

Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

10.30am Monday 19th November 2018 at Beeston Fields Golf Club

The President Mrs Maureen Clarke to take the Chair

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The secretary convened the meeting, there were 92 members present.

1. 9 Apologies were accepted.
2. To take as read and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the AGM held on 20th November 2017 (as previously circulated). Passed unanimously
3. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

4. Captain's report

Madam President, County Officials, Club Officials and Ladies, this is my report for the year. Wow it has been some year, a great experience with some challenges along the way. It hasn't all been roses and I haven't been the easiest person to live with at times over the last 12 months - just ask Tony.

Early in the year when most Captains take a winter break, I spent the winter months pulling together a brochure for County Week something which at the start I felt I would never be able to complete but which, when completed gave me a huge sense of achievement.

I will go through this year's events, I do not plan on going through all the prize winners and results for the year, full details of all the results may be found on the NCLGA website.

The golfing season should have started at Coxmoor on 17 April with our pre-season friendly against Sheffield Union, unfortunately for about the only time this year the weather was against us and the match was called off due to fog!! Despite our best attempts we were unable to arrange an alternative date so Nottinghamshire will host the match in 2019 at Coxmoor.

On 22nd April a very successful Mixed AM-AM at Radcliffe On Trent was organised and run by our juniors. Sue Taylor will report further on this event later.

It was a very busy weekend as the next day the County Waltz was held at Chilwell, 40 teams taking part. The course was very lush in places due to the wet spring making the course quite challenging, in fact until Friday before the waltz I wasn't sure whether the competition would go ahead due to previous flooding on parts of the course. It was thanks to the hard work and effort by the groundstaff to get the course playable. The winners were a team from Sherwood, Sue Taylor, Joanna Smith and Kath Else with 72 points. A total of £1,690 was raised from the day for our County Teams. Thank you to Chilwell Manor Golf Club and it's members for allowing us to use their course for this fundraising event.

Next up came the County Championship in May which was held at Stanton, the course was in excellent condition with the greens proving to be very tricky not only in speed but also with some tough pin positions. There were 18 players in the Championship playing 36 holes, with 8 qualifying for the knockout stage, a further 34 ladies took part in the 18 hole Spring Meeting played alongside the morning round of the championship.

In the the final of the County Championship Libby Kilbride played Emily Rowbottom, with both playing some really good golf, Libby taking an early lead and holding on to become our County Champion for 2018. Thank you to Stanton On The wolds Golf Club and their members for their help and support of NCLGA in allowing us to use their course over the weekend.

The Coronation Foursomes in early June was played at Newark the weather for the day was overcast, nothing like the recent sunny weather we had been having, with many ladies, pulling on waterproofs and jumpers to keep out the chill breeze. Nevertheless some excellent golf was played with great scoring, the winners being Lynne Inman & Clare Wilson from Norwood Park with 46 points on count back. Many thanks to Newark for supporting our County competitions.

Then came the week we had all been preparing for over the last 2 years, County Week, held at Notts Golf Club Hollinwell at the end of June in the middle of a heatwave. The pressure was on Nottinghamshire after last year's success. The course was in excellent condition with the beating sun changing course conditions throughout the week making club selection difficult and certainly not helping our home advantage.

Our team was Rachel Boulton, Esme Hamilton, Caron Harrison, Emma Howie, Vicki Johnson, Libby Kilbride, Kristina Lazarevic, Emily Lyle, Sophie Newlove, Emily Rowbottom, Lauren Spray and Carol Wild, a really good team who gave us a great start on day one, beating Leicestershire 6-3, despite losing the morning foursomes, unfortunately we couldn't repeat the result on Tuesday losing a closely fought match to Staffordshire 5-4. The next day a defeat to Lincolnshire left us feeling deflated, however a good result on Thursday v Shropshire lifted our spirits as together with Lincs, Staffs and Derbyshire we were all in with a chance of winning overall, if results went with us. Our girls put up a great fight on the final day against Derbyshire with an eagle from Rachel Boulton on the last hole to halve our match preventing Derbyshire from winning outright and as a Forest supporter a good result. To cap it all there was a fly past by the Red Arrows during the afternoon play which took some organising. The

