

**Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association**  
**Notes relating to the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 2020**

The AGM, scheduled to be held at 10.30am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, could not take place as a result of restrictions and lockdown due to COVID 19 pandemic. However certain issues have to be addressed annually. To take account of this all clubs in NCLGA were contacted prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 so that the information, consultation and voting requirements could be met.

Necrology: Jane Brewer, past County Captain and President, among other achievements, who passed away 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**1, Apologies**

N/A

**2. Minutes of the AGM 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

These were approved as a true record. Minutes to be signed by the Lady President Eva Glasby at a later date

**3. Matters Arising.**

In 2019 minutes: Item 10 MNR report

Correction: results were later confirmed as:

Gross winners

1st- Julie Brown & Helen Lowe

2nd- Sian Mansey & Carol wild

3rd- Tracy Bourne & Jo Morris

Nett winners

1st- Lindsey Shaw & Janet Thomas

2nd Debbie Deakin & Lesley Watson

3rd- Carolyn Parkes-Walley & Gemma Parkes-Walley

**4. Captain's report – Helen Haycox, County Captain 2020**

As I approached this year, I was excited (if not very nervous), but it has been a year unlike any other I have experienced. It has been extremely difficult for everyone and there is little to report in terms of actual events that have taken place and the achievements of our members. I have spent much of my time hoping we could hold competitions and then cancelling them, the same experience for those running events nationwide. What a difficult year for all the Lady Captains and committees throughout the county, I hope that many of you will continue and that next year will be much better.

Luckily, we have been able to resume playing golf and we did manage to run the Autumn Meeting although it was in a quite different format from normal. Once again, my congratulations go to the winners whose details have been published on the website. My hope is that next year will look a lot brighter for us all and we will endeavour as an Executive to run as many events as possible in a safe way.

One of the unfortunate consequences of the epidemic in county golfing terms is that Di Payne, Senior Vice Captain has decided that she will not be able to continue in post next year. This is because stretching her tenure to 4 years does not fit well with her future plans. Speaking for myself and I am sure all the Executive, she will be a sad loss. Di has brought huge enthusiasm and expertise to the role. She has been a great support and given of her time freely. I wish her all the absolute best for the future and offer my thanks for all the help and friendship that she has offered me.

This year we reported the passing away of Jane Brewer in September. Jane was an outstanding golfer and supporter of NCLGA and will be missed by many.

I would like to thank the Executive for all their hard work behind the scenes this year. Although many events have not taken place a great deal of work has still been undertaken.

Finally, I am going to optimistically look forward to next year as I am sure that we will get some normality back.

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**5. Presentation of trophies for 2019 competitions**

Presentation was not possible

Due to cancellation of the majority of competitions the only trophy competitions played were at the Autumn Meeting. Congratulations to all winners, please see item 8. The trophies will be engraved 2021

**6. Senior Vice-Captain's report – Di Payne**

My year started with Audrey and myself organising a County Tea Party at Sherwood Forest Golf Club to celebrate Maureen Clarke's 80th Birthday. Over 80 ladies wished Maureen a Happy Birthday and then chatted over a very delicious afternoon tea.

2nd team matches v Leicestershire and Lincolnshire had all been arranged and coaching organised but regrettably due to the Covid nothing was played.

Helen is continuing as Captain next year but unfortunately due to personal circumstances I am very sad to say that I am unable to commit to another two years and therefore I will be resigning at the end of this year. Audrey Macmillan, the Assistant Vice Captain, will therefore be Senior Vice Captain in 2021.

I have enjoyed my two years as Assistant Vice Captain and as Senior Vice Captain plus working with the NCLGA committee. I thank you all for your support during my time in office and I'd like to say a special thank you to the committee for the amount of work they do for the County.

**7. Treasurer's report – Jenny Smith**

**APPENDIX I Accounts**

Lady President, County Captain, and members of the Association our accounts display what a topsy turvy year it has been. It has not been easy trying to make decisions both on and off the golf course. I can say however that all the Golf Clubs in Nottinghamshire have been helpful and paid their fees on time.

**Affiliation Fees**

We increased the affiliation fees from £8 to £9.50 this year in line with the decision made in 2017 to bring our membership fees in line with the NUGC. This has increased the income by £881. The number of lady playing members in the county has decreased by 120 ladies. The Executive Committee has decided to leave the fees as they are for 2020/21. However, we will review the fees again next year when we will have more reliable information at our fingertips.

**County Competitions**

As we have had no competitive golf apart from the Autumn Meeting it has been a year of pay backs. Thank you to those ladies who requested we put their competition fees into our reserves. We do appreciate this gesture.

