



HAMPSHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT OTTERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 2017 AT 2.00pm

IN THE CHAIR: Jackie Keay (Hartley Wintney), President

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

Alresford	Carol Place, and
Alresford & Avington Park	Margaret Bankes
Army GC	Stella Surtees, Jean Robinson.
Bishopswood	Martina Stack
Bramshaw	Veronica Collins, Anke Elborn
Bramshott Hill	Kath Adams, Rita Holland, Caroline Butt, Stephanie Cox
Corhampton	Kay Smith, Heather Gibson, Lorna White
Hayling	Janet Jenkins, Nancy Vaughn
Highcliffe Castle	Marjorie Lee
Hockley	Iris Gray, Maisie Kerrigan
Lee-on-the-Solent	Trish Barnfield, Jean Grady
Liphook	Lucy Barber, Frances Lowe
New Forest	Jean (Jem) Murray
North Hants	Jean Shakespear
Petersfield	Betty Gibson
Rowlands Castle	Ros Raper, Margaret King

And Director of Golf at Sandford Springs GC, Anthony Dillon aged 48 who died earlier this month

Jackie then introduced other members of the Committee sitting at the top table:

Ann Younger	(Hockley)	Honorary Secretary
Kay Walshe	(Hockley)	Acting Captain,
Judy Andrews	(Corhampton)	Honorary Treasurer

Jackie 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 10 members and 8 clubs.
PRESENT: 30 Delegates representing 38 clubs and 61 members were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated to all clubs, were taken as read, approved and signed by President Jackie Keay.

Proposed by: Eilean Cunningham (Army) Seconded by: Catherine Hargaden (Rowlands Castle).

Accepted unanimously on a show of cards.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising but an error on page 3 list of players in the 2nd team Sue Lewis is down as a member of Bramshaw. She is at Bramshott Hill

Jackie then explained how Kay had become acting County Captain when Jane Scott had stepped down from the post earlier in the year and went on to confirm Kay as Captain. Jackie presented Kay with the captain's badge

Kay accepted the post and introduced Debbie Tapply (Rowlands Castle) as her Vice-Captain and presented her with her Vice captain's badge

4. CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Kay Walshe (Hockley)

I am delighted and privileged to be standing in front of you as captain of the Hampshire Association. However, had I known I was going to be Captain this year I would have paid more attention when I was Vice Captain to Jane Scott last year.

The season began with the Foursomes Championships at Blackmoor in May. Won by Kerry Smith and Di Oram. Blackmoor hosted us superbly and we admired not only the course but also the newly extended Dining Room. Moving on to Championship Week at Brokenhurst in May, the week the rain fell, particularly on Wednesday. We restructured the competition some players had to complete unfinished rounds and then play 36 holes match play on the same day but we managed to get it all in by the end of Friday. The Bronze Championships were played on the Tuesday with Gill Freemantle, Alresford winning Division 1 and Sarah Scott Blacknest Division 2. Anne Morris Blackmoor, won the Bowl, Karen Hirst Lee on the Solent the salver, while Georgie Mundy Corhampton won the Championship.

Sitting on a buggy in the rain in September at Cams Hall not only did I admire Wendy Collens, Army who came in with the winning score but also Jackie Keay and Di Stock who do this at every one of our competitions.

Kerry Smith Waterlooville won the Autumn Division 1 at Army GC in September before finally,

The Centenary Foursomes were played at Hockley in October. This was won by Jan Hodges and Dorinda Tanner from Weybrook Park.

It is obvious that at every one of these competitions Ladies Captains, green staff, catering staff and a whole host of volunteer starters, ball spotters and helpers work to show their club in its best light and we are fortunate to have good clubs with great courses who are willing to host so many and such a variety of events during the year.

I have not forgotten about Juniors, Seniors, Veterans or Knock Outs as their respective managers and captains will report on the golf that was played in those sections.

Our Second Team had a good year starting the season of 2017 with a great win in a friendly match against Berkshire, 6 ½ to 2 ½.

At the end of May they played the first Stovold match away to Kent at Sundridge Park on what was the hottest day of the year. Against an in-form Kent side they had an overall loss of 7/2.

The match against Middlesex, was at Hockley. The team played very well, winning all 9 matches, a great result.

