



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT  
OTTERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON  
THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 2.00pm

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

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

Past Lady Captains at Alresford - Joan Ogilvie and Brenda Hedges; Army - Janet Johnson  
Brokenhurst Manor - Winn Watson; Joanna Pryce from Cowes GC  
Gosport & Stokes Bay Dot Milne and Audrey Barber  
From Hartley Wintney Past Lady Captains - Lillian Penfold, Winnie Wild and Frances Griffiths and  
Margaret Windsor long time member  
Eve Jones a Past Lady President of Hayling Ladies GC; Highcliffe Castle - Rene Vick and Joy Davidson.  
Hockley, Annie Dymond and Daphne Donaldson; Lee-on-the-Solent Ruth Jones, Beryl Skym & Sylvia  
Jeans  
Pat Gait from Liphook; Meon Valley – Joan Reynolds; New Forest Eunice Dyke  
June Gladstone past Lady Captain at Sandford Springs & Weybrook Park.  
Past Lady Captain at Southwick Park Ann Pye who died last week  
Stevie Denby Rowlands Castle and at Royal Winchester, Dorothy Horler and Jill Capes

Bridget Moore then introduced other members of the Committee sitting at the top table:  
Mags Clark (Shanklin & Sandown), Captain,  
Judy Andrews (Corhampton), Treasurer  
Ann Younger (Syklark), Honorary Secretary.

Bridget reminded the meeting that only Club Delegates could vote on behalf of their Clubs and then invited Ann Younger to convene the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Apologies had been received from 17 members.  
**PRESENT:** 108 members were present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
The minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated to all clubs, were taken as read, approved and signed with just the amendment of club name to Highcliffe (from Highclere) last line page 7 .  
Proposed by: Kay Walsh (Hockley)      Seconded by: Di Stock (North Hants).  
Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**  
There were no matters arising.

**4. CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Mags Clark**  
It's my privilege and great pleasure to report on another very fine year for Hampshire members and events. Our events and matches have again produced several new champions and much very good golf.

Our competitive season always begins and ends with our Juniors and we couldn't have enjoyed a better example of good golf and great progress than our girls have given us this year, but more of that a little later as I would like first to congratulate all our 2015 champions and event winners:

**Junior Championships**, played at Blackmoor GC on Wednesday, 8 April:  
County Junior Champion: Katy Mackworth-Praed (North Hants)  
Handicap Champion: Maddie Ripiner (Meon Valley)  
Douglas Cup Winner: Hannah Cusworth (Westridge)

**County Championships Week**, played at Meon Valley GC from Mon-Fri, 11-15 May:

Div 2 Bronze Champion: Nicole Jones (Meon Valley)

Div 1 Bronze Champion: Esther Miller (Meon Valley)

Challenge Bowl Winner (Handicaps 16-20): Sue Blundell (Meon Valley)

Challenge Salver Winner (Handicaps 10-15): Jackie Urry (Gosport & Stokes Bay)

County Champion: Aimee Paterson (Sherfield Oaks)

One rare aspect of our 2015 Championship Week was that every championship trophy (County Championship, Challenge Salver, Challenge Bowl, Bronze Div 1 and Bronze Div 2 Candlesticks) was won by someone for the first time.

**Vets Championships**, primarily a handicap event, played at Corhampton GC on Thursday, 28 May:

Champion: Ronnie Hirst (Shanklin & Sandown)

Scratch Trophy Winner: Ailsa Fraser (Army)

Bronze Trophy Winner: Eileen Ware (Meon Valley)

**Foursomes Championships**, played at Liphook GC on Tuesday, 30 June:

Scratch & Handicap Champions: Kerry Smith (Waterlooville) & Diane Oram (Basingstoke)

**Seniors Championships**, played at Brokenhurst Manor GC on Tuesday, Monday, 6 July:

Scratch Champion: Diane Oram (Basingstoke)

Handicap Champion: Rowena Persaud (South Winchester)

**Foursomes Meeting**, a handicap event, played at Romsey GC on Tuesday, 21 July:

Winners: Denise Liddle & Sandra Kendall (Liphook)

**Autumn Meeting Div 2**, primarily a handicap event, played at Oak Park GC on Monday, 21 September:

Autumn Meeting Winner: Jean Ahern (Gosport & Stokes Bay)

Aggregate Nett & Scratch Cups Winner: Eileen Ware (Meon Valley)

**Autumn Meeting Div 1**, played at Alresford GC on Thursday, 1 October:

Scratch Meeting Winner: Kelly Travers (Alresford)

Autumn Meeting Nett Salver Winner: Pat Geary (Royal Winchester)

Aggregate Scratch Trophy Winner: Kerry Smith (Waterlooville)

Aggregate Nett Cup Winner: Kelly Travers (Alresford)

**Junior Autumn Meeting**, played at Romsey GC on Thursday, 29 October:

Winner: Olivia Ripiner (Meon Valley)