**Juniors**

The Junior Section has again profited from donations from Notts clubs and the Notts Vet's Golf Association. Included in the accounts are 2 donations from the Tasker's Competition one for the audited year and recently £705 for 2020/21 also included in this year's accounts. We are extremely grateful for these donations.

**USGA Payments**

Because of the pandemic only 2 courses have been rated this year. We are still awaiting payment from England Golf for these courses the amount shown in the income column being for courses rated during 2018/19.

**President's Day**

The expenses shown for this competition are for last year. Any expenses for this year's competition will be included in next year's accounts including the pay back for this year's competition.

**Expenses**

A large proportion of expenses have been spent on insurance, final payments for the renovation and engraving of trophies and a one-off payment to The NUGC for the funding of the WHS seminars in the County. We are continuing to set aside £1000 each year to cover us for any extra repair work and increased insurance that may be required from now on.

I would like to express my thanks to Sue Northridge, the auditor for her continued help with the auditing of the accounts.

Auditor for 2021 Sue Northridge. Proposed by Jenny Smith, seconded by Irene Herod

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Adoption of the accounts for 2019/20 proposed by Jenny Smith, seconded by Dianne Whittaker. Approval received

**8. Competition Secretary's Report – Rosemary Lockwood**

Sadly, as with many golfing calendars for 2020 the year was badly affected by the COVID crisis. However, we did manage to hold the County Autumn Meeting at College Pines on Monday 7th September

The winner of the Challenge Bowl for 18 holes scratch was won by Carol Houghton from The Nottinghamshire with an 82 gross. The winner of the Silver division was Jane Morton from Coxmoor and the Bronze division was won by Pat Cawkwell from College Pines.

The Jubilee Shield was won by College Pines.

Congratulations to all the ladies who took part

**9. County Juniors Organiser's Report – Suzanne Taylor**

We began the year with such high hopes after an excellent attendance at our first training session. We planned to increase the meetings to every 2 weeks and go round each club in the County to give more girls an opportunity to join us. I must stress we are not trying to 'poach' girls but give them chance to meet other girls, gain new friendships, give them practical tips on match play, course management etc. while working in a fun environment.

After all the County matches and training were cancelled, we continued to watch in anticipation of a relaxing of rules and at the moment it did, an email went out. I'm not quite sure who was more eager to get together again Suzi, Richard, the girls or myself. We could tell the girls had obviously worked very hard during lockdown by the way their handicaps had plummeted.

We managed 2 excellent full days of 'on course' coaching over the summer holidays and even the sun came out to play. Huge thanks to Di Payne, Audrey and Carol who supported us on those days.

A big thank you to all the clubs who entered the Taskers competition this year and although there was no play you decided to leave the funds in and I was able to apply for them and we received over £700 for junior golf. A sincere thanks to you all and hope you will take part in this competition next year. We have also successfully applied for funding from England Golf. This has made planning for next year much easier.

As the girls didn't receive the amount of County training this year that we had hoped for a decision was taken to grant each girl £25 to have a lesson with their own coach. This money was paid by application (to Jenny our amazing treasurer) from the coach.

The weekend before half term we did manage to play our annual match against the County Boys! Thank you to Sherwood Forest for a course in top condition and presenting us with an enjoyable challenge. It was a very close competition, but we only won 2 out of the 6 matches. It was lovely to have the support of Eva, Helen, Di, Audrey and Caron, the girls really did appreciate this. However, the Notts Union did buy the fish and chips. Thank you Stan and watch out next year.

A full programme of events has been organised for next year and the match dates etc. will soon be on the website. Our annual junior fundraiser AM-AM will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Ruddington Grange. Please do support us and if you know any junior girl in your club who would benefit from coming to our training sessions please get in touch with me.

My thanks go to Richard Strange our County coach, Norwood Park who really can't do enough for us, the clubs around the county who host our events, the exec who really do support our girls so well and my special thanks to Suzi Anderson without whom we would not be able to fulfil the comprehensive range of activities we field.

My hope is for a better year to come. Keep safe, keep supporting the juniors in your clubs and keep playing golf.

**10. Midland North representative's report – Clare Jones**

Unfortunately, none of the Midland North region competitions in 2020 took place. We have planned our 2021 schedule and are keeping everything crossed that we will be able to welcome you to these competitions next year. The entry forms are being prepared however we are awaiting some further handicap limit information from the England Golf Championships department but as soon as we have this the forms will be finalised.

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Information will be published on the County website and forms can also be downloaded from England Golf at: <https://www.EnglandGolf.org/competitions/womens-regional-events/midlands-north-region-competitions>

The competition calendar for next year is:

FourBall BetterBall	21st April at Ashby Decoy
GC Medal Finals (organised by England Golf)	29th May at Belton Park
GC County Match Finals	28-30th June at Hinckley
GC Australian Spoons Regional Final	12th July at Ruddington Grange GC
Queen of Clubs	23rd August at Mickleover
GC Girls Championships	30th August at Leek GC

Queen of Clubs - if you have been unable to hold a Club Championship competition this year, you may nominate your 2019 champion as your club's entrant. All entries received for 2020 have been carried forward to next year's competition.

