshire Ladies second team: Emma Allen, Charlotte Barrow, Laura Barrow, Lucy Burke and Janet Cuschieri.

Friendly matches have been held against Dorset, Oxfordshire, Sussex, Surrey and Wiltshire: Hampshire won one, halved 2 and lost 2. Our annual match against the Brokenhurst College boys and Brokenhurst Manor boys was held in glorious sunshine, and this year the boys were victorious.

This year we had a match against the Hockley ladies, a 4BBB followed by tea and cake. It was great fun where the Hockley ladies narrowly beat the girls by 3½- 2½.

The results above show how our county is growing in strength.

Donations: I would like to thank everyone who has given donations to our Junior Girls. It is very much appreciated. We are currently considering how to make the best use of the much needed donations - which will continue to include training, matches and coaching. ExxonMobil continue to give a donation in recognition of voluntary work for the Hampshire Girls.

I would also like to thank Kay Walshe at Hockley, who decided that during her year as Lady Captain, she would raise funds for the Hampshire Girls. This was a very generous gesture and we were presented with two cheques to the total value of just over £1200.

I would like to thank Skoolkit who generously support our Girls by printing our handbook each year.

Our Junior Captain, Georgina Mundy, has been very supportive and she will be leaving the Juniors this year. I wish her well with her golfing career and on-going studies in America.

JCMW: This year Hampshire hosted Junior County Match Week at Basingstoke GC. Congratulations to Kent who won the event. I was very proud of our Hampshire team: Tamsin Andrews, Charlotte Barrow, Laura Barrow, Lucy Burke, Janet Cuschieri, Paige Harrison, Emma Higgins and Rosie Mist for their tremendous team work, and although this year we did not retain the Salver we were joint winners of the Stableford Trophy with Middlesex. The girls are a real credit to our county. Some of the team will be leaving the Juniors this year, and I look forward to following their golfing careers with the ladies. Next year we look forward to travelling to Ealing, Middlesex for Junior County Match Week.

The Junior Captain for 2012/13 is Laura Barrow.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that has helped with the girls this year, particularly Carole Cullen. Carole has decided to retire after 6 years and at our Autumn Meeting. Carole was presented with some flowers and a photo collage of her years with the Girls.

8. SOUTH REGION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

This has been a year of learning, being 'thrown in at the deep-end' for the first year of England Golf.

I think I first need to explain my role.

The first part of my job is that I have attended meetings at the England Golf HQ in Woodhall Spa, including the first AGM in February, another meeting in June and there is further one next week. These are very informative, and I hope I have conveyed, through to the Club Delegates this year, the important changes. I act as the Voting Member for Hampshire Ladies. My first report from these meetings, go to the Hampshire Committee and then any information is passed to the Club Delegates, and hopefully you pass it on to your Club Members. This system works well, I hope, and thank you to all the Club Delegates for your part in this process. You are very important for your members. England Golf are still in the process of amalgamating the various committees for the administration of golf for Men and Ladies, and we have to be patient as it may take the next year or two to settle down.

The second part of my job is to act as Hampshire Representative to the South Region, which consists of the Counties of Hampshire, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex and Kent. Next year, we in Hampshire, are hosting 2 competitions, the first being County Match Week at Blackmoor from 24th-26th June and any support you can give to the team would be very welcome. The second is the Senior Women's Tournament which is being held at Liphook from 28th-29th August. Entries from Hampshire Ladies would be very welcome as it is in our County, and it would be good if we had a substantial number of entries. There will be a link on the Hampshire website for entry forms. You are, of course, as Hampshire Members, entitled and indeed encouraged, to take part in any of the South Region competitions that will take part in other Counties of the South Region. It would be nice to see Hampshire Members names on the entry lists. Kent is hosting the Women's Championships on 9th-11th July, and Middlesex are hosting the Foursomes on 5th August. There is a link to all tournaments on the England Golf website.

Once more I need to mention the Club Officials List. It is maintained by Gill Staley, our Honorary Secretary, not by me. Please could you make sure that the form for any changes is used (access to this is on the HLCGA website under 'Forms'), and forward to Gill by the Club Delegate only, at your Club. I will continue to inform the Club Delegates of any important points through the meetings or by email direct.

Finally CDH/MBP cards are available via the England Golf Website and you are encouraged to join - your handicap will be accessible via the card, and there are various benefits including a monthly draw for excellent prizes. There should be posters advertising these cards in your club.