I am also delighted to extend congratulations to the winners of our knockout matchplay competitions, both won after excellent final matches:

Winter Scratch Matchplay Champion: Kerry Smith (Waterlooville)

Junior Summer Knockout Champion: Tara O'Herlihy (Basingstoke)

We are of course not just a mainland county geographically but we are also lucky enough to enjoy the benefits of Channel Islands and Isle of Wight golf club members. Our 2015 Island Champions are:

Isle of Wight Champion: Sammi Keen (Freshwater Bay)

Isle of Wight Silver Div 2 Winner: Stephanie Hart (Shanklin & Sandown)

Isle of Wight Bronze Champion: Connie Huntington (Shanklin & Sandown)

Guernsey Champion: Aimee Ponte (Royal Guernsey)

Guernsey Bronze Champion: Helen Kelso (Royal Guernsey)

Jersey Champion: Jenny Deeley (La Moye)

Jersey Div 2 Champion: Nicky Langly Smith (Royal Jersey)

Jersey Bronze Champion: Hilary Nicholson (Les Mielles)

Channel Islands Champion: Aimee Ponte (Guernsey)

Channel Islands Bronze Champion: Hilary Nicholson (Jersey)

So far as Hampshire's club events are concerned, this year's finals' days were as exciting as ever and resulted in the following winners:

Centenary Foursomes: Blacknest GC (represented by Rosemary Murray & Bubs Swann)

Hull Shield: Southampton GC (represented by Debbie Emery & Lynne Hayward)

Knight Cup: Waterlooville GC

North Hants Trophy: Stoneham GC

North Hants Plate: Royal Winchester GC

Stoneham Cup: Gosport & Stokes Bay GC

Although it is of course very disappointing that some clubs are more than reluctant to fulfil their obligations to their County Association, and indeed Union, when requested to host events, as always, we are very grateful indeed to all the clubs who do welcome our events, finals days etc on their courses. We received warm welcomes again this year from all our host clubs and members, and often a great deal of help. Particular thanks are due to the Meon Valley Greens Staff who, in the most disgusting wet and windy weather on the Thursday of Championship Week, were all out on the course with their squeegees etc. Indeed, three or four pin positions had to be changed before we could be sure that the day's matchplay programme would be completed.

I must also mention some non-Hampshire ways in which our members have shone this year:

**Emma Allen** (Meon Valley GC) was selected for the England Girls' Team for the Home International Matches and the European Team Championship. Emma's contribution to England Girls' results in 2015 was huge. She also won, as a member of one of the nominated England teams, the 2015 Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters, playing outstanding golf throughout the week and taking the title 8 shots clear of the field. And, hot off the press just yesterday, Emma has been named as a member of the England Golf 2015/16 Women's Squad.

**Jane Shergold** (Blackmoor GC) is the England Par 3 Champion, and the runner-up at this year's national championship was **Gill Fahy** (Osborne GC). Meanwhile, Royal Winchester's **Moya Abbott, Cookie Bridgeman, and Pauline Davies** won the team prize.

Two of our junior girls have set new course records this year: **Adrian Mylrea** at Bramshaw GC, and **Flora Keites** at both La Moye GC and her home club Royal Jersey GC.

Hampshire golfers swept the medals board in the 2015 NatWest Island Games Ladies' Golf. **Aimee Ponte** (Guernsey) won Gold, **Flora Keites** (Jersey) took Silver and **Jenny Deeley** (Jersey) won Bronze. In the Team event, Jersey took gold and Guernsey silver - the Isle of Wight just missed the medals in fourth place.

**Anne Luetchford and Anna Jacobs** from Corhampton GC were runners up in the Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Grand Final at St. Andrews.

Three Hampshire players were in the top ten at the England Golf Grand Medal Final at Frilford Heath GC in August: **Rebecca Mackworth-Praed** (North Hants GC), **Dawn Hodge** (Shanklin & Sandown GC), and **Judy Ames** (Royal Winchester).

We have had three competitive holes-in-one reported this year. In July **Danielle Burrell** had a very timely hole-in-one on the 18th at Langley Park GC in Kent to secure a half in a Stovold Trophy match. **Chris Simpson** (Cams Hall GC) holed her drive on the 13th at Corhampton GC in the Regional Final of the Coronation 4-somes, and in October **Kerry Smith** (Waterlooville) had her first ever competitive ace on the 2nd at Alresford GC at our Autumn Meeting.

I wish all our members and clubs great pleasure and much success in next season's events and look forward to hearing again of more excellent achievements from our Hampshire players.

I should now bring you up-to-date on where we are on some other matters.