The Medal Finals and Australian Spoons competitions - winners from these events go forward to national finals managed by England Golf. These national competitions will use the Transportation Policy with regard to the use of golf buggies, the document can be found as below: if you need to check applicability to an individual situation. Please note that the England Golf policy may differ from that in operation for club competitions. <https://www.EnglandGolf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Transportation-Policy-2020-1.pdf>

**England Golf Update** I have attended (virtually of course) regular county update meetings and the results of these meetings have been communicated to clubs. The Chief Executive, Jeremy Tomlinson, who took up post in January has had something of a baptism of fire. He worked very hard with other golf organisations and with the All Parliamentary Golf Committee, ministers etc to facilitate our return to golf in May. Like many of us he was surprised and disappointed at the current closure of golf courses and again has been in contact regularly with MPs to lobby on our behalf and although did not secure an early return to golf, he is confident that this situation will not happen again if more severe restrictions are imposed in the future. He was very grateful for the support of all golfers in signing the GOV.Uk petition and those who also wrote to their MP.

The launch of the WHS system has been a major undertaking and I know some of you will have been frustrated at some of the technical glitches and problems. Lessons appear to be being learnt especially with regard to communicating with clubs and individual golfers. I hope you can enjoy some winter golf over the coming weeks, stay safe.

#### **11. County Handicap Adviser's report – Val Douthwaite**

2020 began with the usual optimism associated with a New Year and the anticipated planning for the start of the golfing season.

Then Covid 19 struck and lock down!

When we were permitted to play again, it was under the strangest of conditions; preferred lies in bunkers or bunkers treated as GUR, non-removal of flagsticks and centring the flagstick with the putter head on a windy day, to name just a few.

Golfers are resilient however and we soon adapted to these new conditions of play with most clubs re-introducing Qualifying Competitions fairly quickly following the advice of England Golf.

#### **World Handicap System**

One major effect of Covid 19 has been the inability of clubs to hold their planned WHS education seminars for members. This has resulted in many members not being as informed as they would have liked about the new system. England Golf responded to this problem by posting valuable material on their website which was extremely informative.

We had thought initially that the impact of WHS would result in many players' indexes increasing on transition, but it seems that this has not been the case, at least not to the extent expected. EG advised clubs that a Handicap Index would not be allocated to any member who did not supply a DOB and email address. There are currently some players in the County without an Index, and I hope the problem can be resolved as soon as possible.

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**Annual Handicap Reviews**

The Handicap Committee should conduct a review of a player's Handicap Index annually using the procedures set out in Appendix D of The Rules of Handicapping. In addition to the Annual Review, the Handicap Committee may review the handicap of any player who is consistently returning scores that do not reflect their demonstrated ability.

**Returning of scores**

Players should return all qualifying scores played on other courses where the rules of golf are followed. The submission of supplementary scores is also to be encouraged. Players should remember to sign in before play commences.

**Handicap Limits**

Although playing from a lower handicap index is contrary to the spirit of handicapping and not recommended, this practice is permitted. The full Handicap Index must be used for handicap purposes and the restricted handicap for competition results only.

Players must not be asked to play from a lower Handicap Index but they may volunteer to do so.

**Playing Allowances**

The National Associations within CONGU have stated that Playing Allowances are mandatory and the recommendation to increase the limit in Singles Stroke Play from 95% to 100% in fields of fewer than 30 players is NOT being adopted.

**Documents**

All clubs should have received copies of the Rules of Handicapping and it is available online together with the CONGU Guidance Notes.

**Assistant County Handicap Adviser**

Maureen Clarke has agreed to continue as Assistant County Handicap Adviser and I want to thank her for her continued support.

I hope that 2021 is a successful golfing year for everyone and that as a County we can resume Competitions when the golfing year commences.

My thanks go to all club Handicap Secretaries for your continuing hard work. Do not hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any assistance.

**12. Lead Course Assessment Officer's report – Helen Maber**

The rating this year started with just four courses left to be rated on Nottinghamshire in order to ensure that all courses in the county had the correct course ratings and slopes in place ready for the introduction of WHS in November

Despite COVID restrictions our team managed to rate Kilton Forest and Edwalton leaving just Leen Valley and Mansfield Woodhouse Golf Centre to be rated. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, it has not been possible to rate these two remaining courses this year and both will receive provisional ratings until we can properly evaluate them, hopefully in the next playing season.

