

Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of the 114th Annual General Meeting 2022
Monday 14th November 2022, 10.30 at Beeston Fields Golf Club

The President, Mrs Eva Glasby, chaired the meeting

A minute's since was observed in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Lynn Williams, Wendy Roebuck (Nicholls)

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The secretary convened the meeting, there were 62 members present.

1, Apologies

16 apologies were received

2. To take as read and approve as a correct record the minutes of the 2021 AGM.

These were accepted and signed by the President as a true record, proposed by Helen Haycox seconded by Kath Sharman

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Captain's report – Audrey Macmillan

I remember standing here last November and confidently saying that I was 'optimistic it was going to be a good year for golf' Well, I reckon that was an accurate prediction!

We've managed a full programme of matches and county events - occasionally with a little preceding stress admittedly - and it has largely been both successful and enjoyable. I'm not going to go through all of the events - many of the winners will have their trophies presented here later, and all results are available on the website, but I will mention a few highlights.

Prior to the start of the season, we held a very successful training day for our squad of first and second team players at Sherwood Forest. I feel that this day really set the tone for the year: cooperation, teamwork, enthusiasm, a pervading attitude of "yes! We can do this, and what's more, we're going to enjoy doing it!" Throughout the year, this came from the players, coaches, parents, course managers, officials, club members - everybody. It's been a hugely welcome contrast to the preceding couple of years of (understandable) caution and negativity.

First fixture of 2022, the annual friendly v Sheffield Union was held at Renishaw Park in April. A very enjoyable, close match clinching the win, 3 - 2. Our team was a useful mix of youth and experience, and both the standard of play and the competitive team spirit were very encouraging!

County Championships and Spring Meeting, May, at Sherwood Forest which was as magnificent as always, presented an extremely hard challenge due to the strong gusty wind, which did not let up all day! Despite this, there were some very good scores in both events.

In the 36 holes, Maddie Smith (Norwood) won the scratch prize with 145, and Amelia Hogg (Norwood) won the nett. Norwood also won the team prize, with Maddie, Elizabeth Wilson and Amelia retaining the trophy they won last year.

Spring Meeting scratch prize was won by Bev Cook (The Nottinghamshire) with Helen Haycox, also from The Nottinghamshire winning the nett prize. Maggie Burrows, Mapperley, added to the excitement of the day with a hole in one on the 10th - no mean feat into that strong wind!

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The weather was kinder over the weekend for the knockout stage, and we were treated to a feast of brilliant golf, with some very close battles. The final was between Rachel Wilkes of Springwater and Jorja Newbold of Oakmere Admirals. Jorja is one of our very promising up and coming juniors, and she played fabulous golf, but ultimately the greater experience of Rachel proved decisive, and she prevailed to win her third County Championship. Incidentally that was the first half of an impressive and unusual family double - later in the year her brother Jordan became the men's County Champion!

County Week was at Trentham, a lovely course, with a few rather steep hills! We went with modest expectations, having a limited number of players available, and this really was an example of the best 'team' winning. Everyone did what was asked of them without complaint. Some of the girls played all 5 matches, including our youngest, Elizabeth Wilson on her debut, and also our County Champion Rachel. She played and won her last match despite being exhausted and a bit unwell. My valiant vice captains Caron and Julie even stepped up and 'took one for the team', allowing us to concentrate our efforts. On the final day, Maddie Smith travelled back from a tough women's Amateur at Hunstanton and played the course 'blind' - although if ever you need a foursomes partner to guide you round, you could do no better than Carol Houghton. What a formidable pair you were!

By the last day it was extremely close. Staffs were in the lead and we needed to win our match and for them to lose theirs....it didn't seem likely but we knew what we had to do. And the girls turned it on. We won 5-0 and then heard the great news that Lincs had beaten Staffs! What excitement! You can see the lovely trophy there (dog) We had great support at Trentham - there were many, many red-clad folks cheering us on, and that was a massive help.

The team who played there were Caron Harrison, Carol Houghton, Vicki Johnson, Jorja Newbold, Julie Revill, Maddie Smith, Lauren Spray, Ava Waplington, Rachel Wilkes and Elizabeth Wilson.

County Events

A full programme of events this year at several clubs all of whom made us very welcome. The slightly strange weather we've had proved challenging at times, for the greenstaff as well as for us.

The Waltz at Wollaton, always a good event, was beautifully organised by Caron and Julie with help from Wollaton Ladies' section.

The Coronation Pairs at Springwater, a small field but those who played were very impressed by the improvements in the course. It was won by Jane Tucker and Julia Hatcher from Newark.