As you are no doubt aware these are still difficult times with declining memberships being experienced by many clubs, and therefore Association, Union and national body incomes. We are continuing to engage more closely in several areas with our Hampshire Union and are enjoying the benefits of this. In addition, following the disbanding of the County Golf Partnership earlier this year, the Hampshire Development Group, a strategic group led by the Association and Union and assisted by other interested parties, is now

in place. The new Hampshire, IOW and CI Action Plan has been approved by England Golf and the Development Group has been funded for agreed activities until March 2017. Other funding will also be sought from other groups, for example the Golf Foundation. England Golf has recently appointed Harry Scott as Hampshire's County Development Officer, and I will introduce him to you shortly. Harry has already found time to attend several of our events and is clearly going to be an enthusiastic asset in delivering Development Group activities.

Junior golf is of course absolutely vital in our planning and without the huge contributions so many people put into bringing girls into golf and helping them to reach their full potential we would not have a future. We are starting to reap the benefits of the very hard work so many of you have put into bringing our Junior Plans to fruition. These endeavours are led by our CJO, Elke Jackson, and hugely supported by Jane Shergold and of course head Coach Kevin Flynn and our wonderful coaching team. I wish to record thanks to all who have given so much to junior golf this year, and that certainly includes parents.

And so to our teams who represent Hampshire in inter-county competitions. Elke Jackson, Debbie Prince and Lesley Donegan will be reporting on their teams in due course, but I would just mention our 2015 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams.

Jane Scott reports that the 2nd Team season started with two friendly matches, the first taking place at the end of March against Berkshire at Calcot Park GC and which we narrowly lost, but we did manage a convincing win against Wiltshire at Test Valley GC in April.

Then on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, which many of you may remember was our hottest day of the year, we began our South Region Stovold Trophy matches against Kent at Langley Park and a great day to be playing 36 holes of golf. However, despite the heat there was some very good golf from both sides and most notably from Danielle Burrell who holed her tee shot on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to secure a half in her foursomes match. Jane was fortunate to witness the shot. Unfortunately, despite some close matches, we lost overall 7-5 to Kent.

At the end of July, we welcomed Sussex to Rowlands Castle GC. Again there were some very close matches but Sussex were just too strong and we lost 9-3.

Our next match was against Surrey at West Surrey on a rather damp day. The morning foursomes matches finished at lunchtime with the score 2-2. Our timing for lunch was just perfect, as the rain fell and the course was closed for a short while. However, the course soon dried out and the afternoon matches could begin. Surrey, knowing that they needed the largest win possible to stand a chance of winning the trophy, played exceptionally well in the afternoon to win the match 9-3.

So having not won a Stovold match all season, we were hoping to finish with a win against Middlesex when we welcomed them to Army GC. It was a glorious day and again some great golf was played and Jane is pleased to say Hampshire finished this year's Stovold matches with a convincing 11-1 win.

Having not lost any of their matches, Sussex won the Stovold Trophy.

It was great to be able to include three of our juniors in Stovold Trophy matches this year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team has been represented by Jane Bennett (Lee-on-the-Solent), Danielle Burrell (Weybrook Park), Louise Caplen (Stoneham), Caroline Caswell (Stoneham), Julie Cole (Romsey), Lynne Cowser (Alresford), Sarah Deacon (Basingstoke), Bethany Goater (Hockley), Ailsa Fraser (Army), Emma Higgins (Highcliffe Castle), Elaine Hutchings (Stoneham), Sue Lewis (Bramshott Hill), Adrian Mylrea (Stoneham), Di Oram (Basingstoke), Jo Russell (Hockley), Becky Scott (Alresford), Jade Scott (Andover), Debbie Tapply (Rowlands Castle), Kay Walshe (Hockley) and myself. All the players have been a credit to Hampshire and have made my two years as their Team Captain most enjoyable.

As usual, our 1st Team warm-up matches started early in the year and comprised friendlies against Meon Valley's Men, Dorset, Hockley's Men, and Oxfordshire. We had really enjoyable and useful games against them all.

So off we went to Worthing GC in Sussex in June to play in the South Region's County Match Week, knowing that, although we were current national champions, we are in a region of similarly strong other counties. Unfortunately, by the Thursday evening after being pipped by Surrey and Sussex in very tight matches, it was obvious that we could not make it through to County Finals this year and that the last day's match between Surrey and Sussex would decide who would represent the South Region at Frilford Heath GC in September. Sussex came out on top and were 2015 South Region Champions. Of course it was a massive disappointment after the huge buzz that last year had been, but rest assured that we still have a very strong, and growing, 1st Team squad and I know they will continue to make themselves available to represent Hampshire with pride. Representing us at Match Week this year were Emma Allen (Meon Valley), Charlotte Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor), Sarah Bradshaw (Stoneham), Georgie Mundy (Corhampton), Aimee Paterson (Sherfield Oaks), Kerry Smith (Waterlooville) and Kelly Travers (Alresford). I thank both our Match Week team and all in our 1st Team 2015 squad for their commitment to Hampshire.

Our 2015 County Champion and of course member of our 1st Team, Aimee Paterson, is here today, and I am delighted to congratulate her both on her first County Championship title and also on earning her County Colours this year. Please come and receive your colours, Aimee - and many congratulations on your excellent golfing year.

