



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT  
OTTERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON  
THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 2.00pm

**IN THE CHAIR:** Bridget Moore (Meon Valley), President

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

Shirley Silcock and Ann Meadwell (Alresford); Carole Bradbury (Andover); Monica Nightingale (Avington Park); Christine Edwards and Grace Williams (Blackmoor); Olive Grant, Margaret Harle, Edna Hill and Marti Stevens (Brokenhurst Manor); Jean Chard and Susan Bond (Highcliffe Castle); Jean Burgess, Mary Hancock and Mary Wilson (Lee on the Solent); Barbara Fox and Pam Littlejohn (North Hants); Molly Thompson - né Lock/Wallis (North Hants) - Past County Champion, winner of the English Ladies' Championship in 1947 and Home International player; Mira Brochocki (Shanklin & Sandown); Vera Foster (Shanklin & Sandown) - a founder member and Honorary Secretary of the IWLGA; Sally Ayling, Sheila Downton, Betty Hughes and Anne Linsey (Rowland's Castle)

Mrs Moore introduced other members of the Committee sitting at the top table:

Mrs Jane Shergold (Blackmoor), Captain and Mrs Gill Staley (North Hants), Honorary Secretary.

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

**1. APOLOGIES:** Apologies had been received from 20 individual members and 2 clubs.

**PRESENT:** 109 members were present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated to all clubs, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed by: Jenny Steiner (Cams Hall). Seconded by: Dorothy Shore (Bramshaw).

Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

**4. CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

I started my report last year by commenting that it had been the wettest golfing year in my memory. So I am pleased to report this year, that most County events were held in favourable conditions during a lovely summer.

Once again, there were many good individual and team performances.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Team** prepared for the season with the always popular team building and warm up matches. We also had the benefit of Steve Richardson sharing his Ryder Cup experiences with the Junior and 1st Team squads.

The warm up matches started with a match against the Junior Select squad. Then unfortunately, for the second year running, our warm up match against Meon Valley men was rained off in March. This was followed by a baptism of fire when we lost to the Hockley men 4-0.

Our annual friendly match against Dorset was played in April, and they were the perfect hosts in every way at Remedy Oak – a splendid venue where we received soup as a refreshment on the 9th hole. We also came away with a win of 2½-1½.

In May, we had the opportunity to play against Blackmoor men's scratch team on the exact course which would be used the following month to host 2013 CMW. Furthermore, our confidence was boosted with a victory over strong opposition.

Later in the month we hosted Oxfordshire at North Hants, and were convincing winners by 7 matches to 2.

It was therefore with some confidence that we looked forward to the highlight of our golfing year in June, when Hampshire had the pleasure of hosting the England Golf South Region County Match Week at my home Club, (Blackmoor). Incentive for the winners of the week would be a place in the National finals at Wilmslow, Cheshire in September.

It goes without saying that this week long competition takes an awful lot of organisation, and could not possibly be achieved without a lot of hard work from your Committee. Throughout the week I received many compliments about the course, the friendly atmosphere and the organisation. So I would particularly like to thank Mags Clark, Di Stock and Gill Staley for their outstanding contribution in making the week such a success. Similarly, my thanks to all Past Presidents, Past Captains and helpers for their contribution throughout the week.

Despite all the preparation beforehand, I'm not sure if Blackmoor knew what hit them. I cannot thank enough Blackmoor's Secretary, General Committee, the Ladies Committee, members, helpers and the hostesses who made the visiting counties of Surrey, Kent, Middlesex, Sussex and the host county Hampshire so welcome.

What a thrilling week it was, with such a fine standard of golf to be seen on all days. The final result was in doubt right until the end, and although we knew we may just fall short, that in no way discredits our final position of second place - losing out on count back. As a result, 2 of the team are to be awarded their County Colours.

My congratulations to the winners, Kent. At County Finals they came 5th, with Yorkshire winning overall.

The team who represented Hampshire so well were: Aimee Ponte, Kerry Smith, Elly Gardner, Georgie Mundy, Raffi Dyer, Di Oram, Sarah Bradshaw, Annabel Silk and Emma Powell. My thanks to the team for what was certainly for me, such an honour to be their Captain.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who turned out to support our team during the week, it was great to see so many people in the blue! This was greatly appreciated.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team** is used as a vehicle to encourage and develop our most promising players. Matches are played off scratch, and always include both Juniors and some of the more experienced players.

The friendly matches were against Wiltshire at Bramshaw where we won 5-4, and Berkshire at Newbury and Crookham which resulted in a 7-2 defeat.

**The Stovold Trophy** is played against the Counties in South Region and is traditionally always strongly competed. The results were as follows:

vs. holders Surrey at Hankley Common - Won 6½-5½

vs. Sussex at Waterlooville - Won 7½-4½

vs. Kent at Hever Castle - Lost 7-5

vs. Middlesex at Basingstoke - Won 8-4

Overall, Hampshire tied with Surrey and Kent for the Trophy, but as a result of count back, we ended up in 3rd place.

Mags Clark has been running the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team over the last 2 seasons which has meant her getting up very early in the mornings (or middle of the night!) to be at the venues across the South of England. I know she has enjoyed great support and fun from all participating team members, and now I know she looks forward to her promotion in managing the 1<sup>st</sup> Team.