The Summer Meeting at Norwood, which this year included the Senior Championships, won by Julie Revill of Sherwood Forest. This is a new addition, and the winner qualifies for the Senior Champion of Champions at Woodhall Spa. There were many other good performances that day too, including those of Scratch Cup winner Karin Bassitt from Norwood, and Margaret Ferguson from Stanton who won the Dorothy Payne over 70s cup.

Autumn Meeting at Rushcliffe, was another well-run event and again won by Julie Revill. Very well done, and of course that makes Julie the Aggregate winner too. That round was a great example of the rollercoaster that is golf. Julie had come from a nightmare of a performance at Woodhall in the Senior Champion of Champions and turned up with absolutely no expectations and played a dream round! Never give up.

County Captain's Day at Hollinwell in the hottest July. This involved a stressful few days, listening to the heatwave forecasts and debating what was the best course of action. In the end we decided to go ahead with a shortened course and earlier tee times where possible, to make it more manageable. Several teams chose not to play, knowing the heat would be too much for some of their players, but it was lovely that some of those ladies did still come up for their meal and to

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socialise. Those who played, got round and mostly enjoyed it, maybe more so once they'd cooled off!

Thank you to all of the kind volunteers from County and Notts Ladies who worked very hard and uncomplainingly in the heat, in a variety of roles. Thank you also to Hollinwell for generously providing their wonderful course, and thanks to their helpful and pleasant staff (inside and out) who helped before and during the event. This was not quite the Captain's Day I had envisioned, but despite the very difficult and unusual weather conditions, we had a successful and enjoyable day!

Champion of Champions at Woodhall Spa. Over two rounds, Amelia Wan came 3rd in the Junior, Rachel Wilkes 9th and Julie Revill took part!

Interactive Workshop: This was an interesting session, with valuable input from England Golf. It mainly focused on the Women in Golf Charter but it was also an opportunity for those who attended to discuss other concerns. It was good to see involvement from very many of our clubs. We really do want your input, and will likely run similar workshops in the future, so please be involved and let us know what is important to you.

County Finals at Stoneham: The English Women's County Finals, 16th-18th September

This was another great week of golf. We were fortunate that all of the Trentham team were able to play in the finals, with the exception of Carol Houghton who was on holiday in Florida (but with us in spirit). The team was bolstered by the addition of Amelia Wan, who played exceptionally well throughout gaining 4 points from 5 matches and earning herself the nickname of 'the silent assassin'!

After a strong start, winning our first three matches, we then met the two strongest teams. By this point a degree of fatigue was setting in, and despite battling hard we lost those final matches. We finished in a very creditable third place, behind winners Essex and runners up Buckinghamshire. This was an excellent performance from our relatively young and inexperienced squad. The standard of golf from all of the teams was exceptional, particularly as the course was playing very long, with lightning fast, undulating greens. Our girls certainly made an impact, and mounted a very strong challenge, which bodes well for the future.

It was particularly rewarding to go as a small, unfancied county, and really surprise everyone by contending strongly. Our team also stood out by being well behaved, polite, cheerful and 'decent'. We were a team without prima donnas or whingers, they were all truly excellent ambassadors for Nottinghamshire. I was proud to be Captain.

I'd also like to thank all of you who came and supported us or sent good luck cards and messages which helped to create the enormously positive atmosphere for the team. Thanks also to the tireless parents and spouses who accompanied us and did whatever needed doing. Lastly, thank you to my team of officials: Caron, Julie, Eva and Gillian - what a huge help you all were, before and during the event.

County Colours: This year were awarded to Ava Waplinton, Jorja Newbold, Elizabeth Wilson..

Interclub Final: Played between Stanton and Ruddington at Wollaton. A worthy final with two very close matches, and both teams played some tremendous golf. In the end Ruddington Grange won 3 up. Their team comprised the established pair of Wendy Kerry & Loraine Howd, plus young Lucy Moorhouse & Josie Connolly playing together for the first time. Congratulations to you all.

Midland Vets team Champs: The Midlands Vets held their annual County Team Championships, a three day event, at Gog Magog Golf Club in Cambridgeshire in early October. Sixteen teams took part from all over the Midlands, with Nottinghamshire entering 2 teams of 4 players. Bernie Barton and her somewhat erratic partner (me) won the Greensome competition. Bernie went on to

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win the 36-hole Nett Prize and we two along with Andrea Stockdale and Sue Penfold won the Nett Team event. The 1st team of Caron Harrison, Carol Houghton, Carol Wild, and Sue West were runners-up in the Scratch team event and Carol Wild won the Over-65 Gross prize. Altogether a very respectable performance by Nottinghamshire.

Eva's Presidents Day at Newark unfortunately clashed with this event, so I couldn't be there but am reliably informed it was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Future

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the county. I can't really emphasise enough what a wonderful bunch of people you are. We tend to come into this position, not quite knowing what we're letting ourselves in for, worried whether we'll know what to do, and then we discover that there are kind and competent hands to guide us. Just as well!