And now may I please ask you to join me in thanking my colleagues on the HLCGA Committee, although it is quite impossible for me to do so adequately. Until about a hundred years ago when I was lucky enough to join the committee I simply had no idea how hard everyone worked on behalf of us all. They are another of Hampshire's great teams. I know I haven't thanked them often enough for everything they do throughout the year, but I assure you that nothing we enjoy about our county life would be possible without their generous commitment to all our programmes. Thank you all - at this table and dotted around the room.

Sadly we are saying goodbye this year to three members who are taking well-earned retirement from their committee duties:

**Bridget Moore** (Meon Valley) who has been President since 2012 and who has been Hampshire's figurehead at its events throughout her term of office.

**Lesley Donegan** (Weybrook Park), who has been our Vets Captain for the last two years and has ensured that these fixtures are so well represented and popular.

**Sue Wellfair** (Royal Guernsey), who retires as Channel Islands' Rep. She has given great encouragement to all our Channel Island clubs and members and helped us enormously with advice on what might be of assistance to our Island golfers.

We thank them all for their service to Hampshire, and we will welcome their successors a little later.

At last, the word you've been longing to hear - **finally!** A massive personal thank you to you all - for Hampshire is its members - for the last four years. When I was astonishingly lucky enough to be invited to become Hampshire Vice-Captain and Captain of course I understood what a huge privilege it was to captain the best county in England. But I had simply no idea at that time that it would also all be the very greatest fun. You have given me huge support and friendship, and I can never adequately thank you. Winter well everyone - and I'm already looking forward to walking the fairways with you, supporting Hampshire in 2016 and for all my days.

It is now my pleasure to hand over the Badge of Office to Jane Scott (Alresford GC) and I ask you to join me in wishing her well and much enjoyment in her captaincy.

Jane accepted her badge, thanked Mags and made the following addressed.

Firstly, congratulations to Mags on a wonderful 2 years as our County Captain. Mags' knowledge of what is going on in Hampshire, our neighbouring counties and with England Golf is incredible and I know that I won't be able to match that. I have thoroughly enjoyed my last 2 years as Vice Captain and would like to thank Bridget Moore, our President, for her support during this time.

I am very pleased and proud to be given the opportunity to be your Captain and will try my best for Hampshire over the next 2 years. There are probably not many Captains that are able to share their year with not only their children, their parents but also their grandparents. I am very lucky that my Nan, aged 96 is still with us and is looking forward to hearing how the year is progressing. This is probably a good opportunity to also say, that I am a twin and sister, Sue is also an active member at Alresford GC.

I am really looking forward to working with our 1<sup>st</sup> team and hope that I may too be able to bring back the National Trophy to Hampshire in 2016 especially as the Finals are taking place at Waterlooville Golf Club in September next year.

I am inheriting a hard working Committee who give a lot of their time to make sure that golf in Hampshire is run smoothly and is also fun. I am not a "Facebook" user, so would be very pleased to receive notification of any successes from members of your Golf Clubs by email or a phone call and my details can be found on the County's website. I am sure there will be many good stories, so please let me know.

Finally, I know I am very fortunate to have Kay Walshe, a member at Hockley GC as my Vice Captain. I am looking forward to working with Kay as a team and would like to now present Kay with her Vice-Captain's Badge.

Mary Panter, who was accompanied by other ladies from Alresford GC, presented Jane with a wonderful bouquet of flowers.

County Champion and 1<sup>st</sup> team member Aimee Patterson (Sherfield Oaks) thanked Mags for everything she had done for the first team over the previous 2 years. She said nothing was too much trouble for Mags and she had always been on the end of a text or phone when a player needed her. Aimee presented Mags with a gift from the 1<sup>st</sup> team ladies.

Mags thanked Aimee and all her 1<sup>st</sup> team players and then introduced Harry Scott, Hampshire's new County Development Officer.

## **5. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (CDO): Harry Scott**

I just wanted to formally introduce myself as the new County Development Officer for Hampshire. I am working hard to raise the profile of golf in Hampshire and encourage people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds and genders into golf and golf club membership. I have spent my first month within the role working closely with the Association, Union and the County Sports Partnership to get a detailed understanding of how everything fits together within Hampshire.

In line with the Strategic Plan for England Golf 2014-2017 all the Hampshire organisations involved in golf as well as myself are focussed on more players, more members and stronger clubs and with that in mind I am keen to discuss with every club how we might be able to support you to achieve these goals. This support can take on a variety of forms and I feel the best way to discuss this would be for me to visit your club and have a chat. I will be steadily working my way around all the clubs anyway and I fully appreciate that some clubs may not need support but please don't hesitate to drop me an email or phone call anytime to arrange a visit.