overall result for the week was 3.5 each to Lincolnshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire, with Staffordshire and Lincs drawing lots to decide the winners and it was Staffordshire who went through as Midland Norths representatives at the National Finals. Nevertheless it was a great week and I must thank everyone from clubs around the County who came along to support and help with ball spotting, the ladies from Sherwood, Ruddington, Chilwell, The Nottinghamshire and Beeston who provided and served cakes in the half way house daily. Many thanks also to Notts Golf Club and the members for giving up their course for a week along with the groundstaff, caterers and Notts Ladies Golf Club who all did a fantastic job. Not forgetting our County Week Organising Committee, along with other members of the County Executive who did a fantastic job over the last 2 years pulling things all together continuing during the week to ensure such a successful outcome, many complimentary comments were received from other County Officials and Players during the week.

There was no rest for the wicked. The Summer Meeting held at a Beeston Fields Golf Club followed on the Monday straight after County Week with 53 ladies taking part. The greens at Beeston were quite tricky as always, there was a welcome breeze which was very welcome in the hot scorching sunshine. Thanks to Lady Captain, Annette Amery and her team for getting the competitors underway promptly where despite the heat there were some good scores.

Louise Wilding, Coxmoor, won the Jubilee Bowl Scratch Trophy with a gross 81, Ruddingtons Wendy Kerry won the Jubilee Bowl Handicap Trophy with a nett 71 on countback, with One of our County Referees Lindsay Carruthers, on her home course, winning the Challenge Cup, Margaret Thorpe winning Division two Thanks to all at Beeston Field Golf Club for hosting the event.

Next came my County Captains Day AM-AM held at Notts Golf Club on 23rd July. I am very grateful to Notts Golf Club and its members for giving courtesy of the course and for all the help and support from Notts Ladies making the day such a resounding success. Combined with the County Waltz, £4,436 has been raised in total for the County teams this year from these two events. There were 40 teams taking part representing 15 clubs from the County. It was a very enjoyable day for me, the sun was shining, with temperatures in the high 80s. I had lots of help from so many people and the course was in great condition, considering conditions. Yet again ladies from around the County had been baking over the weekend, with players treated to some fantastic cakes at the Halt served by Notts Ladies President Dot Hessian and her team, providing sustenance for the challenging back nine in what was by then quite stifling conditions. The competition was won by a team from Stanton Margaret Ferguson, Kath Ocroft, Kay Wakefield and late substitute Ellen Manton with 89 points, 3 points clear of last year's winners Ruddington, Thanks to everyone who played, all my helpers on the desk and to all who have supported the raffle donating prizes or buying tickets.

Then came a little rest during August before the Autumn meeting early in September held at Norwood Park Golf Club. One notable absentee that day was our President, Maureen Clarke, who unfortunately had a puncture on route and was unable to play. Again it was a lovely sunny morning to begin the day, the course was in good condition, particularly the greens, where we were soon to find out the ground staff had set some very testing pin positions, making things difficult for some of us! It seemed to be a trend this year for our competitions. Despite this there was still some excellent golf played by the ladies.

Congratulations to the winner of the Challenge Bowl Scratch Trophy, Di Payne with a gross 82 and to the winner of the Challenge Bowl Handicap Trophy, Ellen Sanderson, playing in her first County event, with nett 73 on count-back. Charlie Hall with a nett 76, was the Division 2 winner. The home team from Norwood Park were the winners of the Jubilee Shield team trophy with a total of 295. Thanks to Norwood for supporting NCLGA in hosting the Autumn Meeting this year.

The Ladies Interclub Final was held at Stanton On The Wolds Golf Club between Ruddington And Mapperley in September. Both matches were played in great spirit with the team of Wendy Kerry, Jane Smeeton, Carol Bowles and Sheila Drummond taking the title 3up. Congratulations to the Winners and hard luck to the runners up Karen Ward, Katie White, Jane Baxter and Maggie Burrows from Mapperley.