Away to Surrey at Effingham, on a cold and wet 'summers day' trailing 2/1 after the mornings foursomes, Hampshire came through strong in the singles winning 3½ to 2½ which meant the overall match was a tie.

The last match was played against last year's winners, Sussex, at Stoneham. Home advantage helped with Hampshire winning 5/4.

The end result was that the team had won 2 matches, drawn 1 and lost 1, not enough to win the trophy this year but we were close. The outcome of the Stovold Trophy came down to the last match, but Sussex had done enough to pip Kent on game countback with Hampshire just ½ point behind.

Debbie expresses her thanks to all those who played in the team, and I on your behalf thank Debbie for Captaining the team this year.

And so, onto the First Team.

After Championship Week at Brokenhurst, I invited 10 players to join the first team squad who would represent Hampshire at County Match week in Littlestone Kent. We managed practice games at Hayling and Hockley where I tried out a variety of foursomes combinations. I knew Littlestone was a links course and the wind would play a factor. Both our practice games were played without a breath of wind blowing. It was great to have both Emma Allen from Meon Valley and Danielle Burrell Weybrook Park in the squad as both were home from Golf Scholarships in the USA.

Emma was only able to play for 2 days as she was required by England for training for the middle part of the week, Louise Caplen took two days off work to play, Kelly Travers drove from work to play returning to work on our day off. Julie Cole had to return to work during the week, Di Oram was fully involved and supportive although I ended up playing neither she nor Julie.

This meant that Georgie, Kerry, Aimee Paterson, Adrian Mylrea and Danielle played 36 holes each day with the others playing on days they were available.

The foursomes practices had been useful and pairings were pretty constant during the week. Kerry and Emma who should have been pretty invincible lost their first foursomes match against Middlesex but came back with storming single wins in the afternoon. Games seemed to follow a pattern, go a few holes down in the foursomes, worry the Hampshire spectators and then come through with fantastic play on the back 9 to win from the 16th onwards.

Hampshire beat Middlesex on day one 7½-1½.

Day 2 Sussex we expected a more challenging day but won all three morning matches. I made the mistake of saying at lunch time "we only need 2 points this afternoon." Fortunately, Emma and Aimee had good wins, someone told Georgie we needed her point and she scrambled a win on the 18th. So, an overall win 6-3

Day 3 This must get harder, Surrey. 2-1 in the morning foursomes and Aimee, Kerry and Georgie won their singles 5½ - 3½ for Hampshire.

Thursday was our day off and we went to Canterbury. At the end of the day we went back to the course and had a competition based on chipping and putting. My team against Debbie's I can't remember the result.

So, our final day against the home county Kent, and a victory of 7-2 meant we had won every match. I was very proud on your behalf to receive the Top Dog trophy as regional champions.

However, sitting at tea before we had even left Kent we became aware that it would be a very different squad for Felixstowe and National Finals in September. Emma and Danielle would be back in the States, others had used up their holiday entitlement and workers needed to work!

I heard Raffi Dyer was playing again and hopefully Flora Keites from Jersey would be available. Georgie, Kerry, Aimee, Kelly for the full week and Adrian and Louise could take 2 days away from work. Flora was released from school, and Raffi was delighted to be back playing for Hampshire. So, we had a squad of 8, happiness.

Two weeks before we are to travel and Georgie rings me on Friday morning. "Kay, I've fallen off a bike and the hospital thinks I might have broken my wrist." I think I managed to sound concerned, not according to Georgie. I contacted Sammi Keen the IoW champion and she was delighted to be involved, then 24 hours before we were travelling Flora is ill and can't travel at all. So now we have a squad of 8 one of whom is nursing a strapped and damaged wrist. But, fortunately not broken.

We were warmly welcomed at Felixstowe Ferry in Suffolk and played a practice round on Sunday afternoon with the wind blowing from the East. For the rest of the week it blew from the West. Thank you to all of you who came to support and whether you caddied or walked and supported your presence in blue was noticed and very much appreciated.