One of the very nicest parts of this position is following the progress of our young players. We have some already very good juniors in the county - Susie will include this in her report. We also have some exciting prospects bubbling through. We've got a fantastic junior system which has been instrumental in the success of our teams. It's all very well having talented players, but they have to want to play for the County and that's where Nottinghamshire has excelled. They all love being part of the gang, there is friendly rivalry - of course! - and that spurs them on - but mainly there's mutual support and friendship. That's down to the Susies.

I'm fully aware of how lucky I am to have been Captain of such a talented, committed and thoroughly nice group of players, officials and supporters - and I'm including the parents and partners there too. The excellent results we've had this year have been very much a team effort. I get to swan about with the jacket on, bask in the reflected glory but the reality is that there are many people who make it happen. I'm extremely grateful to my vices, Caron and Julie who have willingly shared the workload and come up with great ideas too - did you notice how smart the team looked at Stoneham in the new red tops? Those were sourced by those two. Thank you to Acorn Widows for continuing sponsorship of the team kit.

Thanks also to all of the executive committee who look after the proper running of the County, make sure things are booked, bills paid, rules followed. I've been so well supported by all of you.

Thanks also to all of the clubs who hosted our various events, and to the helpful club captains and other members who helped us to run them.

I'm fortunate to be a member of two clubs, Norwood and Notts Ladies and both have made great efforts to support me and the county this year. I really do appreciate it.

It was originally Di Payne who asked me to be her AVC. It was a bit out of the blue, but I'm so glad that she did as it has been a pleasure and a privilege to be CC. I'm only sorry that very sad personal circumstances required her to step down. She was often in my - our - thoughts throughout this year, and I know that she's been so pleased by the teams' successes.

Everyone involved this year has enjoyed it, learned a lot (including what not to do!) and I'm very sure that this is only the beginning. We now have a tremendous platform from which to spring off and achieve even greater things next season. With Caron at the helm and with her excellent vice captains, I have every confidence that 2023 will be another cracking year for NCLGA. I wish you every success. Just remember to breathe and enjoy it!

All the very best.

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5. Presentation of trophies for 2022 competitions

Trophies for all competitions were presented to the winners, or their representatives, who signed for receipt.

6. Senior Vice-Captain's report – Caron Harrison

I've really enjoyed captaining the second team this year, and although we were unable to emulate the success of the first team, they've been a great bunch who have given 100% in every match and there's been a great team spirit.

Our first two matches were away at The Leicestershire and Elsham and, although closely fought, we lost both. The home matches proved more successful. A win over Lincolnshire at Retford and an honourable draw at Radcliffe-on-Trent against Leicestershire rounded off the season. Leicestershire went on to represent the group at second team finals.

We were represented by 11 players from 6 different clubs:

Emma Anderson, Sue Linacre, Julie Revill - Sherwood Forest
Bernie Barton, Bev Cook, Charlie Inger, Hailey Laverty- The Nottinghamshire
Lorain Howd – Ruddington
Audrey Macmillan - Norwood/Notts Ladies
Millie Marsh - Beeston Fields
Lisa Anthoney – Coxmoor
Thank you, and well done.

This year second team colours are awarded to Bernie Barton, Millie Marsh & Julie Revill. Congratulations!

My thanks go to both Retford and Radcliffe-on-Trent Golf clubs for hosting our home matches this year. Both courses were well presented, despite tough, dry weather conditions and we were well looked after.

Thanks also to Audrey and Julie for all their support and encouragement, to Audrey for her guidance and for keeping me on the right track. Thank you to all of the Committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Finally, good luck Julie next year!

7. Treasurer's report – Carol Houghton

See appendix I for accounts

As you can see from the accounts, success costs money, we had a deficit this year of £5,125. I have taken the accounts to the end of October, so this is actually a 13-month accounts period. It is a bit of a tight turn around to get the accounts sorted before the AGM but there are various costs and events still happening in October.

Affiliation Fees

This year the number of adult lady playing members in the county has increased by 81 to 1565. Going forward the Executive Committee has decided to leave the fees as they are for 2022/23 i.e. £9.50 which is in line with the Notts union.

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County Competitions

The online entry system has worked well in the main. In total, just over £5k has been raised across the board in all competitions.

County Week & National Finals

The major expense this year was the First Team MNR regional finals and the expense of the National Finals. Plus, a big investment in new team kit. Although the MNR matches are played over less days, hotel costs have been going up, in particular at the National Finals which were held over a weekend, so included a Saturday night stay over near Southampton. Hence the deficit in the books this year.