In addition to rating these two final courses our team in 2021 will begin the rolling evaluation of all courses in the county, so our work is certainly not at an end.

I am very grateful for the help I have received this year once again from Jenny Smith who has been an invaluable member of the team. I am delighted that, despite the difficulties of working through COVID restrictions, we have been able to ensure that Nottinghamshire is ready for the introduction of the WHS system

**13. Election Officers**

**(i) Officers continuing in post:** In view of the COVID-19 pandemic: and imposed restrictions leading to cancellation of the majority of events in 2020, NCLGA exec propose that the following, elected at AGM 2019 for 2020, continue in post for 2021.

Eva Glasby (President), Helen Haycox (Captain), Jenny Smith (Treasurer) Dianne Whittaker (General Secretary), Rosemary Lockwood (Competition Secretary) Sue Robinson (Assistant Competition Secretary), Susie Taylor (Junior Coordinator).

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**(ii) New to position:**

Officer	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Vice-Captain	Audrey Macmillan	Helen Haycox	Di Payne
Assistant Vice-Captain	Caron Harrison	Audrey Macmillan	Suzanne Taylor
Assistant Gen Sec	Val Peat	Dianne Whittaker	Helen Haycox

*Recommendation for Caron Harrison as Assistant Vice-Captain from Audrey Macmillan*

Caron will be an excellent County Captain. She is well known, liked and respected throughout the Nottinghamshire Ladies' golf scene, having played successfully at club, county and regional level for many years. She will bring great knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the role, as well as a good dollop of down-to-earth common sense!

As Assistant Vice Captain, I'm sure she will be a huge asset to both our competitive teams and the Association. I am looking forward very much to our working together.

*Recommendation for Audrey MacMillan as Senior Vice Captain for the year 2021 from Helen Haycox*

Audrey was originally asked to come onto the executive by Di Payne and as usual Di has shown very sound judgement. Audrey has given freely of her time over the past year wherever it has been possible. She has brought her own experience to the role and she has many ideas that will take our organisation forward in a positive way. Audrey is always very supportive and is a willing volunteer.

I believe she will make an excellent senior vice captain

**(iii) To continue**

*Advisers confirmed:*

Val Dowthwaite – Handicap Adviser  
Maureen Clarke Assistant - Handicap Adviser  
Clare Jones - Representative to Midland North  
Helen Maber - Lead course assessment Officer  
Gillian Stump – Webmaster  
Approval received for all officers and positions

**14. Interclub draw for 2021**

All 2020 interclub matches were cancelled. Since participating clubs remain the same for 2021 the draw made for 2020 will be in place for 2021

**15. Secretary's notes**

**(i) Thank you to all clubs:** for supporting leagues and interclub matches, for sending information as and when required and for sending approval required to meet AGM requirements

**(ii) Schedule 2021:** this has been sent to all clubs

**(iii) Council meetings 2021:** To be confirmed

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**APPENDIX I**

**Table 1 Receipts and Payments account**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2019-2020		
Year ended: 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020		
Receipts	2020	2019
Affiliation Fees	13764	12883
League & Interclub Entries	670	800
County Meetings	2051	2644
County Captain's Day & Waltz	5360	5730
County Week + MNR Week	0	2900
Junior Coaching, Income, Competitions, Donations	3342	5954
USGA Payments	200	1000
President's Day	3177	4606
Other income books + kit	1095	928
Bank Interest	47	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,706</b>	<b>37,503</b>
Payments		
County Meetings	1861	1432
County Captain's Day & Waltz	5394	3576
County Week + MNR Week	0	8228
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team County Matches + Sheffield Union Match	0	1753
Junior Competitions, Coaching, Festival of Golf	1692	7808
USGA Expenses	303	1040
President's Day	1433	1858
Other Expenses: Refereeing, Insurance, Travel, Stationery	3433	11739
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,096</b>	<b>37,236</b>
Bank Balance brought forward from previous year	31,998	30,732
Balance in hand at year end (as analysis in Statement of Assets & Liabilities)	47,475	31,998
Prepared by: <u>Jenny Smith</u>	Approved by: <u>Eva Gledhill</u>	
<p>The attached receipt and payments Account (and Statement of Assets and Liabilities) have been examined by myself and are in accordance with the unit's book and vouchers. The receipts and payments as shown are, to the best of my knowledge, authorised transactions.</p>		
<p>Signed by Independent Reviewer: <u>S. O'Keefe</u> 24/10/20</p>		

**Table 2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION		
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Year ended: 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Per Receipts and Payment Account	2019/20	2018/19
General Account	3,380	1,416
Reserve Account	42,095	29,582
Insurance Account	2,000	1,000
	47,475	31,998