Monday, we played Yorkshire last year's runners up and what a team they were. Even though we lost the morning foursomes we were optimistic before playing the afternoon singles but Yorkshire were a team apart, Internationals, Junior Internationals and England squad members were present in numbers and they had great depth in their squad. Raffi took Olivia Wining to the 18th losing to a long birdie putt. Olivia Wining was to turn Pro two weeks later. At the end of the day we had lost 9-0. Fortunately, the team spirit was such that the girls were able to support and encourage one another prior to Day 2 when we played Gloucestershire, last year's champions. This was a day that could have gone either way, one match was halved and one was lost on the 18th. If those had gone Hampshire's way we would have won 5½ -3½ instead of losing by that score. Day 3 at last a win 6-3 against Nottinghamshire. I was interviewed as I came away from the 18th and had to read the England Golf website later that day to see what I had said. Sammi Keen won her foursomes match 5 and 4 and her singles 6 and 5.

Thursday Suffolk, the local team, again a close match with one foursomes lost on the 18th and a singles match halved. A loss overall of 5½ -3½.

Our Final day Friday against Buckinghamshire morning foursomes were honours even with a win and a half each. Fortunately, we finished with a flourish with 4 singles wins in the afternoon to win overall 5½ – 3½. Hampshire finished fourth in the national finals with a couple of scores different we could have finished second but we were a long way from beating Yorkshire. At the end of the week we said good bye and particularly to Georgie Mundy who had told me she was going to turn Professional the following week. Georgie is now studying for her PGA qualifications. We will miss not only her golfing ability but also her positive cheerful personality and wish her well in her new chosen career.

The team were a pleasure to be with showing great team spirit, support of one another and terrific good humour. Jackie and Debbie were tremendous supports doing everything almost before I realised it needed doing.

Next year it is Hampshire's turn to host regional match week it will be played at Hockley during the last week of June. We look forward to seeing you in your blue.

Marc Dack our junior team manager has written a report concerning the matches that the junior girls have played but I would like to report on the work of Jane Shergold and her junior academy helpers. Jane has grown this scheme over the last few years

under the Professional leadership of Kevin Flynn, with Malcolm Scott at Alresford and others. They have taught groups from complete beginners to girls who already have handicaps. The season finished with a Festival Day by kind permission of Ampfield Golf Club. Over 150 girls have participated in the programme held in centres across the county with the emphasis on having fun, enjoyment and meeting likeminded girls while learning to play the game in a sociable environment. The Festival day itself started with a fun warm up session followed by a 9 hole Texas scramble after which the girls, volunteers and coaches had sandwiches chips and prizes for all. Many thanks to the volunteers and shepherds who supported this event. The programme could not have taken place without the support of helpers at clubs. I spoke at the delegates meeting about our need for a County Junior Organiser an appeal has been on the website for several weeks now and the response has been deafening. That is silent. We do not have depth in our juniors yet, we have the odd one or two girls, players like Adrian who came into the first team and has achieved her county colours this year she is the exception to the rule. We are looking for at least 3 volunteers to co-ordinate junior activity, please give some thought to this and don't leave it to others in the hope someone else will find the helpers. Jane Shergold is still willing to help in the background and Anne Chambers is helping with admin.

During the year I have attended England Golf meetings at Woodhall Spa as the representative of the Hampshire Ladies Association. England Golf offer guidance to individuals, clubs and counties. They run CDH which registers our handicaps, run 55 championships for juniors, seniors, men and women across the country, deal with International teams, rule queries, disciplinary issues, and a host of other golf matters. LGU and EWGA no longer exist as separate entities, LGU has merged with R&A and EWGA are within England Golf. All sports governing bodies now have to be merged men and women. There is no compulsion for us as an Association to merge with HGU but several counties have done so and more are looking at it. I and Jackie Keay met at the request of HGU with John Moore President to see if there was any future in us beginning to talk about merging. We decided there was not as our aims as organisations are very different. But in a few years' time it may become necessary or desirable.

I am very fortunate to have inherited an extremely hard-working Committee and would like to thank them all for the professional way they have carried out their voluntary roles.

Finally thank you ladies for being Hampshire, to the delegates for informing your clubs of what is available for them, for all of you for supporting your teams and for playing golf.

Jackie thanked Kay for her report and wished her continuing success in 2018.

5. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ann Younger (Hockley)

I've been idle since half term and the Girls' Autumn Meeting at Meon and I don't really know what to do with myself. Roll on next May is all I can say and the start of the 2018 season. Some of you may have heard that I had managed to secure a job recently - yes, a real one - but after long and faithful service of 4 hours on the induction day a few weeks ago, I decided I would leave this form of gainful employment to others and I resigned. I think reality kicked in or was it the words of my husband (or Kay) saying how on earth are you going to fit a job in too??!! Get real Ann

I hope you all have enjoyed the 2017 season of Hampshire golf events nearly as much as I have?

My year started very oddly with the unexpected announcement from my very good friend and excellent County Captain Jane Scott when she announced she was stepping down. I want to say now you are a wonderful captain Jane, an excellent companion, an elegant and knowledgeable golfer and all round good egg and you are missed. Change can be difficult but I am glad of our Hampshire time together.

Our new Captain is great as we all knew she would be and what an amazing 2017 Kay has brought us all in Hampshire. You have all heard the efforts of our first team at Littlestone and Felixstowe and it is down to the immense effort of our small but beautifully packaged first team squad, put together by the sheer hard work and dedication of Kay. An outstanding achievement in spite of huge odds Kay and we all thank you.

Back to me now! ALL THE 2018 FIXTURES HAVE BEEN ON THE WEBSITE FOR MANY MONTHS NOW AND SOME of 2019 too. I am just putting the finishing touches to the 2018 flyer which explains all the events for your noticeboards for all your ladies to see.

Entry forms will appear on the website in January with the 2 club comps of Hull Shield and Centenary on in April.

I just want to wrap up the 2017 season with some thanks.

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 making my day easier.

As you are all aware we need your help with the Junior Girls in Hampshire. Kay has sent out a request for volunteers and it has been on the website. Judy and I took on some of the admin and financial side of running the Junior events from the Team Manager this year; we started in April at a sunny Rowlands Castle where LC Chris Bodey and her ladies started and chaperoned

the girls. I love the junior events and you will too when you volunteer to help - right now the doors have been locked and we are not leaving this hall until we get some!

We moved onto Blackmoor in early May for the Foursomes Championships and my thanks to Susie Cave.

At Brokenhurst Manor Pam McQueen, Naila Webb and Pam Capon had gathered a wonderful team to help during County Champs Week.

Maggie Evans and Pene Salter at Petersfield were a great help at the Veterans' Championship.

We held the first Mixed event with HGU on 14th June at Sandford Springs and it is with great sadness to learn of the death of their Director of Golf Anthony Dillon, who had been so instrumental in setting up this inaugural event. My thanks also to Morven Jordan for her hard work there too.

At the Seniors Championship at Shanklin & Sandown I am indebted to Jean Munds

At Weybrook Park, Jan Hodges for the Centenary Foursomes

Morna Jones at RW for JCMW – a magnificently staged 3-day event with many RW ladies helping

Mary Panter at Alresford for the Hull Shield which they went onto win! Bodes well for Kerry next year at Waterlooville!

Chris Simpson at Cams Hall for Autumn Div 2

All at Alresford for the Alresford Cup

The Army ladies for the Div 1 meeting and the Hockley ladies for the Centenary Foursomes

We finished last month at Meon with the Junior Girls' Autumn meeting and my thanks to Jill England and the ladies there

Thanks go to you all for accepting the changes I make to start sheets and for being so accommodating. To all you Delegates for interpreting my sometimes less than clear emails and coming back to me with requested information or putting me straight and for doing the sterling work you do in spreading the word and keeping Hampshire ladies golf thriving. I am very grateful.

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 an equally great line up for 2018.

I would like to ask Juanita Adlington to say a few words about County Championship Week next year at Royal Jersey from Monday 14th May. Juanita is now ladies captain at La Moye on the island and has really worked hard getting tee bookings blocked out for us at other courses.

Juanita reported on progress so far with tee bookings and costs at the other courses on Jersey.
Monday - Les Ormes - .£24 for 18... tee times to be confirmed

Tuesday - Les Mielles -

Block booked 8.30-10.27 £22 morning green fee which is the member's rate and 13.00-14.57 £19 again the member rate

Wednesday - La Moye

The La Moye ladies have given their morning over to us for two/three hours. Green Fee £30

As this is my course, I have also negotiated that the ladies can call up and ask to play, subject to availability, at any time during the week for the same green fee - would suggest afternoons are less busy.