**The County Championships** were held at Royal Winchester in June to coincide with their 125th anniversary, and a great week it was, played in the main in glorious conditions and weather.

Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey) continued the trend set by Emma Allen (Meon Valley) last year by being crowned County Champion after winning the Junior Championships earlier in the year.

The Hampshire Challenge Salver was won by Christine Simpson (Cams Hall), and the Challenge Bowl winner was Ann Morris (Blackmoor).

On the Wednesday, Georgina Mundy with a splendid round of 69, broke the ladies course record and for this was presented with a memento from Jane Tandy, the Ladies' Captain at Royal Winchester.

**The Bronze Championships** were also held on the Monday of Championship week. I am pleased to say that its growing popularity meant that this had to be held separately, and was staged at Hockley GC.

The Division 1 Bronze Championship winner was Diana Hampton (Alresford), who also won a bottle of champagne from our sponsors, Jamie Mallon, a partner of St James Place Wealth Management.

The Division 2 Bronze Championship winner was Rachel Pelly (Corhampton).

The organisation of running 2 events on 2 different courses required a great deal of skill, preparation and hard work, and for this I thank your Competition's Secretary, Kathy Escourt and Secretary, Gill Staley for overall control of the week.

Without the help and support of the Ladies and Committees of these Clubs, the competitions could not take place, and I thank them, and their Clubs, for the use of their courses.

**The County Foursomes** were held at Army in May, with Emma Powell (Osborne) and Di Oram (Basingstoke) retaining the Championship. Nicki Hatch and Gill Melbourne (Brokenhurst Manor) won the handicap trophy.

**The Hull Shield** was held at Dummer, with the home pairing of Christine Munday and Rosemary Verrall winning.

**The Centenary Foursomes** were held at Stoneham, and again the home pairing of Ruth Allan and Chris Walker came out on top.

**The Division 2 Foursomes Meeting** staged at Hartley Wintney, was won by Anne Mcdermott and Anne Bradley (Royal Winchester)

**The Autumn Meeting Division 1** was held at Bramshaw, and won by Sarah Bradshaw (Stoneham), with a fine gross score of 72, which was also good enough to win the Scratch Porringer and the Aggregate Nett Cup for her scores in the Spring and Autumn meetings. The Nett Salver won by Sally Harfield (Romsey)

**The Autumn Meeting Division 2** was held at Tylney Park, and won by Jo Canning (Blacknest) competing in her first ever County event.

The Aggregate Gross Trophy, for the best combined gross scores from the Bronze Championships and Autumn Meeting, was won by Chris Ellis (Shanklin and Sandown).

The Aggregate Nett Trophy was won by Rachel Pelly (Corhampton).

**Isle of Wight the Championships** were held at Freshwater Bay. The winners were:

Champion: Lucy Burke (Westridge)  
Silver Champion: Steph Hart (Shanklin and Sandown)  
Bronze Champion: Gail Brown (Freshwater Bay)

The Isle of Wight team won 'Silver' at the Island Championships in Bermuda.

**Jersey Championships** were held Les Mielles. The winners were:

Champion: Jenny Deeley (la Moye)  
Division 2 Champion: Jane Lansdell (Les Mielles)  
Division 3 Champion: Christine Mee (La Moye)

**Guernsey Championship:** was won by Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey) in addition to success on the mainland.

**Channel Islands Championship** at Royal Jersey was won by Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey)

**The Guernsey team** also won 'Gold' at the Island Championships in Bermuda.

I would now like to highlight some individual achievements in other prestigious competitions:

**Kerry Smith** (Waterlooville):

Won County Winter Scratch at Alresford.  
Won Liphook Scratch Cup, again.  
Finished 10th English Women's Amateur Strokeplay at Mannings Heath.  
Finished 13th in the Critchley Salver at Sunningdale.  
Finished 24th in the Ladies British Open Amateur Championship at Prestwick.  
Overall, 12th in the England Golf Order of Merit.  
Member of the winning Waterlooville Stoneham Cup team

**Georgina Mundy** won her first major event as a fresher in the United States, and was awarded her County Colours at the Centenary Foursomes at Stoneham GC.

**Danielle Burrell** (Weybrook Park) reached Quarter Finals of the EG South Region Championship at West Kent.

**Elly Gardner** (Botley Park) was the winner of the EG South Region Medal Final. She went on to the National Medal Finals in Northampton, and came a creditable 20th.

**Judy Ames** (Royal Winchester) also qualified to reach the National Medal Finals and came 26th.

**Arlette Quinn and Elenoa Lyons** (North Hants) won the Regional Final of Coronation Foursomes at Cowdray Park, and came 9th in Grand Final at St Andrews, as seen on Sky TV.

**Chris Quinn** (Hockley), **Charlotte Barrow** (Brokenhurst Manor) and **Emma Allen** (Meon Valley) were also achievers this year and will be included in later reports.

**Aimee Ponte** (Royal Guernsey), our County and Junior Champion is currently studying hard in the US - today she is not only to be awarded her County Colours, but also the Kerry Smith Award. Kerry has been one of Hampshire's most successful golfers, representing England and Hampshire on many occasions, which has included Curtis Cup representation and winner of the EWGA Order of Merit. This award was introduced by the County and named in Kerry's honour to recognise annually the Junior Girl who has shown commitment both to her County, club and herself, and improved during the year. Aimee, has consistently demonstrated these qualities, and at just 17, has quickly established herself in the County 1st Team with great success. Sue Welfair, (CI Representative) has kindly agreed to accept these awards on Aimee's behalf. I am also delighted that Kerry is here today, and I invite her to present the awards to Sue. At which point, Kerry presented the trophies to Sue, who then passed on a message from Aimee thanking the County for all the help that she has received over the years.