The Mixed Interclub was held at The Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club between Serlby Park and Sherwood Forest who went on to win the match 2up in a close battle. The winning team from Sherwood was Emma Anderson, Suzi Anderson, Mark Porthouse and Tom Sangera. Well done to both teams.

The final event of the year County Presidents Day was this year held at Beeston Fields in October. A full field of 25 teams took part in the AM-AM on yet another warm sunny day, all enjoyed playing the course which was in good condition, with more homemade cakes in the half way tent resulting in another very successful event. The winners were a team from the Nottinghamshire, Carol Houghton, Helen Haycox, Lesley Morris and Julia Rose with 85 points. Carol I understand had 6 birdies that day. Many thanks to again to Beeston Golf Club for their support.

Maureen and I have had a great time this year with many laughs along the way and has she been a huge support to me during the year. Maureen is not only our President but also in charge of our County referees and our County Handicap Advisor keeping us updated with rule and handicap changes.

Thanks also to her team of Referees, Val Peat, who tells me that every time I'm there and she is refereeing it's her match that always goes to the 18th, Lindsey Carruthers and Clare Jones, who also doubles as our MNR representative during the year.

Well done and thank you to Julia Warrener and Sue Robinson who became competition secretaries at the start of last year and have settled in very well, with County Competitions continuing to run efficiently through the year. Also thanks to our Treasurer Jenny Smith maintaining control of our finances, producing annual accounts and ensuring we keep within our budgets.

Thanks to Sue Taylor who has taken over the role as Junior Coordinator this year, she will report later on the achievements of our juniors this year. Thank you to all of her team, Suzi Anderson, Emma Anderson, Helen Boulton, Kristina Lazarevic who have provided Sue and our junior teams support this year.

Many thanks also to my two Vice Captains Carol Houghton and Helen Haycox for their support during the year. I would just like to mention some other notable achievements this year by some of our County Golfers Carol Wild, Notts Ladies, won the Ann Howard Trophy (the over 60s Championship) at the English Seniors Amateur Championship in May at the Hallamshire Lizzie Wilson aged 10 from Norwood and her dad Craig won the new Ping Family 4BBB Competition this year, Lizzie Wilson also played in the Ladies Ping 4BBB Grand Final with Madeleine Smith also from Norwood achieving a very creditable position of 18th out of the 60 finalists In the Midland Vets championship played at Luffenham Heath in October, Nottinghamshire entered 2 teams and the Notts 1st team were runners up for the 2nd year. The team was Carol Wild NL, Caron Harrison SF, Carol Houghton TN and Sue Penfold SF. The second team was Glenys Priestley NL. Andrea Stockdale SF, Julie Revill SF and Chris Hargreaves NL. Caron Harrison SF took the overall net prize.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, Andy Tyler from Coxmoor Golf Club who has very kindly sponsored the County again providing Pro V1 golf balls for our County Teams and Acorn Windows for their continued sponsorship for which we are very grateful and has enabled us to buy some lightweight summer sweaters for our teams (not that we have needed them this year)!

Finally, it just remains for me to thank Helen for asking me to be her Vice Captain and to thank you all for the memories from my year. I wish Carol, Helen and Di Payne, the incoming Assistant Vice Captain, loads of success in the forthcoming year and I hope they will enjoy their time.

Thank you ladies for your time today and all that you do to support the County it is much appreciated and I wish you well for the future.

Glenys Priestley County Captain 2018

5. Presentation of trophies for 2018 competitions. ALL trophies for competitions, silver, bronze and scratch league matches, presented by the President were collected and signed for.

6. Senior Vice Captain's report

Madam president, County Captain, County Officials and Ladies.

It has been a great pleasure to Captain the County Second team this year. We have had our usual home and away fixtures against Leicestershire and Lincolnshire.

Our first match was away against Leicestershire at Rothley Park. We played a very strong Leicestershire team who had a little too much for us on the day, and we lost 7-2.