Juniors

The Junior Section has again profited from a donation from The Tasker Trophy competition of £550. We are extremely grateful for this donation. The Notts Golf Partnership through England Golf Development has also made a grant of £3473, with a further U14 grant of £1614 in November this year. Thank you to Sue Taylor for all her hard work applying for grants and her work with the Notts Union. As a large part of this grant is still to be used it has been ring-fenced in the accounts as deferred income for Junior expenses in 2023.

I would like to express my thanks to Craig Banfield, who has given the books an independent audit and a few very helpful pointers along the way. Also, to Jenny who has answered all my many queries this year.

I propose that the accounts for 2021/22 be adopted, seconded by Jenny Smith. All voted in favour

8. Competition Secretary's report – Rosemary Lockwood

I am delighted to be able to read my report, after a full year of county competitions, well supported by all the lovely Nottinghamshire ladies.

Starting with the leagues, in the Scratch league, we had 9 clubs playing in 3 divisions, with 3 ladies in each team. Thank you to Andrea Stockdale for running this league for us.

In the Silver league we had 20 teams playing in 5 divisions. Similarly, in the Bronze league we had 20 teams playing in 5 divisions.

The number of players per team has been reviewed after feedback from clubs.

For 2023 in the Silver league, divisions A, B & C will have 7 players and divisions D & E will have 5 players. In the bronze league, divisions A, B & C will have 7 players and divisions D, E & F will have 5 players.

The handicap limits for 2023 will stay the same for silver & bronze leagues.

The silver league handicap index is up to 19.5 inclusive

The bronze league handicap index is 16 to 36 inclusive.

Matches as always will be played in strict handicap order.

All the county competitions went ahead this year and my thanks go to all the ladies who came and supported these events.

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For the first time ladies were able to book their county competitions online which went incredibly well with only a couple of minor glitches. Over 90% of ladies booked in this way, with the alternative option still available of booking by postal form.

Thank you to Gillian who set up the online booking system.

For 2023

The County Waltz will be held at Norwood on Wednesday 19th April

The County championship and Spring meeting will be held at Coxmoor on Friday 12th May, with the championship knockouts on Sat 13th & Sun 14th May.

The Coronation Cups will be held at Chilwell Manor on Monday 5th June

The Summer & Vets meeting will be held at Worksop on Monday 3rd July

The Autumn meeting will be held at The Nottinghamshire on Monday 4th September

County Captain's Day will be at Sherwood Forest on Monday 17th July

It has been decided that there will be only one Lady President's Day during the Presidents 3-year tenure, the next being in 2025

We would very much like all clubs to promote these county competitions, there are prizes for both silver & bronze divisions at both the summer & Autumn meetings and it's a great way to meet lady golfers across the county.

Thank you to all clubs who have hosted county competitions this year and have all made us feel so welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank Sue Robinson for all her help organising the leagues and for helping me run this year's competitions. Her help as always has been invaluable.

It has been a privilege to be part of the county ladies committee, however due to new commitments at my home club, I will be stepping down from running the county competitions. I give my successor my very best wishes and look forward to being able to play in the competitions myself next year.

Thank you

League and trophy winners see appendix II

9. County Junior Organiser's report – Susie Taylor

Last year I started by saying 'We did it' Well, I can now say 'We did it again' The Midland North Region Scratch trophy stays in Nottinghamshire.

The team, Junior Captain Maddie Smith, Vice -Captain Jorja Newbold, Amelia Wan, Elizabeth Wilson, Millie Marsh, Amelia Hogg were tremendous and played some fabulous golf during the season.

However, the one thing in all those matches that sticks out in my mind was the match at Telford. We were 2 games all and Amelia Hogg was 4 down with 5 to play. We needed at least the half. She looked at me and asked how we were doing. I told her and she just nodded and said OK. By this time all the other girls and supporters had joined us. We walked the next 5 holes girls positioning themselves where Amelia could always see at least one of them and finally on the 18th

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she achieved the half. I congratulated her as she came off the green and her comment was 'I like pressure and with all the team here it was no problem'

I think this again made me realise that although golf is an individual sport the team at that point was the most important and we do have the most amazing team spirit amongst the girls.

The handicap team also played with real heart for their County, missing out on playing for 1st and 2nd by 1 hole.

Maddie Smith has been an amazing Junior Captain this year, very efficient as well as being very caring with the younger girls. She has been ably assisted by Vice –Captain Jorja Newbold who has risen to the occasion when needed and will make a great Junior Captain next year.

I hope you have looked round the room and seen the photos as for the achievements of our girls there are just too many to mention in this report today, but please visit our website.

England coaching: Amelia Wan is in the National Squad with Maddie Smith, Elizabeth Wilson and Millie Marsh in the Regional Squad.