**Sponsorship:** In these times it is very difficult to get sponsors, particularly in women's golf, and so we are very fortunate to have received sponsorship from Jamie Mallon, a partner of St James Wealth Management. Their generous sponsorship of £2,000 has helped with the 1st Team and Junior Team kit. In addition, their presence at the County Championships, Bronze Championships, CMW and the Autumn meeting was most welcome, with a free prize draw for champagne and wine. Furthermore, all competitors were invited to a sponsored golf day at Botley Park in October. We are very grateful for their support and hope this will continue in future years.

We continue to work with the Hampshire Golf Union. At present, they are collecting Affiliation Fees on our behalf, and referees are shared at women and men's County events.

We also continue to be partners in the Hampshire Golf Partnership, with the aim of growing and developing golf in Hampshire. We were delighted earlier in the year to be one of 20 counties to secure funding from Sport England to deliver our plans for the next 4 years. Kay Walshe and Jackie Key have been our representatives on the Steering Group this year, with Elaine Barrow and Linda Warren representing us on the County Academy Programme. I would like to thank them all for their contribution in working with the HGU and the PGA to help deliver the plan.

**Communications:** Dorothy Shore continues her excellent work in maintaining and updating our website. Following a survey of our membership over last winter, she enhanced the presentation of the website to improve communication. I would like to thank her for all her hard work which also includes event reports, updates, photography and for promoting the County in local golf magazines.

I thank Barbara Mourant who has ensured our voice is heard at England Golf meetings and that Delegates share the benefit by being kept informed of ever changing activities.

Liz Owsley 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.

I would also like to thank the whole Committee for all the work they have done. They have been a great source of support for me over the last 2 years.

Having thanked your Committee, I would now like to pay tribute to 3 stalwarts who have served the County so well, and are now retiring from their Committee duties.

Jenny Steiner - Veterans Captain for the last 2 years, has also been a towering strength in supporting Junior events.

Joan Pullen, for being your Knockout Secretary for the last 6 years. A position requiring organisation and communication skills, and I thank Joan for doing such a good job. In addition to this, she also looked after our accounts for one year and also those of the Hampshire Golf Partnership.

Elaine Barrow has been involved with Junior golf for the last 6 years, 4 of them as County Junior Organiser. This important position, shaping the future of County golf and developing future talent, involves a great deal of time and commitment. During her tenure Elaine has brought through many future talented golfers and a winning Junior County Team in 2011. My thanks to Elaine for all her hard work, and I hope that Junior golf will continue its success in the future.

Finally, I said at the outset of my Captaincy what an honour it was to have been chosen. My 2 years in office have been very fulfilling in more ways than one and great fun both on and off the course. It is now my pleasure to hand over the Badge of Office to Margaret Clark (Shanklin & Sandown), and wish her well and success for her Captaincy. Margaret Clark thanked Jane, saying that during her stint as Press/Website officer, she had been introduced to the joys of Hampshire golf, and that she was immensely proud to be joining the ranks of County Captains. She then introduced her incoming Vice-Captain as Mrs Jane Scott (Alresford). She welcomed her back onto the Committee and handed her the Vice-Captain's Badge of Office.

Kerry Smith gave a vote of thanks to Jane Shergold on behalf of the 1st Team, and presented her with a token of their appreciation, for which Jane gave thanks.

## **5. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Once again I am reporting on behalf of both Kathy Estcourt, (Competition's Secretary), and myself, as we spend a lot of time working together with regard to the organisation and running of County competitions. We have now got into a routine which is working for us, and we are still talking to one another after 2 years, I hope it's working for you too.

With regard to County competitions, the weather was far kinder to us this year; and as a result, no events had to be cancelled. Generally speaking, entries came in thick and fast early on, and although the overall number we received was similar to last year, I would like highlight the following events:

At one point it looked as though numbers for the County Championships, were going to be down on previous years, so Delegates were asked to remind ladies at their clubs that the 'close of entry' for the event was approaching fast - as a result, although we received a lot of last minute entries, especially from Division 1 players, numbers were similar to those in 2012.

On Day 1 of our Championship Week, the Bronze Championships were held at Hockley, and the Division 3 Challenge Bowl was held simultaneously at Royal Winchester. Although this required two sub-teams working in different locations on the day, it did mean that all the ladies who had entered the Bronze Championships this year were able to play in the event, that the competition could be completed, and prizes presented, without the very late finish we had last year.

Please note that in 2014, both the County Championships and the Bronze Championships will be held at the same venue (Stoneham) during w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May. Both Division 2 and Division 3 entrants will be playing their qualifying rounds on Day 1, and the Bronze Championships will be held on Day 2, followed by Division 1 practice in the afternoon. Thereafter, the week will proceed as usual.

The Senior's Championships proved very popular, we received 105 entries which was fantastic - as a result, Basingstoke very kindly allowed Kathy to have extra tee times in order to accommodate all entrants.