You can reach me on 07736880909 or email [h.scott@englandgolf.org](mailto:h.scott@englandgolf.org)

Look forward to hearing from you and meeting you in the near future.

## **6. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ann Younger**

I hope you all have enjoyed the 2015 season of Hampshire golf events half as much as I have.

I stood up here last year receiving my badge from Gill Staley and I cannot tell you how excited I was. The feeling has not changed and I have had a most eventful and enjoyable year, so much so that I am not giving it up for anyone! So all of you who want a go at being Secretary will have to wait for a few more years!

I hope I am doing what you delegates at all our clubs expect of me? I am thankful for the communication link established in the past and I think the information is getting to all so I thank all the delegates for doing their bit.

You are a vital link relaying messages to all our ladies and I thank you the important role you have undertaken. Indeed, you needed to chase ladies up this year to enter some of the competitions – you can

see from the chart on the noticeboard how number of entrants fluctuate over the years. Most events are very well supported and I hope all the courses chosen for 2016 inspire all levels of player to enter and enjoy the wonderful facilities that all our clubs offer.

All the 2016 fixtures have been on the website since Easter for all to see (and on board over there) and as usual the entry forms will be available (again on the website) during January. Please, please bribe, badger, threaten, physically harm or do whatever you have to do to encourage all to enter especially the Category 1 players and lower handicappers (entries to the Championship dwindled to 23 and we struggled to get 11 to play in this winter's scratch KO) and ladies with handicaps 21 and over. Everyone loves playing Foursomes so let's have more than 34 pairs at this event in 2016 at Lee-on-the-Solent in July please!

I would like to thank all the Lady Captains and their ladies who helped so graciously and willingly throughout the year at all the events starting with the mighty and mad Liz Lewis at Meon back in May for who NOTHING was too much trouble through to the quieter Carol Roe last month at Alresford who went about organising starters so efficiently. Thanks also go to Katherine Holladay and Gill Cooper at Corhampton, Jo Talbot, Jo Archer and Mary Boyle at Liphook, Angie Warren and Rita Gregory at Brokenhurst, the Romsey ladies, Lesley Brigden at Sherfield Oaks, Fran Dowty at Petersfield and Ali Miller at Oak Park. Thank you to you all too for entering these events, for staying to the prize-giving and to all our winners in 2015.

Please all do take back to your club secretaries and general managers my thanks for all their assistance before and on the days of competitions; it is very generous of clubs to let us have these marvellous courses and there is a great line up for 2016. I am just putting the finishing touches to the 2016 flyer which explains all the events for 2016 and you can hang on your noticeboards for all to see.

I am beginning to think about 2017 venues and in fact into 2018 and 2019!!  
Indeed, so you can plan your golf breaks for **2017** I can announce the following already:

The 2017 Foursomes Championship will be at Blackmoor on 4<sup>th</sup> May  
County Championship week will be at Brokenhurst Manor 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> May  
The Seniors' Championship will be across the water on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Shanklin & Sandown  
We are hosting the SR Womens' Foursomes at Hartley Wintney on 22<sup>nd</sup> August and  
Alresford is the venue for The Hull Shield last week in August

I thought I had arranged more and indeed there are some very near to confirming. If you want an updated chart like this one, drop me an email and I will start to collate names and send out periodically. It helps me and others on the committee to see all on one sheet in pretty colours but it is a working document so not very beautiful.

I will start putting 2017 fixtures on the website very soon with the help of the extraordinary Hannah Holloway our Press Officer and Webmaster. You want anything doing ask Hannah and usually she has done it before you even think about asking. The website is there to be used and has a great deal of information on it – please take a look at the A3 sheet on the notice board over there as an example of how to find your way about the site.

Hannah has now updated the Club Information Update Form so when you have your AGM or an officer changes, please delegates send me this new information via this new form on the website – it is very much easier for all concerned. I apologise as I still haven't taken this info and updated the actual list as I have been a tad busy preparing for today but talking about it now I wonder how I can get Hannah to incorporate this too!! We'll talk afterwards Hannah. Indeed Hannah is responsible for having all the results, scores and photos on the relevant pages of the website so quickly so I think we all should be very grateful to her for this amazingly speedy service she provides. Hannah also did the photos over there on the board.

At this morning's executive committee meeting, the annual review took place of the Inter Club and General Conditions of HLCGA Competitions and Issue 11 is now on the website for you all to see. Many thanks to Hannah for updating so quickly. Everyone entering personal or team events should make themselves aware of these conditions.

I would like to end with more thanks to our previous secretary Gill Staley for preparing the minutes from last year's AGM and for preparing me for the task ahead. I have had a very efficient handover from Gill and from Kathy Estcourt on the Competitions side and your help is much appreciated as this role becomes one again. Judy and I now work well together before competitions and the running the event on the day and I hope we can continue to do so in 2016 and beyond.

My thanks also go to Mags and all her committee who have helped me this year and got used to my ways and I am very much looking forward to another fun year with Jane and Kay at the helm.