I really must mention Amelia Wan's very recent success coming in 3rd in the Justin Rose Telegraph Championship in Quinta Do Lago. She opened with a stunning 65 in the first round. Amelia will be our next Junior Vice- Captain.

Scratch colours this year have been awarded to Amelia Hogg and Millie Marsh and Handicap colours to Maddison Clarke and Harriett Williams.

We are at the moment in discussions with other counties as to whether we should incorporate 4somes into our Inter County matches to bring us in line with the ladies. This may mean 3 singles instead of 5 singles, with 1 pair playing 4somes or hopefully 4 singles and 1 pair playing 4somes an increase of 1 player.

It is so good to be able to talk about increasing players into the matches rather than in previous years of decreasing players.

This year we have been working with England Golf on golf development within the county. Briefly this involves the Golf Club Professional and interested members forming a school--- club pathway. Various clubs have already shown an interest Oakmere, Norwood, Radcliffe, Chilwell, Edwalton Stanton and Sherwood. Some Secondary and Primary schools have already signed up to this initiative. We tried to involve schools and clubs around 10 years ago but I think both parties are now ready to really move golf forward with this intervention.

We have applied for money from England golf and the Taskers to help deliver our coaching and may I say a huge thank you to all those clubs who entered the Taskers competition, with the money raised going towards junior golf.

Next year's AMAM Fundraiser will be held at Stanton on the Wolds on Sunday 2nd April and we are extremely grateful to Stanton for holding this event. Please put this date in your diaries I'm sure by then your clubs will need a good clean after the winter and your putting will be better for aiming at a bottle of something. You should soon be able to enter on line.

Also, for your diary is Wednesday 8th February at 6pm for the start of our junior coaching. Please encourage girls from your clubs to join us and our thanks now go to Richard Strange our Professional coach who will continue next year to work with the girls.

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My thanks go to County Captain Audrey who has attended nearly every junior event in the last 3 years. Her friendship and support have been invaluable.

To Caron and Julie my thanks and I wish them well for their future terms of office.

To Gillian who somehow makes sense of all the reports and photos I send to her.

And a special thank you to Suzi who has worked alongside me supporting and encouraging our girls.

Finally, I can honestly say that we have the happiest, most sociable and hardworking girls in any County and I will miss them terribly.

10. Midland North Representative's report – Clare Jones

County Matches at Trentham GC: As a region we hoped that 2022 would see a return to normal for our competitions and that was certainly the case for our main event of the season the County Matches at Trentham GC mentioned in the Captain's report. Without the bonus of a Nottinghamshire win the event was a great success played in great spirit and showcasing the best of our regional golfers.

Australian Spoons regional final in July at Shrewsbury GC initially attracted a good level of entries. However, the weekend before the competition brought warnings of extreme heat with temperatures in parts of the country expected to reach 39 or 40 degrees. Cue many emails and discussions as to what we as a region should do and the decision was reached to go ahead with the competition. I can assure you that we did not take this decision lightly taking a number of factors into consideration: there was no possibility of re-scheduling especially in view of the winners going forward to the national final in early August, reducing the round to 9 holes would not have worked either as competitors would be unlikely to travel across the region for this and we were also mindful of those who had already organised hotels and time off work. We did have a much reduced field but the competition did go ahead in the slightly lower temperatures of 34 degrees! Following the competition, we did pass on our feedback to England Golf and do feel that if we are to experience higher temperatures more regularly that some national guidance could be helpful. Despite this I would like to encourage more Nottinghamshire clubs to enter the Australian Spoons and hold a qualifying competition as it does offer an opportunity for those from handicaps 15.4 upwards to represent their club at regional and possibly national competitions.

The Girls Championships were held at Holme Hall GC and congratulations go to Millie Marsh from Beeston Fields GC who recorded the best gross score for round 2 of the 36-hole championship. We were disappointed with the number of entries but are determined to continue to run this competition although we recognise that we are competing with an increasing number of other junior events. Queen of Clubs took place at Coxmoor GC in August for club champions and the number of plus and single figure handicap golfers taking part again reflects the high standards being achieved by our region's female golfers. Sadly, we did not have a home county winner with the trophy going to Carolyn Parkes Whalley from Lutterworth GC with a gross 74.

2023 competition dates are: County Match Days 16th – 18th June at Holme Hall GC, Australian Spoons 12th July at Kirby Muxloe GC, Queen of Clubs 6th August at Wrekin GC, Girls Championships tbc but likely to be in the week beginning 7th August. England Golf have now aligned the Women's Golf medal and men's Race to Woodhall Spa competitions under the overall competition title of "Race to Woodhall Spa". Ten qualifying events will be offered and your club

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representative will be able to select which of them they wish to attend rather than as previously being restricted to entering the Midland North Region qualifier. <https://www.englandgolf.org/the-race-to-woodhall-spa>.