Although we eventually had an entry of 41 clubs for the Hull Shield, this was only after I had sent a reminder to clubs that usually enter the event and hadn't done so shortly before 'close of entry'. In most cases I was advised that they had either 'forgotten' to enter, or had assumed that another official at their club had sent in their entry. Hopefully I will not have to chase clubs for entries in 2014. Out of interest, I didn't have the same problem with club entries to the Centenary Foursomes.

By March, entries to the Division 2, Autumn Meeting had already equalled the total number for the previous year, which was re-assuring, but bearing in mind that we had had to cancel the event in 2012, Delegates were once again asked encourage their ladies to continue sending in forms, which they did successfully, and the meeting was much better supported with 43 ladies playing on the day. A further 2 would have played, but had to drop out due to handicap reduction). A number of the participants were new to County competitions, and indeed one of them in particular, enjoyed herself so much that she won the event!

On the subject of the Division 2 Autumn Meeting, I would like to say, that it is very difficult to obtain courses for an event, when those eligible to enter show a reluctance to do so. This competition is in place for the same ladies as enter the Bronze Championships, (which this year attracted 78 players), they can't have all been on holiday in early September. I hope to receive more support for this event in 2014.

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 events next year – they too might win a prize in their first County event.

In the New Year I will be sending out a revised notice to clubs reminding ladies that they are all members of the HLCGA and are, as a consequence, all eligible to enter our County competitions - subject to the conditions of the event. I will also include brief details as to what events are available to them in 2014.

The provision of a 2-course meal as well as having to pay a facility fee to host clubs is no longer sustainable within the current entry fee for Individual County Competitions. This year, I have constantly had to juggle menu options with clubs and caterers in order to stay within budget. This can lead to a very limited range of meals for competitors. The Executive Committee has therefore agreed to increase the entry fee for these events to £27.50 in 2014 - this will allow for more flexibility in catering costs. I hope that you will continue to support these events.

Entry fees for the County Championships and Bronze Championship are to remain at £15 per head, and those for the Hull Shield and Centenary Foursomes also remain the unchanged.

The 2014 fixtures 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 have been arranged as follows:

Veteran's Championship - Alresford GC - Thursday, 8 May

Championship Week - Stoneham GC - Monday-Friday, week commencing 19 May

Bronze Championships – Stoneham GC - Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

Foursomes Championship - Waterlooville GC - Thursday, 19 June

Hull Shield - Sandford Springs - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Seniors' Championships - Hayling GC - Tuesday, 1 July

England Golf South Region Women's Championship - North Hants GC – Wednesday to Friday, 23-25 July

England Golf South Region Australian Spoons Regional Final - Dummer GC - Tuesday, 5 August

Centenary Foursomes - Sherfield Oaks - Wednesday, 13 August

Autumn Meeting Division 1 - Hockley GC - Monday, 22 September

County AGM - Otterbourne Village Hall - Thursday, 13 November

The Foursomes Meeting and the Division 2 Autumn Meeting are still in the process of being arranged.

Kathy and I receive a lot of phone calls and e-mails in the weeks immediately preceding county events, asking why we haven't directly advised individual players of their tee times. Can I remind you that we do not contact players individually, and that this has been the case for some years. It's no longer necessary to send us self-addressed envelopes with your entry forms, but it is necessary for you to check for your start times on the county website, where they are posted approximately 3 weeks before an event. Your club Delegates should also be posting up-to-date copies of the start sheet at your club in the weeks preceding an event.

In the same vein, it should also be noted that we do not advise individual clubs of their start times for events such as the Hull Shield and the Centenary Foursomes. Again, your Delegate should make your club representatives aware of their start times.

**General Items:** Earlier this year, I attended my second joint 'County Secretaries Conference' at Woodhall Spa (this was for both Union and Association Secretaries). The event was once again very helpful and informative. Amongst other subjects, the following items were discussed: Nomadic golfers; the CDH System; the possibility of appointing male Delegates and the holding of Delegates Meetings for the County Unions; the EWGA Trust re-launch; Safeguarding; the timing and collection of Affiliation Fees; and the possibility of Unions and Associations within counties merging in the future - and at least working together where possible for the present. I reported feedback on these matters at the Delegates meeting in March.

It was useful to hear information being discussed from the perspective of other counties, hear how they are thinking and learn how their Unions and Associations are working together.

The R&A have written to Counties advising of a new, free, online Rules course, which is based on the 'Etiquette Section' of the Rules of Golf and the 'Quick Guide to Rules of Golf'. The aim is to improve the basic knowledge of golfers and administrators. There is also the opportunity to take the R&A's level 1 Rules Exam for which golfers pay £10. Please look on the R&A website under 'Rules and Amateur Status' and then under the 'Rules Academy' tab – it is self-explanatory.

As you may be aware, the Hampshire Golf Union now collects the England Golf Affiliation fees, the LGU and the HLCGA fees on our behalf. Some clubs were very slow in paying their fees in 2013, as a result, I'd like to remind you that within the 'Rules of the HLCGA', under Rule 4. (Conditions Governing Membership), that: *The County year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> January. No Affiliated Club whose levy is in arrears may participate in the inter-club competitions, send a delegate to the Delegates Meetings or attend General Meetings.*

On this basis, please ensure that your club pay their Affiliation Fees promptly in 2014. The County Affiliation Fee remains unchanged at £5 per member.