Thursday - St Clements their green fee reduced by 10% £22.50 and block booked 10.27-11.48 and 14.00-15.21

Juanita has compiled a list of hotels on Jersey if you require any help finding accommodation. Please email Juanita or me for any further information about this week in May.

Ann thanked Juanita for the huge effort she has put in so far in what is proving to be an onerous captaincy for her.

Every 5 years Hampshire play host to the other 4 south region counties for CMW and in 2018 Hockley GC is the venue. As you led the team to victory in Kent this year Kay, we are expecting great things on home turf next June! The Finals are at Royal North Devon CG in Westward Ho! from 17th September. It is the oldest golf club in England with sheep and horses grazing freely over the 18 very different holes. The 4th is the scariest hole you will ever play with a bunker nearly 100 yards wide and a 20ft high sleeper clad face – don't go in it! If you are unfortunate to do so, turn around 180 degrees and play out backwards!

Once I get May and June over next year the rest will be plain sailing - famous last words but 2018 is going to be another great year with courses new to hosting HLCGA events taking part so I hope as many of you as possible enter and take part in all there is on offer.

My thanks to all my fellow committee members for their help throughout the year and to those of you who write to me! It is very good to hear back from you and your queries keeps the old grey matter ticking over

Finally. Next year's AGM will be held here on Thursday 22nd November 2018.

I realise there is not much content in this speech so please if you have any questions please ask now. We have discussed a change in format to the Seniors' Championship for Bramshaw on 11th July to speed the day up; stableford for 21+ handicappers and two presentations.

There were no questions and Jackie thanked Ann for her report commenting that she thinks Ann enjoys the role immensely.

6. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Andrews

I present the accounts for the thirteen months ended 31st October 2017 which have been independently reviewed and have been circulated to delegates.

You will remember that last year we agreed to change the year end to October, which has meant we have a longer time in which to fit all our summer events and include all the junior events and training for the full season. The downside of this means I have had a much shorter time to get the accounts prepared and sent out to you all, so I apologise if you have not had as much time as usual to study them. I know my report is the most eagerly anticipated, not!

The number of affiliation fees received has increased, mainly due to an anomaly within the new real-time collection process where a couple of clubs have sent us additional back dated fees which they were convinced they still owed. In addition, there are a number of clubs still to pay as they have declared their renewal date to be October 1st and therefore do not have to pay until 60 days later. We should see these fees being received soon and they will show in next year's accounts.

County card sales are down and the HGU are looking into a potential new system where everyone will get a card but their affiliation fee will increase by about £2. This will take some time to implement.

Club and County competitions continue to be well supported, with the exception of the Winter Scratch which is no longer popular. The loss made on competitions is budgeted for as part of our annual spend in order to give something back to the members for their fees. The only increase in entry fees next year will be for the Hull Shield and Centenary Foursomes to £55, which I actually announced last year and then somehow it slipped through with no increase.

Juniors – The grants obtained from England Golf for the academy programme, together with the nominal fee of £20 per child, covers the coaching days and pros fees and this year we were extremely fortunate to have sponsorship from the Winchester Motor Company to help towards the County Match week costs, in particular to cover team kit for the next 3 years. Our grateful thanks continue to go to those clubs who support the training of the girls and these clubs are listed in note 4.

First team costs were higher than last year, due to the additional cost of attending County Finals at Felixstowe. This is of course always budgeted for as we aim to reach Finals every year. The extra cost of £7,400 is slightly offset by a grant from England Golf of £2,900. All the other teams' costs were much the same as in previous years.

Only one intermediate bursary was paid this year amounting to £400.

At last year's AGM we agreed to raise the affiliation fee for 2018 to £6 but because the surplus is greater than anticipated, we have reviewed this at this morning's finance meeting and agreed to keep it at £5. In addition, it will remain at £5 for 2019. At our finance meeting this morning, we agreed to utilise the rather large reserves figure, be ring-fencing £10,000 towards county finals costs, but to break even on all other expenditure.

Jackie asked for a proposer and seconder to accept these accounts

Proposed by: Bridget Moore (Meon Valley) Seconded by: Catriona Tremlett (Liphook)

Accepted unanimously on a show of cards. Jackie thanked Judy for her hard work and presenting the Accounts so well.