Finally. Next year's AGM will be held here on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Bridget thanked Ann and continued that as she has readopted the role of Competition Secretary, the Rules of our Association should reflect the revised Honorary Secretary's position. This requires a simple amendment as follows:

Rule 8c to read "The Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and County Junior Organiser shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting"

Proposed by Bridget Moore (Meon Valley). Seconded by Jackie Keay (Hartley Wintney).

Accepted unanimously on a show of cards.

## **7. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

I present the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2015 which have been independently reviewed and have been circulated to delegates. I will now attempt to explain some of the numbers starting with the income statement.

The number of affiliated members has reduced from 5,489 to 5,242 with one small club still to pay. The apparent decrease in county card sales is due to the fact that the HGU who collect these fees and pay us £10 for each card sold, had not passed on sales during 2013 and this was included last year, inflating 2014 numbers by approximately £3,000

Club and County competitions continue to be well supported and we continue to try to make these break even in total over the 14 events.

Juniors – Thanks again go to Jane Shergold in her role on the County Golf Development Group for successfully applying for and obtaining funding from England Golf for the Junior Academy programme and also to the HGU for allowing us to keep their share. A massive total of £8,675. Next year there should be a similar level of funding although the men wish to keep their share which is understandable, but this year it has meant that our junior programme of coaching and events has really taken off culminating in the juniors fine win in their county Match Week. Our grateful thanks as always go to those clubs who support the training of the girls and these clubs are listed in note 4.

First team costs for County Match Week were lower by £2,300 of which the majority was for reduced accommodation costs. There was unfortunately no cost for County finals saving over £3,200 compared to last year.

The bursary rate was increased to £400 per applicant but only £757 was claimed in total. This year we hosted the 10 county seniors' team event so the costs were lower than last year as no long-distance travel was necessary.

We made a large saving of over £1,200 on our insurance premium by utilising the group scheme initiated by England Golf instead of going independently.

Onto the Balance Sheet – No new equipment or clothing stock has been purchased and some older items have been written off.

Old vouchers now out of date have been written back to the benefit of the junior funds in the amount of £805. Whilst on the subject of vouchers, for the first time ever, this year (and you know I've been doing this job a long time!) I have had people sending in receipts with no voucher, vouchers with no receipt or insufficient spend on the receipt and I would ask you to take a little more time and ensure you have made you claim correctly.

The net effect of the income changes means the accounts show a surplus of £17,945. It has been agreed that the affiliation fee will remain at £5 per head for both 2016 (as approved last year) and for 2017. The men (HGU) would quite like the ladies to pay the same as the men which was £5.60 for this year and will be £6 in 2016. I don't feel justified in asking you for an increase to £6 at the present time, especially in light of the fact that ladies still have to pay an additional £2.50 to the LGU. When this payment is finally abolished, which is proposed to be by 2020, we may then align the two.

Judy finished by announcing she was now Treasurer for the HGU and hopes to be able to streamline some of the accounting there in the future.

Bridget thanked Judy and asked for approval of the accounts

Proposed by Di Tyler (Corhampton). Seconded by Lesley Donegan (Weybrook Park).  
Accepted unanimously on a show of cards.

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

### **Matches and competition summary 2015**

**Counties** won 2 lost 2 halved 1

**Clubs** won 2 lost 0

**Other** lost 1

**JCMW** won match play and Stableford comps.

**Alresford Cup** 3<sup>rd</sup>. (out of 7 counties)

**Junior Champion** – April Katy Mackworth – Praed      **Douglas Cup** Hannah Cusworth IOW

**Autumn meeting Champ** Beth Goater (nett),      Olivia Ripiner Stableford.

### **Further information**

- Players have represented England, English Schools under 16, South Region.
- Flora Keites ( La Moye, Jersey) has reached the magic handicap of scratch
- 20 have handicaps in Silver division and 19 in Bronze
- Junior Girls Club Captains – at Basingstoke, Blacknest, The Hampshire.
- Emma Allen, Emma Higgins and Sophie Robinson leave at end of 2015

**Courses** ran April to October (not August) with 6 sessions of 3 hours for each group at each centre (36 session in all delivered)

**Alresford Coach** Malcolm Scott

**Tournerbury Coach** Kevin Flynn

**Paultons Coach** Chris Geary New centre this year.

Assessment/Fun day 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 morning 20 girls, afternoon 20 girls

Texas Scramble comp 28<sup>th</sup> October. Furzeley GC 20 players attended

IoW boys and girls together. One player won Douglas Cup, another came to Furzeley.

**Performance** - 5 all day sessions led by lead coach, Kevin Flynn

### **To summarise**

- Our match results were not quite as good as last year, but this year we had to give more shots per game, which makes it harder for the Hampshire players.
- Handicaps have dropped for everyone, and for one of our new handicappers from 36 to 19
- Our ten year olds are very impressive, some with handicaps in the low twenties.
- There has been a busy programme of training sessions for all our players
- **Captain for 2016** Katy Mackworth Praed from North Hants

Our aim this season had been to have 100 girls in the Academy - an increase from 70 last year. We now have 120.