Finally, although it is very nice to be direct contact with ladies around the county, a lot of answers to the questions that Committee members are frequently asked can easily be found on the HLCGA website, and this should be your first port of call when you have a query.

Information regarding personal tee times, results and reports following events (such as your final score and the CSS of a competition), entry form details, Junior event information, up to date County news, contact details for key Committee Members at other clubs etc, can all be found there. As you can see, I have placed samples of the sort of information that is on the website on the notice board by the stage, to give a flavour of what can be found. I am the delegate for my own club, these sheets have either been on a notice board or in a file in our locker-room during the past year for my ladies to read (hence the occasional note highlighting some of our members achievements – sorry about that!) your delegate is hopefully doing the same. So please do make an effort to read the information either provided by her, or directly off the website on your computer. Our Press Officer, Dorothy, works very hard to keep you all informed.

Of course I would emphasise that members of the Executive Committee are always very happy to answer questions if you still have queries, their contact details are available, as ever, on the website, under the 'information' tab.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the clubs that have allowed the County Association to use their courses for events during the past year. I'd also like to thank the staff at those clubs for their assistance, and all the volunteers who gave up their time and that make our events possible. Their joint contribution has been very much appreciated by all the ladies who have played in our events.

## **6. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT** (The Hon Secretary read the Treasurer's Report in her absence)

My apologies for not been able to attend in person and thanks to Gill for reading this on my behalf.

The Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2013 have been independently reviewed and have been circulated to Delegates.

The increase in the Affiliation Fee this year has improved the income line, but only by £3,000 due to an ever decreasing number of members, now at 5,542 (2012 - 5,769 and 2011 - 5,839). We are still due fees from 2 clubs (approximately 100 members). These will be included if they are ever received. County Card sales have decreased dramatically, and this source of income can no longer be relied upon.

Club competitions show a small profit this year after the increase in fees, and so these will remain the same for 2014. However, entry fees for individual competitions will rise as clubs are now demanding higher facility fees, or cannot produce a 2 course meal for the price requested. In the past we have reduced the prize vouchers accordingly but this is no longer feasible. I hope you will continue to support these events.

The increase in the cost of running the Junior Section is entirely down to loss of grants and other donations. Our grateful thanks continue to go to those clubs who support the training of the girls through donations, which this year totalled some £2,500.

The cost for County Match Week was back to normal levels due to being hosted by Hampshire, lower travel costs and no additional accommodation required. The cost of hosting the event is shown separately and is covered by the grant from England Golf. The cost of clothing was offset by generous sponsorship by Mallon Wealth Management of £2,000.

Six Intermediate Bursaries were offered to young ladies no longer in Juniors, at a maximum of £400 each. In the end only 5 were paid, and only 2 of these at the full amount.

The nett effect of these changes means the County shows a surplus of £5,200 for the year. It must be borne in mind that if we had reached the County Finals, this would have been needed to cover the additional costs.

You have already approved the Affiliation Fee for 2014 at £5 per head and we have agreed to stick to this level for 2015.

Approval of the Accounts.

Proposed by Barbara Mourant (Botley Park). Seconded by Di Stock (North Hants).

Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

## **7. COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER'S REPORT**

The girls 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.

**England training Squad:** Girls were selected were:

Select South - Emma Allen (Meon Valley),

Birdies Year 1 South - Bethany Goater (Hockley), Katy Mackworth-Praed (Dummer), Tara O'Herlihy (Basingstoke)

AASE 2<sup>nd</sup> year - Laura Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor) and Lucy Burke (Westridge)

We continue to hold our 'Futures' training days for girls that do not have a CONGU handicap. Currently about 20 girls regularly attend these days. I am disappointed once again to have to report that the numbers have not grown as much as 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 where 12 girls played. Congratulations to Eleanor Kingston who is our 'Futures' Champion 2013.

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.

The Hampshire Golf Partnership Development Tour is in its second year, providing competitive golf for beginners through to the higher handicap golfers across our County through 6, 9 and 18 hole competitions.

Our training programme is under review to ensure that we offer the best training for the future of our County golf. This year there have been some great golfing achievements both individually and as a team. Some notable successes are:

**Emma Allen** (Meon Valley)

Was selected to play for England at the Scottish Girls U16 at Strathmore GC where she finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

Finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the English Girls Open Amateur Champs at Oake Manor, Somerset.

Qualified 11<sup>th</sup> at the British Girls held at Fairhaven, and

Lost in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the match-play where Aimee Ponte finished 51<sup>st</sup> losing in the first round.

**The Girls Championships** were held at Liphook Golf Club in April where:

**Aimee Ponte** (Royal Guernsey) became our Girls' Scratch Champion.

She also finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Helen Holm Scottish Open Strokeplay.

Finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the English Women's Amateur Championship at Kings Norton.

To add to her success Aimee also became the County Champion as well as the Junior Champion.

Was selected to play for the Hampshire Ladies in County Match Week at Blackmoor, Hampshire

Won an individual 'Silver' Medal in the Island Games held in Bermuda.

**Stephanie Ballay** (Royal Guernsey) became our Girls' Handicap Champion.

**Amelia Williams** (Bramshaw) won the Douglas Cup.

**Laura Barrow** (Brokenhurst Manor)

Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SW Schools Championship held at Wells, Somerset and

Qualified to play in the English Schools National Championship at Notts.