7. JUNIOR TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT: Marc Dack Read by Catherine Hargaden in Marc's absence

First of all, I cannot believe it is a whole year since I first stood up as the new Junior Organiser, and a year I have thoroughly enjoyed with plenty of learning along the way.

At the end of Elke's tenure, we lost 6-7 girls due to age and England duties, ensuring the squad was going to be a fairly new and inexperienced bunch of girls. My initial plan was to trim the friendly matches slightly focusing more on training days and get together to start forming a squad and team environment, but using the matches against Berkshire, Sussex and Basingstoke Ladies as opportunities to blend a team of experience and new girls. Matches against Meon Valley and inter squad allowing us to field the girls that would be used for County Match week.

County Match week, from a playing perspective, was always going to be a baptism of fire due to a very inexperienced Team. Only 2 of our Girls, Bethany Goater (Hockley) and Charlotte Dack (Meon Valley) had experienced the competition before. The squad assembled at Royal Winchester for the 4 days and each and everyone played their part. The overall points table does not tell the whole story, albeit a cliché. The girls fought so hard in every match, being rewarded with a victory against a strong Kent Team on day 2. With a bit more luck and belief 2 of the other matches could of swung our way too. The enormity of the task was summed up in our match against the Eventual champions Surrey, our Number 3 player was a 10 handicap. Surreys Number 7 player was an 8 handicap. In scratch format this is a huge deficit and gap to bridge. A great experience but tough and emotional, the Hampshire girls built a team spirit and that was always my hope.

Thanks to the Junior County Match Week Sub-committee for your help and guidance for the preparation and delivering a great week.

The County Championships were held at Rowlands Castle, with a medium sized field entering both the main Champs and Douglas Cup. The weather was kind for April and competition was very competitive. Beth Goater from Hockley was crowned our Hampshire Champion with Charlotte Dack, Meon Valley, Hampshire Nett Champion. Brooke MacArthur was the Douglas Cup winner. Part of my future plan is to hold the County Championships in July, this in theory should allow us to have a stronger field competing. Girls sitting GCSE's and A Levels tend to be revising in April, their game time and practice is limited. In turn some girls will not even enter the Championships in April.

With Championships being held in July next year just around the finish of the official school year, I am hoping it will encourage more girls to enter with the knowledge they have had time to prepare in early summer.

Squad Training was slightly hit and miss this year due to various reasons, Kevin Flynn and I have sat down recently and discussed a more structured squad system for the future. We are hoping to roll out a few new initiatives next season with the Performance squad, also bridging the younger girls from the academies through to the teams and squads a bit more fluently.

Although we lost quite a few girls to age this season, we have a crop of girls coming through around the ages of 12-14 that we, as a County, need to Nurture through and keep together.

I would like to personally thank President Jackie, Captain Kay and the committee for their help, guidance and assistance and look forward to my 2nd year with better knowledge and excitement, finally a huge thanks to Jane Shergold for her brilliant work overseeing the development and academies. This work and foundation cannot be undone and needs to be built on by us all!!

I would echo the recent words of our Ladies Hampshire Captain, Kay Walshe, the Junior section needs good people to assist with the academies bridging these girls through to the Performance squad. We need to ensure that the flow of talent is more consistent and managed. These girls will then go on to form the 1st and 2nd teams in a few years.

8. SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT: Catherine Hargaden (Rowlands Castle)

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures has been updated as at September 2017 as a result of changes in Personnel at EG Compliance and their revised Template.

The complete document is on the website under Juniors and Info tabs and Catherine thanked Hannah for her work on this.

In addition, for ease of reference, the following forms are also available:

- 4b Code of Conduct for Young Golfers;
- 7 Junior Profile and Parental Consent Forms;
- 8 Parental Consent;
- 9 Photographic Consent.

On page 11 (Local Contacts), Local Social Care details have been left blank. In Hampshire these are District based. Contacting the police or NSPCC is recommended

9. VETERANS' CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Anne Hannam (Meon Valley)

Once again, the Vets Division had a very successful year. We play 5 other counties from April to September, Sussex, Berkshire, Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire and we won all of these. The last match of the year is against the Isle of Wight and it was an appalling day. The wind was blowing a gale, it poured with rain and even a little hail. Needless to say, the Isle of Wight team were much more used to these conditions and so they deservedly won the match. Only a few groups actually completed the 18 holes as it was such awful weather. So, a huge thank you to the ladies who played in all of these matches this year.