As your England Golf voting member, it has been an interesting year representing the Association. Last year saw the introduction of IGolf for those who are unable (or unwilling) to commit to membership of a golf club but want to hold a WHS handicap. The scheme has met its first-year membership targets and has also seen a number of members transfer to golf club membership. It continues to attract significantly more male golfers than females. Further work on understanding the female independent golfer market is being undertaken.

National Golf Centre at Woodall Spa In the last months major discussions and votes have been held on its redevelopment. I will not go into detail but can report that County Associations are now full participants in the management of Woodall Spa. The redevelopment of the facilities, particularly the clubhouse, is now likely to go ahead. The cost is in the region of £10 million BUT I must stress that the funds for this project have already been identified and will not come from any levy on EG members.

Proposed reorganisation of regions: Another area of debate. This originated from a suggestion that there should be parity between the men's and women's regions, currently there are six Women's Regions and four Men's regions. At a meeting in April the general consensus from County Association voting members was that if any changes were to be made this should be as a result of a review of the entire regional structure, ie both men's and women's regions. County representatives have been invited to a meeting on November 30th and the incoming County Captain, Caron Harrison and I will be attending this on behalf of NCLGA.

MNR rep: I have now been the MNR representative and EG voting member for 7 years and whilst I am happy to continue for 2023 the Association will be looking for someone to take on this role from next year. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking over, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss what is involved.

Thank you for your support this year and I look forward to seeing you at MNR and county events in 2023. Clare Jones MNR Representative England Golf Voting Member

11. County Handicap Adviser's report – Val Dowthwaite

I hope that all Handicap Secretaries have access to their Golf Club Platforms as EG are uploading useful resources regularly. If this is not the case, you should request the Club Log In and Password details from the administrator.

There is an updated version of the WHS Golf Club Platform Guide complete with video support available in the WHS Resource Library on the EG website.

The Reports Section of the Platform is extremely useful and is being added to on a regular basis.

- The Exceptional Score Report is a recent addition, identifying those players who have been subject to a 1 or 2 shot reduction.
- The EG Medal Winner report is expected to be available at the end of November or early December.

The Annual review needs to be completed by December 31st and a report is available on the Club Platform to assist with this procedure.

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Any players affected by the review must be notified prior to the adjustment taking effect and given the right of appeal.

Clubs should refer to The Winter Checklist which can be found in the WHS Resources section of the EG website.

There is information regarding Tee set and Yardage Compliance, Use of Mats, making bunkers GUR, Preferred Lies and much more.

During winter months there are various situations such as course conditions and maintenance plans where holes may be closed and declared out of play. In these circumstances the committee may decide to declare some holes out of play and could also still have a requirement for up to 2 temporary greens. These scores continue to be acceptable for handicap purposes.

Should you have a situation whereby a Player's Record is showing 21 scores above the red line, it will be because one of the scores is not acceptable for handicap purposes but has been entered on the Platform. You will see a no entry sign next to the non-acceptable score and it can be deleted.

Suzi Anderson and I attended an EG Handicap Committee & WHS Workshop at Manchester Golf Club on November 1st. It was designed to underpin knowledge for County Handicap Advisors, to support queries from clubs.

Thank you everyone for your queries during 2022; keep them coming and I will endeavour to respond as quickly and in as much detail as possible.

Finally, as you are aware, Maureen Clarke is retiring from her position as Assistant Handicap Advisor today.

Maureen and I have worked closely together for a number of years, and I have the greatest respect for her extensive knowledge of the game and commitment to the NCLGA.

Thank you, Maureen, for all your help and advice during this time.

I want to introduce Suzi Anderson who will be taking over from Maureen as my Assistant. Suzi is an experienced golfer who has been involved with the County for some time and I'm sure we will make a good team.

12. USGA Course Rating Update – Helen Maber Lead Course Assessment Officer

This year, we began the rolling re-rating programme of all courses in the county. England Golf has requested all counties to re-rate their courses over a ten-year rolling period. With just 32 courses in Nottinghamshire this means that we plan to rate 3 or 4 courses each year.

In principle, we plan to follow the timing of the original ratings as much as possible to keep the ratings up to date, but if clubs have made significant changes to their courses, we will try to pull their re-ratings forward.

This year we re-rated Oakmere Admirals - in this case the rating was pulled forward because it was the County Course for the Nottinghamshire Union this year. We also re-rated Radcliffe on Trent and The Nottinghamshire Signature Course.

I am very grateful for the help I have received this year from Jenny Smith who has once again been an invaluable member of the team. I am delighted to report that Lorraine Howd has also helped me this year and I am hoping she will become more involved next year with a view to taking some more responsibility over time.