**Charlotte Barrow** (Brokenhurst Manor) won the Division 1 Silver Rose Spoon in July.

She is also the Hampshire Schools Champion

Charlotte was the runner up in the Scratch Trophy at the HLCGA Autumn Meeting

Became the Lady Champion at Brokenhurst Manor

**Bethany Goater** (Hockley) won the U13 prize at the SR Girls Championship held at Sweetwoods, Sussex.

**Tara O'Herlihy** (Basingstoke) and father Oscar won the Father and Daughter Foursomes at Tadmerton Heath.

**Paige Harrison** (Lee on the Solent) won 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap at the Liphook Scratch

**Adrian Mylrea** (Bramshaw) is the Hampshire Schools U16 Champion.

**Rachel Davidson** (North Hants) is the Hampshire Girl's Summer Knockout Matchplay Champion.

**At the Hampshire Girls Autumn Meeting** the Dot Hayward Trophy was won by Sophie Robinson (The Hampshire), the Presidents Cup by Madeleine Ripiner (Meon Valley) and the Kerry Smith Award was awarded to Aimee Ponte. The La Moye Salver, for the girl who had the largest handicap reduction this season, was awarded to three girls Stephanie Ballay, Amelia Williams and Madeleine Ripiner, who have each reduced their handicap by 10 shots.

**The England Training Squads for 2013-2014** has just been announced. There has been some restructuring and congratulations to:

U16 South Region - Bethany Goater (Hockley) -

South Region AASE - Emma Allen (Meon Valley) and Charlotte Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor).

Friendly matches have been held against Dorset, Oxfordshire, Sussex, Surrey and Wiltshire. Hampshire won two, halved one and lost two. Our annual match against the Brokenhurst College boys and Brokenhurst Manor boys was held in glorious sunshine and although the girls started 3up on the first tee the boys were victorious. Hence next year the girls will start their match 4 up on the first tee.

**In the Alresford Cup** in September, 9 counties are invited to play. I was very proud of our team Laura Barrow, Rachel Davidson, Alicia Green, Adrian Mylrea, Rebecca Mackworth-Praed and Hettie Cutler as we won by three points. A fantastic team result.

This year we had a match against the Army ladies, a 4BBB followed by tea and cake. It was great fun but highly competitive, and the girls beat the ladies by 3 matches to 1. All the matches finished on either the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

Some of our Junior girls have represented the Hampshire Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Emma Allen, Charlotte Barrow, Laura Barrow, Lucy Burke, Emma Higgins and Rosie Mist.

**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 my voluntary work for the Hampshire Girls. Central Heating Services from Farnborough generously sponsored our Girl's Championship.

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

**The Junior Captain for 2013/14** is Charlotte Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor).

**Junior County Match Week** was held Ealing Golf Club in Middlesex this year. I was very proud of our Hampshire team: Charlotte and Laura Barrow, Lucy Burke, Flora Keites, Bethany Goater, Katy Mackworth-Praed, Emma Higgins and Rosie Mist for their tremendous team work. Although this year we did not win the Salver, we did win our match against the eventual winners. Congratulations to Kent who won Junior County Match Week. Our girls

are a real credit to Hampshire. Some of the team will be leaving the Juniors this year, and I look forward to following their golfing career with the ladies. Next year we look forward to travelling to Goodwood, Sussex. Finally, this is my last year as County Junior Organiser, after 4 years in the role and during the previous 2 years supporting Jane Scott. I have had a fantastic time, and have enjoyed supporting the future talent of our County. Linda Warren (Blackmoor) is stepping into my shoes, and I pass on to her lots of good wishes. I have definitely passed on a very enjoyable role to a very capable organiser. Good Luck Linda. Elaine Barrow then handed over the Badge of Office to Linda Warren.

## **8. SOUTH REGION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

The South Region County Match Week was held at Blackmoor this year, and although we were 'nearly there' it was won by Kent. It was good to see lots of blue jumpers supporting our girls at Blackmoor. Next year County Match Week is being held at Muswell Hill in Middlesex, and any support would be very welcome. Junior County Match Week was also won by Kent. In the SR Girls Championship, Bethany Goater (Hockley) won the U13's Scratch competition played in Sussex. Unfortunately, the SR Foursomes Championship which was also due to have been played at Muswell Hill, had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. Next year, the Foursomes will be in Sussex at Royal Ashdown, so please think about entering. Hampshire is hosting the SR Women's Championships at North Hants this year. Hampshire is also hosting the SR Australian Spoons Regional Final at Dummer, please encourage your Clubs to hold pre-qualifying competitions for entry into this event. The entry fee for this competition has gone up to £1 per person (£2 per card) with no minimum fee for the Club entry. As usual, you will be receiving a poster from England Golf showing dates and venues, so please could Delegates put this on their Notice Boards on receipt. If you can't wait for it to arrive, please check out the England Golf website in order to download information. The England Golf Women's Par 3 competition is being held at Ampfield with a maximum of 60 entrants – again, details will be on the England Golf website. Please remember that there are also links on the County website for these competitions.