Our second match, was at home v Lincolnshire, played at The Nottinghamshire. This came to an exciting conclusion we needed wins from our final two singles matches and the Ruddington duo of Wendy and Loraine were up to the task resulting in a great win for Notts 5-4.

Our third match away at Ashby Decoy against Lincs. A really tricky course, home advantage paid off for Lincs and we lost 6-3

Our final home match was played at Radcliffe, the team fought hard but sadly we lost 6.5-2.5 to an experienced Leicestershire team that went on to make the MNR second team final this year against Derbyshire.

So, unfortunately no final for us this year, after reaching the final for the past 3 years, but it is a very competitive league, never easy to win.

I would just like to thank both The Nottinghamshire and Radcliffe on Trent for being such great host for our County Matches.

Thanks to Helen Haycox for all help on match days and thank you to all those who played this year the which

included Audrey MacMillian, Holinwell and Norwood, Louise Wilding and Lou Beaumont from Coxmoor, Jacey Peacock

from Rufford, Emma Anderson and Caron Harrison from Sherwood, Wendy Kerry and Loraine Howd from Ruddington and Sarah Riddell and myself, from The Nottinghamshire.

Congratulations to Emma Anderson and Louise Wilding who played in all matches, along with Sarah Riddell. All 3 will be awarded their Second Team County Colours this year.

Scratch League

As you are aware, the County set-up a new scratch league this year. So teams of 3 players, playing singles matchplay without shots. I want to express the County's thanks to Andrea Stockdale who has been the main driving force and contact for this new league.

We have had mostly positive feedback from the Clubs involved, and the League will carry on in 2019 with 12 Clubs participating. There were two Clubs who were struggling to get players and so have decided to withdraw but two Clubs which have decided to join so we still have 12 Clubs involved in 3 Divisions, reflecting their performance in 2018. The League has had players from Cat 1, 2 and 3, so silver players, not single handicap players by any means and there have been some really interesting and unexpected results in some matches.

I hope the League is successful in the coming years and proves to be a key element in the development of Notts County players.

7. Treasurer's report Lady President, County Captain and members of the Association you will see from the balance sheet we have had a good year financially, a profit of just over £5000 over last year. However, I would like to temper this, by stating, although the financial year ends on 30th September there were still outstanding debts to be paid from competitions at the end of the year such as President's Day and the Junior Jubilee and the updating of all trophies. More about the latter later.

The figures on the balance sheet for these 2 competitions are for last year.

Once again, we would like to thank all members and Clubs, The Tasker Trophy organisers and the MD of Acorn Windows who have been so generous with their donations and time during the year. Many of the donations helped ensure a very successful financial county week. I have included county week as one entry to include the income and expenses for the running of the week and the expenses incurred by the county team. A considerable amount of the money collected towards the running of the week appeared on last year's balance sheet. I do have a separate balance sheet for the financial details for this week if anyone is interested. I would like to point out that under the guidance of Jane Fowler who was the tournament organiser for Notts we did indeed make a small profit of £108. Thank you, Jane, for your guidance and attention to detail regarding financial matters.

You will notice on the balance sheet that the junior income is just under £3000 more this year because of a closer liaison with the NUGC, England Golf and The County Golf Development Partnership the result of this being that we are now more aware of the grants available to us to contribute to the development of junior golf. So, by this time next year we will have received £6000 in the last 3 years some of which has already been spent on coaching and bursaries.

Looking at the affiliation fees we are down on last year which equates to 61 ladies. The figures for the leagues are up due to the formation of the scratch league bringing in extra revenue.

Sadly, the entries for County meetings are down this year. After last year's increase in numbers it is disappointing. However, County Captain's Day and The County Waltz have increased their revenue and the money raised from these events go towards supporting the county teams.