Many congratulations to everyone who took part, and grateful thanks to all the coaches, helpers and parent. Hampshire is doing well, and the future looks rosy.

## 9. VETERANS' CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I can hardly believe that 2 years have gone by since I took over as Vets' Captain. They have been two of the busiest but, also, most enjoyable years of my life.

I have met some wonderful ladies both within Hampshire and from the other counties we play against and played many interesting courses.

I must thank all the ladies who registered an interest to play in our matches. I tried to offer a match to all who volunteered but, inevitably, some ladies had to withdraw from their allocated match and it was not always possible to offer another suitable date. I would like to thank all the ladies who played and, particularly, those ladies who stood in at the last moment.

We were lucky with our weather for matches again this year, most of them being played in sunshine. They were also played in a wonderful spirit of friendly competition. Of course, we all hope to win and I am delighted to report that the Hampshire Vets' have an undefeated record for 2015.

I am afraid that I was unable to be at the first match, which was played at Southwick Park Golf Club against Sussex, due to attending a funeral. Joan Pitts from Basingstoke Golf Club, kindly stood in for me. The result was a win for Hampshire 4 and 3 after what Joan reported as being a very enjoyable match.

Our next match was played at Mapledurham G C against Berkshire. This one we again won 4/3.

Our third match was at home to Dorset. We played at Weybrook Park G C where we achieved a win 5 and 2.

We were again at home for our next match, this time against Somerset at Romsey G C. We had a tremendous result here winning 6 and 1.

We travelled to Kingsdown G C near Bath to play Wiltshire. Another beautiful day and a great course saw the Hampshire Team win 5½ to 1½.

As is the tradition, our final match of the season was played on the Isle of Wight – this time at Sandown and Shanklin GC. The match started in sunshine but the clouds rolled in as it progressed and the heavens opened accompanied by thunder and lightning. As all the matches had managed to complete at least the first nine, the IOW Captain and I agreed to call the result on the position after nine holes. At this point 2 matches were up, 2 down and 1 all square – the match was halved.

The Vets Championship held at Corhampton GC on 28 May was very well supported. There was a rather strong and chilly wind prevailing but it stayed dry. The competition scratch rose for both divisions but some good scores were achieved. Ronnie Hirst from Shanklin & Sandown took the Vets Championship trophy and Ailsa Fraser (Army) shot at excellent round of 80 to win the Scratch Salver. Eileen Ware from Meon Valley won the Division II stableford competition. Many congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who took part.

The dates and Venues for next year are already on the web site and the 2016 registration form will appear shortly. Please encourage your members to download a form and register to play as soon as possible. It is really useful if ladies can send in their forms early so that the team selection for the year can be made and published as soon as possible.

I would like to finish my report by thanking Mags and the County Committee for all their help and support but most of all my thanks to everyone who has played in the matches and the Championships and given me their support over the past two years. Thank you all.

My final duty is to hand over to my successor, Anne Hannam from Meon Valley and wish her luck for her time as Vets Captain. I know you will all support her as you have me. Anne, please, come up and receive your badge.

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

Every year we are scheduled to play 4 league and 4 friendly matches as well as the Inter County Team Championship which is against 10 counties.

The league matches are against Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire. Unfortunately this year wasn't our finest hour as we lost all 4 matches although 2 of them were extremely tight as we only lost 4-3 with games coming down to the final putt.

We did beat Sussex a convincing 4-1 in a friendly and we had another close match with Surrey only losing 4-3.

Regrettably the matches against Guernsey and the Hampshire Senior Men were cancelled.

This year it was Hampshire's turn to host the Inter County Team Championship.

The competition was held at Brokenhurst Manor Golf Club who, in their Centenary year, presented a pristine course. They also offered exceptional help in organising and supporting such a successful event. The Hampshire team comprised: Chris Quinn, Jenny Deeley, Di Oram and Ailsa Fraser who all played brilliantly, they came joint 4<sup>th</sup> with the winners being Sussex. Surrey will be hosting this event next year.

The Seniors Championships were again held at Brokenhurst Manor Golf Club and this year Di Oram took the title.

I would like to thank everyone who made themselves available, some at the last minute, to play in our matches.

The one thing we are very rich in is team spirit and we look forward to a successful season next year.

## **11. KNOCKOUT COMPETITION'S SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marilyn Monger**

The Winter Scratch Knockout final took place this year at Alresford Golf Club on a chilly March day, with many spectators turning out to watch the match between Kerry Smith from Waterlooille and Georgie Mundy from Corhampton. Kerry Smith won the very entertaining final on the 17th hole 2 & 1. Then, after the usual qualifying rounds throughout the summer, the remaining finals took place in September.