Off the top of my head, I don't know how many clubs there are in Hampshire but in 2016 I had 50 ladies from 22 clubs wanting to play. In 2017 I had 72 ladies from 27 clubs who applied to play. The word is slowly getting out there that these are friendly matches (if there is such a thing as a friendly match in golf). You don't have to be a wonderful golfer- it is open to all ladies,

whatever your handicap and you are able to apply to play. You definitely won't have to wait to be asked. The matches are played in a really good spirit – 4BBB with 1 silver and 1 bronze. You get to play courses that you might never have played before and the food is usually good. What more could you ask for on a great day out.

To all those ladies that have played and to all the Delegates here today, PLEASE can you spread the word that it is a great day and there is room for more ladies. We would love to meet you.

Anne then asked Linda Eales from Corhampton to step forward and receive the County badge as incoming Veterans' Captain. Jackie thanked Anne for her two years as Captain of the Vets and welcomed Linda to the position.

10. SENIORS' CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Elaine Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor)

This is my first year as Seniors Captain and organising the seniors' fixtures for 2017 has been an honour and great fun. Each year we have a calendar which includes league matches, friendly matches, our Championship and the Intercounty seniors.

Our league matches are played against Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire. It was very exciting this year as there was a tie at the top between Berkshire and us, Hampshire, with the final match being the decider. Although Hampshire had the home advantage, playing at Royal Winchester, Berkshire played extremely well and was too strong for us on the day winning 5 matches to 2 matches. Congratulations to Berkshire who won the league with Hampshire runners up for 2017.

Our friendly matches are played against The Channel Island Ladies, Sussex and Surrey. We won 2 and halved one match. Sadly, I was unable to organise a match with the Senior Men. I am hoping that this match will happen in 2018.

What a fantastic turnout for our Seniors Championship at Shanklin and Sandown. 114 ladies played with many turning the event into a short break across the water. Congratulation to Sue Gale from Weybrook Park, our Senior Champion and Jean Dalton from Meon Valley, our Nett Champion. Also, congratulations to Joyce Petrie from Shanklin and Sandown who had a hole in one on the 9th. Jackie Keay, our President, presented her with a bottle of bubbly to mark the occasion. Shanklin and Sandown Golf Club were amazing hosts and I know everyone enjoyed the event. Next year's Senior Championship is at Bramshaw GC on Wednesday 11th July 2018.

The Intercounty Seniors is our last event for the season, which was played at the end of September, at Knebworth Golf Club, Hertfordshire. The Hampshire team represented by Elaine Barrow, Julie Cole, Di Oram and Chris Quinn finished 5th, three shots off the winners Berkshire. Many congratulations to Berkshire.

Some provisional dates for next year are available on our website and I hope to be able to confirm the final dates very soon.

I am looking forward to 2018 with another great year of golf.

Finally, please remember to remind all ladies who have reached the age of 50, who you think might enjoy competitive scratch golf representing their county, to contact me if they would like to be considered for team selection. Details are on the Hampshire Ladies website. All ladies are eligible to play as soon as they celebrate their 50th birthday.

Jackie thanked Elaine for her report and the effort she had put in as Captain of the Senior Team.

11. KNOCKOUT COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jill England (Meon Valley) Kay Walshe read in Jill's absence Firstly, my apologies for not being with you to present this report but celebrating Thanksgiving with family in the US has had to take priority! I can't believe how quickly my first year in the role of Knockout Competition Secretary has flown by.

Winter Scratch Knockout

Unfortunately, the Winter Scratch Knockout didn't take place this year due to a lack of entries, and sadly I have to report it will not be running again this coming winter for the same reason. This is something the Executive Committee will look at over the coming months.

Inter Club Competitions

The usual qualifying rounds / matches for the Knight Cup, Stoneham Cup and North Hants Trophy took place during the summer months with each of the finals days being held in September.

North Hants Trophy

The first finals day was the North Hants Trophy which was held at Basingstoke Golf Club on Monday 11th September. Players from Alresford, Blackmoor, North Hants and Rowlands Castle made their way to the first tee in very wet and windy conditions to be greeted by Hannah Holloway, Basingstoke Lady Captain and County Website / Press Officer. Despite the conditions there was some excellent scratch golf played with Alresford and North Hants progressing through to the afternoon final. The weather brightened slightly and in a close and exciting final North Hants were victorious which meant they won the trophy for the first time since donating it in 1987.