Last month Lynn Di and I embarked upon sorting out the trophies. They have now been revalued for insurance purposes, photographed for a permanent record, repaired and thoroughly cleaned and of course engraved. I think you will agree the result has been well worth the expense and the contact at the trophy shop described many of the trophies as stunning! However, this has been a tricky and expensive process costing between £3000 and £4000 but a necessary one if we are to preserve the wonderful trophies we have in the county. It will of course increase the insurance considerably. Fortunately, we have found Midland Trophies in Derby who have helped us with all this work. We are looking at ways to ensure the trophies are well looked after but this is very difficult as there is nowhere at the present time they can be displayed or locked away safely. The NUGC have a trophy cabinet at Chilwell and this may be an option if we can find a club prepared to do it. Collecting in the trophies is not easy and not everyone co-operates with deadline dates. Any help or suggestions as to how we can proceed with this will be warmly welcomed.

I would like to remind you that the Association affiliation fees will be £8 this year as agreed at the AGM in 2017 and England Golf fees are £9, both to commence from 1st November this year.

I would like to propose that the accounts for 2017/18 be adopted. May I have a seconder? Seconded by Kath Sharman. Passed unanimously.

I would like to express my thanks to Sue Northridge, the auditor, for her help and advice with the auditing of the accounts. May I propose that Sue be accepted as the auditor for the coming year? Seconded by Sue Robinson. Passed unanimously.

8. Competition Secretary's report.

Bronze and Silver Leagues This coming year we have 20 clubs in the silver leagues playing in 5 divisions and 23 clubs in the bronze league playing in 6 divisions.

As for previous years divisions E & F in both leagues will play teams of 5 with teams of 7 in all other divisions. I won't go through them all, as I'm sure you have seen them on the web site.

As I'm sure most of you are aware we are no longer allowed to ask player to play off a lower handicap. With this in mind we have raised the handicap limits for both divisions. Silver league is now up to 22 and bronze league is now 19 to 38.

I know this is done already but I just want to confirm that matches should be played in strict handicap order.

Could I ask you all to download the latest version of the results sheet? Next year these sheets should go to Sue. Her details are on the form.

I would like to just say a few words about the spirit of the leagues. Whilst we would all like to win everybody benefits from being able to play competitive golf both at their own course and other courses in the county. I think most ladies enjoy the golf win or lose and make or renew friendships. I know we want to field our 'A' team but this is not always possible on the day

arranged. Even if you are not able to field a full team it is important to still play your match. You can still gain from a reduced side by increasing your games/holes won. Also conceding a match affects not only the 2 teams involved but also the whole division and this should be A VERY LAST RESORT. In extremely inclement weather for example the 2 team captains may decide to play their match over fewer holes. This is acceptable if both are in agreement.

COMPETITIONS

Firstly I would like to thank all the competitors for their patience as Sue and I have been learning the ropes.

Whilst numbers for the Coronation Cups were healthy other competition numbers were generally down on last year. With that in mind we are implementing some changes for next year.

The County championships and Spring meeting will stay in the current stroke play format. The handicap limit for the championships will remain at 20 and increase to 28 for the Spring Meeting. The Spencer Watson Team Shield will now be awarded to the club with the best 3 gross scores.

The summer and autumn meetings will both have the handicap limit raised to 38. As the draw is done roughly in handicap order there is no need for worry about whom you might be playing with!

The competitions will now be Stableford competitions, which we hope will attract more entries. I would like to ask you all to spread the word that county competitions are not just for 'elite' golfers.

There will still be the usual scratch elements of the competitions.

The handicap limit for the Coronation cups will also be 38

As the handicap limits apply at the time of entry we have decided that if on the day a competitor is outside the limit they may still play but not win.

Lastly I would like to thank all the clubs that have held our competitions this year and made us very welcome.

9. County Junior co-ordinator's report

It has been another very busy year for the juniors and I will give you a very brief resume. Most of the important details have already been reported on - I hope.

The girls matches started in April with our annual friendly fixture against Mapperley for which we are always extremely grateful and then a friendly against Yorkshire.

Team selection was always going to be difficult this year as so many of the scratch team either were too old or injured. However I can report that all the girls who have proudly worn the NCLGA juniors badge have played with determination skill and excellent team spirit. All results and photos are on the website.

Lucy Holbrough, Maddie Smith, Amelia Wan, and Ava Waplinton all received their County Junior Colours.