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13. Election of officers

Officer	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Gillian Stump	Eva Glasby	Audrey Macmillan
Captain	Caron Harrison	Audrey MacMillan	Suzanne Taylor
Vice-Captain	Julie Revill	Caron Harrison	Gillian Stump
Assistant Vice-Captain	Clare Jones	Julie Revill	Rosemary Lockwood
Treasurer	Carol Houghton	Caron Harrison	Clare Jones
Assistant Gen Sec	Babs Banfield	Dianne Whittaker	Val Dowthwaite
Competitions Secretary	Vacancy		
Assistant Comp Secretary	Sue Maine	Sue Robinson	Sue Taylor
Junior Organiser	Suzi Anderson	Susie Taylor	Claire Wilson
Assistant Junior organiser	Vacancy		

The President read out the names of nominees, proposers and seconders for each position. Each proposer gave comment in support of their nominee.

The President asked for a vote from those present in favour of the appointments. There was unanimous agreement.

The Vice-Captain's brooch was passed from Caron Harrison to Julie Revill.

The Captain's brooch was handed over by Audrey Macmillan, as retiring Captain, to Caron Harrison who looks forward to her year as County Captain and thanked Audrey for her support and help. She hopes 2023 will be a successful year.

To continue in office

Dianne Whittaker (general secretary)

Advisers confirmed:

Val Dowthwaite	Handicap Adviser
Suzi Anderson	Assistant Handicap Adviser
Emma Anderson	Chief Referee & referee organiser
Clare Jones	Representative to Midland North Region
Helen Maber	Lead course assessment Officer
Gillian Stump	Webmaster

14. Proposal re NCVLGA - Audrey Macmillan

Background: Most NCLGA members are in fact veterans/seniors - many may also be members of NCVLGA. NCLGA have always valued veteran players. Up until now, we've been careful not to encroach on NCVLGA's territory too much, particularly regarding matches. However, it's been increasingly difficult for NCVLGA to run the teams. (These are matches v other counties - Lincs, Leics, Derby, scratch and handicap) Getting players, officials and suitable venues is a big job.

What we propose is effectively pooling resources. NCVLGA will establish a dedicated **Senior Section**, (preferred terminology in line with EG and R&A) similar to our current Junior Section, in that it's under NCLGA umbrella and is a part of the whole Association, but also has its own Representative on the exec committee and some specific funds.

Role of Senior Organiser. The advantage of that over a Senior Captain, is that it will provide better continuity. We already have a good system of AVC, VC & C - almost always Seniors

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themselves - and they can be appropriately involved in the senior section (cf junior arrangement - that has worked very well)

NCLGA will run teams - again precise details of matches/opponents/formats tbc. But our neighbouring counties are interested in Senior matches and this would be an excellent opportunity for our strongest senior players to continue to represent the county in challenging competition.

Notts having a good showing at the recent Midland Vets team champs is a good indicator of the strength of our senior players. We did notice that some of the other teams competing there had been given significant financial assistance by their county association. By coming under our umbrella, we could potentially provide funding for a Senior Team along similar lines to our first, second and junior teams.

We won't forget handicap matches, and appreciate that it's not only elite players who want to keep competing. Size of team would need to be reduced. (cf teams of 5 scratch 5 h'cap in Junior, 6 in 2nd team, 7 in 1st team) The format of the matches can be arranged to suit, after negotiation with the opposition - different counties may prefer different formats.

Overall, this suggestion aims to rationalise the veteran/senior golf throughout the county.

As far as summer/autumn meetings - all of the county events (bar the spring/CC) have suffered a decreasing turnout, and difficulty in getting personnel to run them, and sometimes venues. We already have a Summer Meeting with vet trophies - now inc Senior CC but all h'cap welcome and can play Stableford. We also have our Coronation Pairs BB in June, and the Autumn Meeting, both very relaxed. And of course our Waltz, County Captains and President's AM-AMs are 'fun' events.

If proposal is accepted we can proceed in principle, and then over the next few months firm up details and appoint an organiser, hopefully arrange some matches.....consider the finances etc

We can then report back on developments at the Council meeting in March.

All we are proposing today is to establish the Senior Section with representation on the committee in the form of a Senior Organiser.

Proposed by Audrey Macmillan, seconded by Andrea Stockdale. There was a majority vote in favour, one vote against.