As the Voting Member for Hampshire I have, this year, been bombarded with information mainly to do with the Strategic Plan which is being formulated for the next 3 years. This has been at the instigation of the new CEO for England Golf, David Joy. Initial workshops on the subject were held for Voting Members at the Voting Members meeting at Woodhall Spa in July, from which a draft Plan was formulated. Further workshops were then held on 11<sup>th</sup> October in Daventry for County Representatives to attend. Mags Clark and I attended these, following which more information was then added to the draft plan. Then came the turn of the Clubs to put forward any ideas they had on the subject. Our local meeting was held at Basingstoke on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Despite promoting this as much as we could, there was a very poor turnout of representatives from Clubs in Hampshire. There were 6 clubs represented by ladies, a few men representing their clubs, 2 County Partnership members, an EG board Member, a representative from Hampshire County Council, Gill Staley and myself making up a total of 30 people present at the meeting from the very large County of Hampshire. England Golf has been doing their best to take this plan to the Members for their opinions. Remember that you are all members of England Golf! There will be another draft plan presented to Voting Members for approval. That will then be followed by the Final Plan - hopefully in February next year. That plan should be put into action from April. I will continue to keep the Club Delegates informed of its progress.

Some of you may already have registered for the EG Handicap and Benefits Card. Please have a look at the EG website where you can see the benefits offered, and how to register. It is interesting to note that Hampshire is 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Counties list for registrations, and that we have 3 of our clubs in the top 7. Corhampton are 2<sup>nd</sup> holding 428 cards, Basingstoke 4<sup>th</sup> holding 406 and Bramshaw 7<sup>th</sup> holding 388 - so well done to those clubs.

Can I please remind Clubs that only Delegates should use the Club Officials List update form for any changes to their officials, and that the information should be sent to Gill Staley – Honorary County Secretary. This is most important as Gill maintains the current list for publication on the website. She regularly receives conflicting information from additional officers in ladies committees which can be confusing and time consuming to verify.

I would also like to remind members about the County Card scheme which now covers clubs across most of England. If you are playing golf in Hampshire, or are away on a break, you will be able to play discounted golf at a number of golf clubs countrywide if you have a County Card. Check out the Hampshire website for the application form. The card costs £15 per annum, some of which goes to our County funds. If you check the income from County Cards in the HLCGA accounts, you'll notice that it has reduced quite dramatically since last year as fewer people have applied for cards.

Delegates play an important part in the communication process between England Golf and our members. To this end, there will probably be 2 Delegates meetings next year - in March and October - and I look forward to another informative year from England Golf during which I will be passing on information to Delegates for their members.

## **9. VETERANS CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received over the last two years - from Jane and the Committee, the clubs who have generously given us courtesy for our matches and especially the Vets themselves - they are a great group of ladies.

2013 started for us with the Veteran's Championship which was held earlier than usual, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Botley Park in lovely spring time weather. The course was in great condition and the 78 competitors appreciated the

hard work of the lady members (particularly the ball spotters!) that went into such a successful day. Congratulations to Lynne Cowser (Alresford) for winning both the Scratch and Nett Championship. Jill Brown (Meon Valley) won the Bronze Division for the second year running, and Patricia Huffell the Super Seventies prize. Congratulations to all the winners in the various divisions.

We had a very successful year in our matches - undefeated until we went to the Isle of Wight in September, and lost 2-3 in awful weather. However, it was still very enjoyable as were all the matches. We started well with a 4-3 win against Sussex at Petersfield, followed by a very good away win against Berkshire at Reading, 6 matches to 1. The next 3 matches were played on very hot summer days, but we recorded wins at Paultons Park against Somerset, at Wellow against Dorset, and at Salisbury & South Wilts against Wiltshire. Nearly 70 ladies played in these matches, and my thanks go to all of them. I would encourage any of you who are over 60 to sign up for the matches next year, they are fun friendly matches. There are 7 Silver and 7 Bronze players needed per team. It now gives me great pleasure to announce that Lesley Donegan (Weybrook Park) has agreed to take over as Veteran's Captain from me. I am sure she will enjoy it as much as I have. Mrs Steiner then handed over the Badge of Office to Lesley Donegan.

## **10. SENIOR'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Organising the Senior's matches in 2013 has been fun and an honour for me. We are lucky enough to have a very good group of players of just the right age! In addition to this, my scouts inform me there is another good batch of players reaching 'the selectable age' in 2014.

Each year we have 4 league and 4 friendly matches with our fellow South Region Seniors, plus an Inter-County Team Championship.

**League matches:** These are singles matchplay format and were all close finishes. We ended mid-table this year, starting with a loss to Buckinghamshire, followed by 2 wins against Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire, and finished with a loss against Berkshire. Buckinghamshire won the League winning all their matches.

**Friendly matches:** Our friendly matches are also very keenly contested; we recorded a good draw against a top drawer Guernsey team, and wins against Surrey and Sussex. Perhaps the most pleasing match was the convincing 4-1 win against the Hampshire Senior Men!

**Inter-County Team Championship:** Held at the Berkshire Golf Club, our team of 4 were excited about playing in this competition. Unfortunately we didn't perform on the day and finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of the 10 counties competing.

All in all a pleasing year for the Seniors. I am very proud of all the ladies who have given their time and played in these matches. Hopefully we can build on our successes in 2014.

Please spread the word to players in your golf club who are of the 'right' age and who you think will enjoy competitive scratch golf representing their County. Although places in the teams are limited I did manage to select 18 of the 23 players who pledged their eligibility, and I think all those who played thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The dates and venues for 2014 will be on the website December.

### **Other Congratulations:**

**Chris Quinn** (Hockley). Once again this lady has achieved so much:

Runner up, in the English Senior Women's Matchplay Championships at Sherwood Forest.