Lucy Holbrough will be the junior captain with Libby Kilbride the vice captain.

The Junior Jubilee at Norwood Park was a great success and my thanks to Suzi and Emma Anderson for organising this. Although for next year we hope the weather is much improved.

The AMAM fundraiser at Radcliffe on Trent had a very good field and raised the exceptional amount of £1410 thank you to all who helped to make this day so successful Please watch out for the details for next year.

We have received some very generous donations this year for which we are extremely grateful and thank you to all the clubs who took part in the Tasker's competition which again realised an excellent donation for the juniors.

Over the last year our coaches John Vaughan and Dan Parkes have worked really hard with the girls, resulting in a significant drop in their handicaps. Coaching will start again in February. Please keep your eyes on the website so you can inform any of your interested girls.

There are so many thank you's I must give and I sincerely hope I don't forget anyone.

To Suzi Anderson who is assistant junior coordinator, Emma Anderson who takes lead with the girls golf initiative, Kristina Lazarevich for helping with the teams, Jenny Smith who not only keeps me on track with the finances but has helped me apply for money from England golf, most successfully I may add, Helen Bolton for organising the Am Am. President Maureen who has attended nearly all the junior events and been particularly supportive to me and the girls. Also to Lynn Williams, Glenys Priestley, Carol Houghton who have advised me and kept me going in the right direction.

To end the season we had a match against the boys this not only was a great afternoon of golf but improved the respect and relationship between the players and the Notts Union. The result an honourable draw. However watch out next year boys !!!

Finally my thanks to the girls and their parents for their hard work and support and hopefully we will bring home the trophies to Nottinghamshire next year.

10. Midland North representative's report

County President, County Captain, County Officials, Ladies I am pleased to present the report for the Midlands North Region for 2018.

This year has had its challenges particularly with regard to the part of my role as the Voting Member at England Golf general meetings. For most of the year meetings have been dominated by discussions on the level of the affiliation fee charge for 2019. I do not wish to go into great detail about these discussions but the outcome was a small increase as proposed by Lancashire Golf Union not the higher amount England Golf had originally requested and based their budget on. This means that budgets are being recast and we are awaiting further information from the central team at Woodhall Spa. One of the main areas of concern amongst voting members was the need for clearer communication and accountability from England Golf and as a part of this James Crampton the Championships Director attended our last MN meeting earlier this month. We were able to discuss a number of issues with him and also to hear more about future plans that England Golf want to discuss with counties, these discussions will start in the new year and will be led by EG board member Carol Alford.

One issue we did talk about was the end of County Week in June, James explained that the decision to draw lots had been made nearly 30 years ago following an incident when a player had had to concede a match due to illness mid round resulting in a point and 10/8 victory margin and this had affected the overall result. Since that time there has never been a need to draw lots however a new procedure has been added to the system when two teams are tied at the end of the county match series. If both teams have the same points and number of games from all their matches then the individual games from the match between the two tied teams will be used to determine the overall winners even if this match was played earlier in the series. If for example, Notts and Staffs were the two teams concerned and had played on the first day and the first game between them had resulted in a win for Notts then we would be the overall winners, if the first game had been halved then the second game would be used and so on with hopefully at least one of the games between the two teams having a positive result.

Now to this year's MNR golf. We have had a successful season beginning with The Foursomes at Glen Gorse in April. 30 pairs entered with the Challenge trophy winners representing Mickleover and the Scratch Salver winners from Willesley Park. Honourable mentions go to Audrey Macmillan and Tanya Wainwright from Norwood Park who won the morning nett prize, Julie Brown and Sian Mansey from Notts Ladies who with their partners won 2nd Gross and morning gross prizes respectively. Queen of Clubs was held at Trentham Park with 40 entrants with Joanne Morris from Willesley Park winning. The Girls Championships were held at Patshull Park with Hannah Golding from Brockton Hall winning the 36 hole event, our county champion Libby Kilbride was second. the Australian Spoons was held at Burghley Park with the winners being Lesley Smith and Pam Greenfield from Branston, second were Barbara Banfield and Lucy Clay from Rushcliffe Golf Club. Of the 40 pairs only 7 entrants were from Nottinghamshire clubs and so I would make a plea for more of our clubs to hold qualifying events as the regional winners do go to the national finals in England Golf week. The Bridgestone Chase Your Dream Regional Final organised by England Golf was held at Burton on Trent and was won by Rachel Higson, Leigh GC, congratulations to Cheryl Slade from Wollaton Park who was 4th.