15. Interclub draw

The draw was carried out by Eva Glasby, President, in front of the assembly. Byes and competing clubs were announced. Host clubs will be arranged and the full draw will be sent to all participating clubs and will be posted on the NCLGA website

16. Secretary's notes – Dianne Whittaker

(i) Interclub: Tee times to be arranged with host clubs, first tee 1.30pm or close to. If competing clubs wish to rearrange for a different time then they may if both sides agree and if host club can accommodate. If there is no mutual agreement then tee times remain as arranged. Venues will be arranged as soon as possible

(ii) Schedule 2023: County fixtures previously circulated. And will be updated as necessary

(iii) Vacancies: Competition Secretary, Assistant Junior Organiser, successor to MNR rep. Please inform the secretary of anyone who may be interested

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(iv) Buggy use: From NCLGA Rules & Regulations “2. *Players shall, in all of the Competitions, and additionally in NCLGA league matches, walk the course at all times, unless prior permission has been granted by the Committee to use a buggy. An exception applies to those competitors aged 80 years or over participating in the Summer Meeting and Veterans Trophy*”. There are occasional incidences of disregard of the rules. This year as usual, each player requesting permission to use a buggy will be asked to submit to the secretary a medical certificate/form stating the reasons for the request. It is then the responsibility of each player using a buggy to provide evidence when registering at competitions & matches that use has been agreed by NCLGA. A personalised note of authorisation will be provided

(v) Communications: The NCLGA website is a very good source of information, thanks to Gillian for maintaining the site. Will lady secretaries who receive information please disseminate to their committees and members

(vi) Thanks: to Beeston Fields GC for hosting the AGM

17. Vote of thanks

Caron Harrison presented a gift to the retiring Captain, Audrey Macmillan, with thanks for her successful year as Captain

Vote of thanks and presentation to the retiring president Eva Glasby.

Audrey Macmillan presented a gift to Eva then thanked her for her commitment during her 3-years as President.

A gift was also presented to Rosemary Lockwood as she resigned as Competition Secretary, Susie Taylor as she resigned as Junior organiser and Sue Robinson as she retired as Assistant Competition Secretary. All were thanked for their hard work and commitment. They will all be missed

18. Close of meeting

The President closed the meeting at 12.25

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Further questions/comments were invited to take to future exec meetings.

- Comments related to silver and bronze league matches
- Newark: disappointed that they will have 5 players rather than 7, considered a backward step (*consequences for 2024 to be reviewed*)
- Rushcliffe: asked if the number of those playing down could be limited, affects number of shots given/received (*The expectation is that players with appropriate HCPI will be played wherever possible*)
- Southwell: would not have a silver team if players could not play down so could not participate in silver league
- Ruddington: as for Southwell and will be similar for some other clubs

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APPENDIX I

Treasurer accounts



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APPENDIX II

League Winners:

Scratch League	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3		
Winners	Notts Ladies	Coxmoor	Norwood		
Silver League	Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E
Winners	Notts Ladies	Mapperley	Coxmoor	Southwell	Springwater
Bronze League	Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E
Winners	Mapperley	Ruddington	Coxmoor	College Pines	Radcliffe

Cup winners:

County Champion Rachel Wilkes from Springwater

Runner up Jorja Newbold from Oakmere Park

Championship & Spring Meeting at Sherwood on Friday 13th May

Challenge Cup 36-hole Scratch Maddie Smith from Norwood

Runner up Lauren Spray from Notts Ladies

Josephine Bright Cup 36-hole Nett Amelia Hogg from Norwood

Runner up Jan Calder from Sherwood Forest

Stacia Scrimshaw Salver Madeline Smith from Norwood

18 holes scratch AM Elizabeth Wilson Norwood

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18 holes nett AM Rachel Wilkes Springwater

18 holes scratch PM Jorja Newbold Oakmere Park

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Spencer Watson Shield Team trophy Norwood

Spring Meeting Scratch Bev Cook from The Nottinghamshire

Spring Meeting Nett Helen Haycox from The Nottinghamshire

Coronation Cups Jane Tucker & Julia Hatcher from Newark

Summer & Vets meeting at Norwood on Mon 4th July

Jubilee Bowl for best Scratch Catherina Bassitt from Norwood Park

Jubilee Bowl for best Nett Charlie Hall from Southwell

Gill Shawcross for Vets Scratch Julie Revill from Sherwood Forest

Challenge Cup for Vets Nett Margaret Ferguson from Stanton

Dorothy Payne Trophy Margaret Ferguson from Stanton

Autumn Meeting at Rushcliffe on Mon 5th Sept

Challenge Bowl for best Scratch Julie Revill from Sherwood Forest

Challenge Bowl for best Nett Julie Revill from Sherwood Forest

Coronation Silver Medal Wendy Kerry from Ruddington

Coronation Bronze Medal Angela Picker from Ruddington

Best Aggregate Summer & Autumn Scratch Julie Revill

Best Aggregate Summer & Autumn Nett Julie Revill

Jubilee Shield Sherwood Forest