Second, in the English Senior Women's Strokeplay Championships at Shanklin & Sandown.

Bronze Medal, as a member of the England Senior's Team in the European Senior Ladies Team Championships at Bled, Slovenia, and

As a TV star, representing England in the Senior Women's Home Internationals at Llandudno, Wales.

Chris finished the season 2<sup>nd</sup> in the England Golf Seniors Order of Merit. What a great achievement.

**Joan Pullen** (Basingstoke) reached the quarter finals second flight of the English Senior Women's Matchplay Championships at Sherwood Forest.

**Joan Pullen and Jane Bennett** (Lee on the Solent) reached the knockout stage of the French Seniors Open at Chantaco, France.

**Julie Rawdon** (Stoneham) won the Senior Women's Midlands Regional tournament at Leamington and County

**Deirdre Randall** (Hartley Wintney) won the Hampshire Seniors County Champion 2013 at Basingstoke.

Finally my thanks go to all the clubs that have offered us courtesy and hospitality both home and away.

## **11. KNOCKOUT COMPETITION'S SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**The Knight Cup** Semi-finals and Finals were held at Shanklin & Sandown on the 17th September, the winners were Cowes, and the runners up Weybrook Park. I was unable to attend but Margaret Clark who stood in for me, felt I must have known something as the weather was appalling in the afternoon. All credit goes to the players for battling against the elements and to those who helped to squeegee the greens.

**The North Hants Trophy** Semi-finals and Finals were held at Waterlooville on the 27th September. The Final was once again between Basingstoke and Meon Valley, and having been one of the Basingstoke players last year, I knew that Meon would be out to get their revenge, and they did in great style. The Plate was between Army and Bramshott Hill in their first year of entering the competition. The winners were Army, and after such a successful year, Bramshott have entered again for 2014. The County would like to see more clubs entering the North Hants Trophy and follow Bramshott Hill's example of taking on the challenge of scratch golf.

**The Stoneham Cup** Semi-Finals and Finals were held at Sandford Springs on the 25th September, with both Romsey and Waterlooville being in the Final for their first time in a long while. Waterlooville were over the moon to be winners for the first time in the 99 years that the event has been running. The Stoneham Cup always has a good club entry, and many ladies consider it a real honour to be selected to represent their club. I am being told there is an increasing trend to not stay after the match to socialise and eat. There is nothing within the County Rules with regard this, but it is felt to be part of the taking part, even if this just involves having a cup of tea and a bun. I would ask that clubs ensure at the start of the year, that they make it clear with the clubs in their division as to their position on this, to ensure no offence is given.

**The Winter Scratch Knockout** for 2012/13 had a disappointing entry after such a good one in 2011/12. We do need more entries to keep this competition running. The Final was held at Stoneham, with the defending champion Kerry Smith playing against Elly Gardner. The spectators were treated to some wonderful golf with Kerry being the victor.

I have now held this position for 6 years and it is time to hand over and have some new blood on the Committee. A couple of months ago I received a very kind e mail thanking me for the work I have completed; my reply to this is that "the majority of the time it has been a real pleasure, although there have been a few e mails that have tested the patience my Mum failed to give me!" Being a part of Hampshire has been a real benefit to my golf, especially with the friendships I have found, and I wish my successor all the best. At this point, Joan handed over her Badge of Office to Mrs Marilyn Monger (Royal Winchester).

## 12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Mrs Moore then presented the Inter-Club Knockout Trophies

Knight Cup:	Winners - Cowes	Runners-Up - Weybrook Park
North Hants Trophy:	Winners - Meon Valley	Runners-Up - Basingstoke
NHT Plate:	Winners - Army	Runners-Up - Bramshott Hill
Stoneham Cup:	Winners - Waterlooville	Runners-Up - Romsey

## 13. VOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of all the competitors, Maggie Faber, Team Captain of the Stoneham Cup winning team gave a vote of thanks to Joan Pullen and all her team of volunteers, for organising the Knockout events during the summer. She wished Marilyn well for the coming year in her new role.

## 14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs Staley then announced the election of officers:

### County Junior Organiser

Nomination: Mrs L Warren                      Proposed by, Mrs E Barrow.                      Seconded by, Miss M Clark.  
Elected by a show of hands.

### Knockout Competition's Secretary

Nomination: Mrs M Monger                      Proposed by, Mrs J Pullen                      Seconded by, Mrs K Estcourt.  
Elected by a show of hands.

### Those seeking re-election for a further year:

#### Honorary Secretary

Nomination: Mrs Gill Staley.                      Proposed by, Mrs K Estcourt                      Seconded by, Mrs D Stock.  
Elected by a show of hands.

#### Competition Secretary

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

#### Honorary Treasurer

Nomination: Mrs J Andrews.                      Proposed by, Mrs J Pullen.                      Seconded by, Mrs J Shergold.  
Elected by a show of hands.

### President.

Mrs Moore rounded off the AGM by congratulating not only Highcliffe Castle on celebrating their Centenary year in 2013, but also Blackmoor, who she especially thanked, for their generosity in hosting County Match Week during their special year. She wished Hockley a happy and successful year during their Centenary in 2014.

There being no further business, Mrs Moore closed the meeting at 3.19pm.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT

DATED \_\_\_\_\_