I would like to end with dates for your diaries for 2019:

The Regional Foursomes will be at Branston Golf and Country Club on April 30th
Bridgestone Chase Your Dream, still known to many of us as Medal Finals is at Wollaton Park on May 19th
County Matches will be at The Shropshire from June 24th to June 26th please note we will be trialling the three day format for County Week
Queen of Clubs will be at Kenwick Park on 15th August
Girls Championships at Willesley Park on 22nd August

Entry forms are being finalised for all MNR organised events (so everything except the Bridgestone) and will be available on the England Golf website, the county website and circulated to club contacts early in 2019.

Thank you for your support for our regional events.

11. County Handicap Adviser's report. Madam Captain, Ladies

I attended the England Golf World Wide Handicapping Seminar on Thursday 3 May, and again on Thursday 1 November, along with many Handicap Secretaries from Clubs within Nottinghamshire and nearby Counties.

The World Wide Handicapping System should take the place of present systems sometime before the end of 2020. When it does, all singles stroke play scores will go onto a player's record. It will still be the player's responsibility to post scores as soon as possible, so their handicap can be updated before the next day's play. Any changes will be accessed using an APP.

Players will not have to put a card in every time they play, but they may register for a Supplementary Score (a Social Score) before they go out. There will be no buffer zone and no point one increases once we return to an average-based system. It will be an average of the best 8 out of the last 20 scores. Handicaps will not change as often as now.

Sometime during 2019 players will be able to see a prediction of what their World Wide Handicap Index will be. All courses will use the Course/Slope Rating and there will be a chart at each golf club so players can check their handicap at that golf club.

CDH AND CLEANSING OF THE CDH

In preparation for the changes, it is important to make sure your Club's CDH is up-to-date before the Handicapping System changes. All Clubs should check their own CDH information and ensure they do not have players on the CDH that are no longer members. There is a CDH Cleansing Instruction sheet available if you go to the England Golf Website, Handicaps and Rules, then CDH. If there is a move by England Golf to collect subscriptions in line with the number of members shown on the CDH, most clubs could find they are having to pay out for more members than they actually have.

HANDICAP LIMITS

England Golf have stated that players MUST NOT be asked to compete off a handicap lower than that to which they are entitled. Because of this, the County Executive have updated their Limits for Competitions and Leagues, and the Competition Rules have been amended accordingly, as mentioned by our Competition Secretary. I must emphasise that these changes are brought about by CONGU and England Golf, and as an affiliated County, with affiliated Clubs we are obliged to comply.

R&A RULES OF GOLF CHANGES 2019

Only a few weeks ago, I sent out the directive from CONGU with regard to the Rules of Golf changes. The Local Rule for Alternative Stroke & Distance Procedure, when a player drops a ball where their ball is lost or out of bounds for a penalty of 2, is only suitable for general play, casual rounds and playing with friends, and must **not** be used for Qualifying Competitions or Supplementary Scores. The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf explains the Procedures that need to be adhered to when Committees are changing and publishing their Local Rules. As a member of the England Golf and R&A Rules Panels I am happy to continue to answer Rules of Golf queries from Clubs and individuals.

COUNTY HANDICAP ADVISER

Any change in County Handicap Adviser has to be agreed with England Golf. The term of office is 10 years which I have now completed. England Golf had requested that County Handicap Advisers stay in position until the World Wide Handicapping System is in place but because of my other commitments, I suggested, with the agreement of our Executive Committee, and England Golf, that I become the Assistant County Handicap Adviser and my Assistant Val Dowthwaite becomes County Handicap Adviser from today. This means that Val will deal with the bulk of the work, an average of 3 handicap queries a week, and I will be on hand, if required. Once the World Wide Handicapping System is in place NCLGA will be looking for a new Assistant to take my place. Two of our members have already shown an interest, but if anyone else is keen to be considered for this position will they please let us know?