Thank you for listening and I am looking forward to another interesting year

9. VETERANS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

On behalf of Mrs Steiner, Mrs Staley reported:

Firstly, I must apologise for absence. The lure of Mexican sunshine was too strong!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Vets Captain and am most grateful for all the support I have received. I would particularly like to thank everyone involved with the organisation of the Veterans Championship in June. Most of the competitors found the conditions at Meon Valley quite tough, and the scores reflected that. However, Judie Lewis had no such problems, and congratulations to her on a great round of 77 nett 71, winning both the Scratch and Handicap Trophies. Jill Young won the Veteran's Bronze Championship, and Rosemary Grindle the 'Super 70s'. The weather was really quite good compared with the rest of June, and the whole day very relaxed and happy. Let's have even more entries next year!

All our matches this year have, as always, been played in great spirit, and have been thoroughly enjoyable.

Apart from the Isle of Wight match where we were heavily beaten, despite bringing in a ringer in the shape of our esteemed County Vice-Captain, the matches have all been close, with Hampshire winning at home, and losing away. I am most grateful to North Hants and Barton-on-Sea Golf Clubs for extending the courtesy of their courses to us for our home matches.

The first match of the year was against Sussex at Ham Manor. Although it rained all day, the warmth of our welcome and delicious meal after, more than made up for the poor weather and a 3-4 loss.

We had more success at North Hants beating Berkshire 4-3. North Hants was in beautiful condition, and I would like to thank everyone at the club who made this event such a successful day, they couldn't have been more helpful.

At the beginning of July, we went to Orchardleigh, near Frome, to play against Somerset in very wet conditions. Although we lost 2-5, I think we would all like to go back and play this beautiful parkland course again - but in the sunshine!

Our matches against Dorset at Broadstone, and against Wiltshire at Barton on Sea were played in better weather, with the courses in great condition considering all the rain that had fallen beforehand. We lost 2-5 to Dorset, but managed a 5-2 win against Wiltshire.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to play in the matches. Sixty five ladies have represented the Vets this year, from 23 clubs, and I have tried to give everyone who registered a game. I would like to encourage anyone who qualifies by age and who enjoys matchplay and competition to sign up in the New Year for next year's matches, either by using the form on the website, or emailing me direct.

10. SENIOR'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Mrs Randall reported:

This is my second and final year as Senior's Captain, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my role – where has the time gone? In all we played 8 matches - 4 County League matches and 4 friendly matches - against neighbouring counties, and entered the Inter-County team event.

League matches: This year we have struggled to put out our strongest teams, whether it was for holidays, illness or other reasons. It is my excuse, and a good one, because we unfortunately lost all our games, and came last in the league. As in all previous years since this competition began, the winners were Berkshire, who are consistently able to put out teams of handicaps 7 and below. We have many new Seniors coming through, but if you know of anyone turning 50 soon, please ask them to consider playing for the team. The Entry Form will be on the web-site shortly.

Friendly Matches: We fared slightly better in our Friendly matches, and actually managed a win against Surrey. We narrowly lost against Sussex, and lost to Guernsey - who bought over some very good Juniors as our opponents this year, so we didn't feel so bad. We have altered our scoring system against the Hampshire Senior Men, and in doing so, achieved a much fairer result. We always play our 5 x 4BBB matches to the bitter end, and there was only one difference in the final scoring.

We have once again played some great courses, including Liphook, Hankley Common and our match against Sussex was played at West Sussex, which was a treat for us all, even though we had to play Foursomes.

Inter County Championships: Regrettably, the Inter-County Championships, which were to be held at Worthing GC, were cancelled on the day, due to the torrential rain and a flooded course.

Chris Quinn (Hockley): Once again, we have had some other great Senior's results, led of course, by the "Mighty Quinn". Chris unfortunately has had so many other commitments this year, that she was unable to represent our County Seniors. She won the English Women's Senior Championship at Tidworth for the fourth time, and in September, once again became a member of the English Team playing in the Senior European Team Championships in Laguna, Switzerland. The team qualified, but lost to Ireland in the match play stages of the competition. Chris played a prominent part in England qualifying. In October, she was selected to play for England in the Senior Women's Home International Matches - England finishing as runners up to Ireland. Chris finished 4th in the British Seniors at Hunstanton. If only we had more players like Chris I am sure we could beat Berkshire!

Additional congratulations must go to Joan Pullen who had the best nett score in the English Women's Senior Championships. Also to our Captain Jane Shergold, who won our own Senior's County Championships held at Romsey during the summer. Well done to you all.

Hampshire is hosting the English Senior Women's Strokeplay Championship in June 2013, at Shanklin and Sandown. All support would be appreciated.

My thanks must go to all the players who have turned out to play, in all weathers, over the past 2 years; and to the Clubs that have offered us courtesy and hospitality both home and away.

It just leaves me with one final task, and that is to hand over to my successor Jane Bennett of Lee-on-the-Solent. Jane has represented the Seniors for a few years, and I know that she will enjoy the role and do a great job. I wish her all the very best, and success in her new position.

11. KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Knight Cup Semi-finals and Finals were held at Oak Park GC on the 5th September, the winners were Andover and the runners up Paultons, it was the first time Paultons had entered the competition so this was a great achievement. The number of supporters that came with Osborne for the Semi-final, and then stayed to watch the Final, and even helped with the finalist's trolley, was a credit to them.

The North Hants Trophy Semi-finals and Finals were held at North Hants on the 22nd September. We were very fortunate that North Hants changed the date from the 23rd as we had sunshine on the Saturday, with the Sunday not being very good at all. The Final was between Basingstoke and Meon Valley with matches going to the 17th, 18th and 19th - it was an exciting finish. As one of the Basingstoke players, I was delighted with our team winning, especially when I was informed it was the first time Basingstoke had won the Trophy.

This was the second year of running the North Hants Plate; the winners were Royal Winchester, and the runners up Hayling Island. I am pleased to have received more positive feed-back in 2012, and hopefully clubs will continue to feel the benefit of having more scratch competition available.

The Stoneham Cup Semi-finals and Finals were held at Blackmoor on the 27th September. The Final was a repeat of 2011, and once again Meon Valley were winners, with the Army runners up. Congratulations to Shanklin and Sandown and Brokenhurst for reaching the Semi-finals for the first time these teams have reached that stage of the competition since I have been the organiser.

The Winter Scratch Knockout for 2011/12 had a good entry, and it was good for the county to have Kerry Smith back and reaching the Final, which was held at Alresford between Kerry and Georgina Mundy. The match went to an exciting finish on the 18th with Kerry winning the cup. The Winter Scratch Knockout has

been drawn for 2012/13 with a disappointing entry of 16 as against 23 last year. It would be good to have a few more entries for next year's competition.

We have started to liaise with the HGU in line with the wishes of England Golf, and this meant that this year we had some male referees at the Finals. The feed-back from them afterwards was all positive, with them complimenting the ladies on the standard of golf and the spirit in which the games were played. It would make my job so much easier if this was the feed-back I received all the time.

I look forward to receiving the results next year to see how you are all doing in the competitions, and wish you all a good golfing 2013, hopefully with less rain!

12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Mrs Bodkin then presented the Inter-Club Knockout Trophies

Knight Cup:	Winners - Andover	Runners-Up - Paultons Park
North Hants Trophy:	Winners - Basingstoke	Runners-Up - Meon Valley
NHT Plate:	Winners - Royal Winchester	Runners-Up - Hayling Island
Stoneham Cup:	Winners - Meon Valley	Runners-Up - Army

13. VOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of all the competitors, Mrs Linda Fossey gave a vote of thanks to Joan Pullen and all her team of volunteers, adding that the players always enjoy the challenge of taking part in the Inter-Club Knockouts.

14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs Staley then announced the election of officers:

Honorary Secretary

Nomination: Mrs Gill Staley. Proposed by, Mrs J Shergold. Secoded by, Mrs K Estcourt.
Elected by a show of hands.

Competition Secretary

Nomination: Mrs Kathy Estcourt. Proposed by, Miss M Clark. Secoded by, Mrs G Staley.
Elected by a show of hands.

Honorary Treasurer

Nomination: Mrs J Andrews. Proposed by, Mrs J Shergold. Secoded by, Miss M Clark.
Elected by a show of hands.

County Junior Organiser

Nomination: Mrs Elaine Barrow. Proposed by, Mrs J Shergold. Secoded by, Mrs G Staley.
Elected by a show of hands.

President

Mrs Bodkin then announced the Past Presidents nomination for President for the next 3 years to be Mrs Bridget Moore. After accepting the Badge of Office, Mrs Moore said that it was a privilege and an honour to be asked to represent her county.

Mrs Shergold then, on behalf of the County, thanked Mrs Bodkin for being involved in County golf for many years, having been County Secretary from 1992-97, Vice-Captain in 2000, and Captain in 2002-3. She added that Penny had been very efficient; has a great sense of humour and a wonderful memory for names and faces, all strengths and more that she brought to her Presidency. Mrs Bodkin was then presented with a glass bowl; she responded by saying what an honour it had been to be the County President, but due to many people, it had been much more than that. It had been a wonderful experience to be involved with the teams and club players, and that over the years she had enjoyed watching and caddying for many of them, and seen some magnificent golf. She added that golf clubs offer so much more than golf, and that she had received huge support from friends through both good times and sad times. She felt that however bad a game of golf may be, we are so lucky to have beautiful and challenging golf courses in Hampshire, and be fit enough to play them. Penny especially thanked Jane Shergold for being an exceptionally efficient Captain, and wished both her, and Bridget as incoming President, well for coming year.

There being no further business, Mrs Bodkin closed the meeting at 3.15 pm.

SIGNED _____ PRESIDENT

DATED _____