The North Hants Plate final was won by last year's runners up, Hartley Wintney, who beat Hockley in a closely fought match.

Knight Cup

Tuesday 12th September saw teams from Southampton, Corhampton, Rowlands Castle and Cams Hall arrive at Petersfield Golf Club to be greeted by clear blue skies and early morning sunshine. Southampton and Rowlands Castle were to win their morning semi-finals and in a very tight final Rowlands Castle were victorious winning on the 18th hole to take the trophy.

Stoneham Cup

Thursday 28th September saw Liphook Golf Club play hosts to the final knockout event of the season. The course was looking stunning as teams from Lee-on-the-Solent, Corhampton, Army and Weybrook Park arrived bright and early full of anticipation for the day ahead. As with all four quarter final matches, both semi-finals were very tight affairs which ended in 4-3 winning score lines with Lee-on-the-Solent and Army beating Weybrook Park and Corhampton respectively. The afternoon final kicked off slightly late and once again all the matches were closely fought. As the light started to fade, and with one match going down the 20th hole, Army secured the win on the 18th green in front of the many supporters who had gathered. Cue celebrations with Army winning the trophy for the first time since 1978.

As you know we launched the online results system for all Stoneham Cup matches this year which seems to have been well received and this will continue in 2018. I am looking to bring the Knight Cup and North Hants Trophy onto the same system so watch this space for further news on that.

Before finishing I have a few thanks. Firstly, to all the clubs who have kindly granted us courtesy of their courses for the various finals days. We have been made to feel so welcome and the support from the Club Secretaries, Lady Captains together with their members who have helped out ball spotting, starting etc has all been very much appreciated. Thank you also to all the competing clubs for your support and co-operation throughout the season which helps make my job much easier. Finally, a big thank you to Di Stock and Jackie Keay who have given up their time organising the referees and also refereeing themselves on each of the days.

Draws for the 2018 competitions were handed out at the October Delegates Meeting and also appear on the website. I wish you all the very best of luck in 2018.

12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Jackie Keay and Kay Walshe then presented the Inter-Club Knockout Trophies in Jill's absence

Knight Cup:	Winners – Rowlands Castle	Runners-up – Southampton
North Hants Trophy:	Winners – North Hants	Runners-up - Alresford
North Hants Plate:	Winners - Hartley Wintney	Runners-up – Hockley
Stoneham Cup:	Winners – Army	Runners-up – Lee-on-the-Solent

13. VOTE OF THANKS given by Eilean Cunningham from Army Madam President, Past Presidents and Captains, Lady Captain, Ladies

On behalf of all participating clubs, I would like to extend a very warm vote of thanks to the whole Committee and in particular to Jill England, our County Knockout Competitions Secretary, for all their hard work behind the scenes of these County events.

We all benefit from those who so selflessly and generously give up *their* precious time to ensure that we ladies have such a smooth and enjoyable on-course experience. Jill, the committee and her team of volunteers have done us all proud in ensuring that not only do the administrative elements of the draws and group stages run smoothly, but also that the practicalities of sourcing and liaising with host clubs, organising catering, referees and all the countless other 'stuff' behind the scenes help make the penultimate stages and Finals Days quite the successes they are.

I think we're all particularly grateful for the online posting of results and the speedier visibility of progress through the group stages. (Thank you, Hannah too).

All the knock-out competitions are terrifically competitive but played in the best of spirits. The number of participating clubs is staggering: 44 clubs participated in the Stoneham Cup; 53 clubs in the Knight Cup; 39 in the Hull Shield; and 24 in the N Hants trophy. Quite a feat in itself but of course, the jewel in the crown is the Stoneham Cup! It allows so many ladies to travel the length and breadth of Hampshire and the IoW to play new courses and to meet and make new friends.

To the Whole Committee - Thank you once again

14. AMENDMENTS TO HLCGA RULES

Jackie explained that these minor changes were necessary to update the rules:

Rule 2d) Delete 'To elect the Hampshire Representative to the South Region Committee'