I have very much enjoyed being County Handicap Adviser and I thank all the Club Handicap Secretaries who have been in touch with me throughout my term of office. Val has been my able assistant for the last 10 years, and has been the Ladies' Handicap Secretary at Trent Lock since the club started, 26 years ago, so she has plenty of handicap experience, I know she will do a great job as County Handicap Adviser and I wish her well. Thank you.

Maureen Clarke County Handicap Adviser

12. USGA COURSE RATING UPDATE

This year, seven courses have been rated under the USGA system in Nottinghamshire by our mixed team which rated both men's and women's courses at:

Chilwell Manor
Mapperley
Newark
Nottingham City
Ramsdale
Rufford
Rushcliffe

In each case, new Standard Scratch scores have been allocated, and slope indices for all the courses have been calculated ready for their introduction in the future.

This brings the total of courses rated in Nottinghamshire to 22 over the last four years. There are 32 courses to be rated in our county so we are well on the way now to ensuring that all courses have their updated standard scratches in place for the introduction of the world handicap system.

I have been helped this year by Jenny Smith, Karen Gilbert and Janet Slater. I am very grateful for their help. If anyone else is interested in helping with the course rating please do let me know – I am always very happy to have additional volunteers on board.

Helen Maber Lead Course Assessment Officer

13. Election of Officers.

Officer	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Captain	Carol Houghton	Glenys Priestley	Clare Froome
Speech by proposer and seconder handover of the captains brooch and speech from Carol			
Vice Captain	Helen Haycox	Carol Houghton	Carol Knott
Assistant Vice Captain	Di Payne	Helen Haycox	Jo Hopkins

14. To continue in office

Maureen Clarke (President) Jenny Smith (Treasurer) Lynn Williams (General Secretary) Dianne Whittaker (Assistant General Secretary), Julia Warrener (Competition secretary) Sue Robinson (Assistant Competition secretary)

To confirm advisers

Su Taylor - Junior co-ordinator

Val Dowthwaite – Handicap Adviser

Maureen Clarke – Assistant Handicap Adviser

Clare Jones - Representative to Midland North

Helen Maber - Lead course assessment Officer

Gillian Stump – Webmaster

15. Interclub draw for 2019. The draw was done by the President and Captain In front of the meeting. Host clubs will be arranged and the full draw will be sent out to all participating clubs and will be posted on NCLGA website.

16. Secretary's notes

Website being well used and will be updated over the winter with information as it becomes available.

Please email your open forms to Gillian for inclusion on the web site.

Many thanks to Gillian for excellent and efficient work.

Dates for 2019 competitions are on website and have been circulated.

Dates for 2019 meetings are

18th March Sherwood

15th July Beeston We discussed holding this meeting as an information and communication meeting

18th November Beeston AGM

17. Any other business – matters for discussion

The summer and Autumn meeting will be Stableford scoring. the scratch prize will continue to be presented so we ask that if you would like to be considered for a scratch prize that you record a gross score on each hole.

Confirmation that from January 2019 the handicap limit in a county organised competition will be 28 unless stated differently.

Clarification with regard to rule 3 for silver and bronze league which states that If no agreement to time of start then matches are to be played In the afternoon. Clubs should try to arrange matches between themselves at a time to suit both teams and course availability.

18. Close of meeting

Captain for 2019 Carol thanked Glenys our outgoing Captain for all her hard work and commitment during a busy 2 years when Nottinghamshire qualified for the regional final, hosted county week at Notts Ladies and took the county 2nd team to the final.

The President thanked the clubs who have invited her to talk about the new rules.

The new rule book is now available and we had a few copies left which had not been reserved.

The President thanked Beeston members for their hospitality on her President's day.

The President thanked everyone for attending and wished us a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.