Tuesday 8th September saw the Army Golf Club host the first of the autumn finals days

The North Hants Trophy semi-finals were contested by Stoneham versus Hockley and Basingstoke versus Hayling, with Stoneham and Basingstoke reaching the final. Some quality golf was on display in all the matches, with Stoneham winning the North Hants Trophy for the first time.

The North Hants Plate final, which is played on the same day, was also an entertaining match with Royal Winchester winning 2 and 1 against Rowlands Castle.

The Knight Cup semi-finals and final were held at Basingstoke Golf Club on 17th September in some pretty difficult weather conditions. The semi-finals were Royal Winchester versus Highcliffe Castle and Waterlooille versus Stoneham. Royal Winchester and Waterlooille contested the final with the Waterlooille pair successfully defending the title they won last year.

The Stoneham Cup semi-finals and final were played at Rowlands Castle Golf Club on 24th September, fortunately in much better weather than was forecast. The morning semi-finals were Petersfield versus Gosport & Stokes Bay, and Army versus Hartley Wintney. Gosport & Stokes Bay and Hartley Wintney progressed to the final which was won by Gosport & Stokes Bay for the first time.

Finally I would, once again, just like to thank all the clubs who kindly granted us courtesy of their courses for the finals, and I would also like to thank Di Stock and Jackie Keay for organising the referees.

## **12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

Bridget announced a national award won by Jane Shergold from Blackmoor for her achievement in winning the EG Women's Par 3 Championship at Ampfield in August with the only sub-par round of 59

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row Kerry Smith from Waterlooille won the Winter Scratch Knock Out played in March against Georgie Mundy from Corhampton.

It gave Bridget great pleasure to represent our 2015 County Champion Aimee Patterson from Sherfield Oaks with the very large and magnificent bowl for her fine performance earlier in May.

Bridget Moore then presented the Inter-Club Knockout Trophies

Knight Cup:	Winners - Waterlooville	Runners-up – Royal Winchester
North Hants Trophy:	Winners – Stoneham	Runners-up - Basingstoke
NHT Plate:	Winners - Royal Winchester	Runners-up – Rowlands Castle
Stoneham Cup:	Winners – Gosport & Stokes Bay	Runners-up – Hartley Wintney

### 13. VOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of all the competitors, Mo Browne, from the winning Gosport & Stokes Bay Stoneham Cup Team, gave a vote of thanks.

On behalf of all participating clubs, we wish to thank you Marilyn for all your hard work as Knockout Secretary.

You, the committee and your team of volunteers give up your precious time to ensure that we ladies have a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Most of us enter these competitions, without fully appreciating the effort and administration that goes into making not only the draws and group stages successful, but also all the practicalities involved in sourcing and liaising with host clubs, arranging catering, referees and no doubt 100 other tasks that all help in making the penultimate stages and Finals Days as successful as they have been.

The Stoneham Cup has been going for 101 years now (and we do realise you haven't been responsible for all those years Marilyn!!) but this is the first time ever that Gosport & Stokes Bay has their name on the cup. We would like to thank you Marilyn for helping to make our Stoneham experience a most enjoyable part of what has been, a very successful year for Gosport & Stokes Bay and we would also like to say how relieved we were that the County Committee has decided not to reduce the Stoneham Cup handicap from 24. If this had been implemented, then we, and I am sure other smaller clubs, would not have been able to enter this wonderful and time-honoured competition. However, thankfully, we can look forward to meeting and making new golfing friends again next year.

### 14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ann Younger announced the election of officers:

#### **Press Officer – Hannah Holloway (Basingstoke)**

Hannah was co-opted onto the committee earlier this year so she was formally voted on  
Proposed by: Mags Clark    Seconded by: Elke Jackson

Those seeking re-election for a further year

#### **Honorary Secretary - Ann Younger (Skylark)**

Proposed by: Liz Owsley    Seconded by: Elke Jackson

#### **Honorary Treasurer – Judy Andrews (Corhampton)**

Proposed by: Jackie Keay    Seconded by: Kay Walshe

#### **County Junior Organiser – Elke Jackson (Basingstoke)**

Proposed by: Di Stock    Seconded by: Lesley Donegan

#### **Channel Island Representative – Juanita Adlington (La Moye)**

The CI affiliated clubs have elected Juanita Adlington as their representative to serve for 3 years.

#### **IOW Representative – Mags Clark (Shanklin and Sandown)**

The IOW affiliated clubs have elected Mags Clark as their representative to serve for a further 3 years.

Finally, Bridget handed over the role of County President to Jackie Keay who was the past presidents' nominee and Jackie said how delighted she was to become President.

Mags then thanked Bridget for her 3 years as President and the many years Bridget has served the county and presented her with a glass bowl

There being no further business, Bridget thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 3.35pm wishing all in attendance a happy and successful golfing season in 2016.

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

DATED \_\_\_\_\_