

NCLGA Council Meeting

10.30 am Monday 17th February 2014 at Ramsdale Park Golf Club (NG14 6NU)

Participants.

NCLGA Council Members, Ladies Secretaries and Ladies Handicap Secretaries from Nottinghamshire clubs.

1. Apologies.
Received from 4 ladies. There were no representatives from Orchards, Brierley Forest and Misterton.
2. Previous minutes and Matters arising.
The previous minutes had been circulated and it was agreed they were a true record and were signed by the Captain Jane Fowler. There were no matters arising.
3. Golf Partnership Lauren Spray

Nottinghamshire Golf

Thank you for inviting me here today to represent the Partnership and provide you with a few details about the exciting projects we have coming up...

Get into Golf

National Campaign run by England Golf to attract new people to the game

Get into Golf Pathway

- 5 stage approach designed to encompass beginner and returning golfers to the game through structured coaching and on course sessions. With the club offering a form of trial membership to aid the transition to full golf club member
- GIG pathway was launched in May 2013 and had 20 clubs sign up to deliver this pathway and since then we have had 350 people attend these sessions and had a conversion of 80 into club membership. Which I am sure you will agree are fantastic results as we have surpassed our annual targets after 6 months of activity.
- This approach is currently being adopted across many other counties due to the success of our clubs.
- We have recently modified the Pathway for 2014 and have visited many clubs to ensure it fits in with their club structures to ensure we engage with as many people as possible and help clubs to increase their membership numbers.

National Golf Month

- 1st National Golf Month taking place in May across all UK
 - To encourage people to take up the game and for lapsed golfers to play more often
 - Led by Bauer Media, the British Golf Industry Association and supported by England Golf
 - Clubs are invited in due course to sign up to the campaign through the Partnership
1. Decide on TARGET AUDIENCE – men, ladies or families
 2. Set an appropriate ACTIVITY or OFFER to suit the target audience – mid week, weekend, day or evening...
 3. Pick a suitable date in May
 4. Decide on participant COSTS and determine BOOKING DETAILS

5. Contact the PARTNERSHIP and we will list this on the National Get into Golf website which includes an ONLINE BOOKING FACILITY
6. Examples of an offer:
 - 5 week beginner course for £25,
 - Learn to play golf in a day,
 - Ladies coffee morning and 9 hole fun competition
 - Short term membership offer

Through Bauer Media the activities of National Golf Month will be promoted across

- 26 radio Stations and 51 magazines
- Which equates to the media value of £350,000
- Coverage starts from 1st March

Local Level Marketing

- Partnership will provide you with a set of National Golf Month Flyers in hard and digital formats
 - Best way to capture as many people is to do a leaflet drop – utilise club volunteers to do a few around where they each live...
 - Local Business – coffee shops, doctors surgery, supermarkets, leisure centres, schools
 - Add a section to your club website detailing your offers and activities on the day
 - Include in your club newsletter – members to promote – word of mouth, most valuable
- Online Bookings
 - A full attendance register will be emailed 7 and 2 days prior to your event
- Retention
 - What can you offer them to maintain their interest?
 - Further coaching through Get into Golf Pathway
 - Sunday Lunch Voucher
 - Trial Membership Offer
- Details will be going out to clubs this week and please get in touch with the Partnership about getting involved with this project

Nottinghamshire Golf

England Golf Special Projects Fund – Nottinghamshire awarded £4035 excellent opportunity to bring together relevant Partners (NCLGA, NUGC, NPGA & NCGP) to look at the current junior programmes and investigate areas for development.

Aim of the project:

- To support the junior player pathway with particular focus on 11-14 year old age group
- Develop more consistency in the junior player pathway up to Under 18 level

After much analysis of our current operations we decided to collaborate the efforts of the NCLGA, Notts Union, Partnership and NPGA under a new umbrella organisation now called 'Nottinghamshire Golf'.

Now we have representative from each organisation working together to initially sustain more juniors in the game and provide talented players with additional opportunities to develop.

The overarching ambition is to create a seamless pathway from beginner to County player whilst ensuring every player has the opportunity to progress.

The new Competition Structure.

The new structure will be replacing those competitions previously run by the Coach Academy and competitions run by the Association for girls without handicaps.

The Nippers Tour is the first step on the Pathway for those under 12. Those aged 13 and above without handicaps can begin on the Rookie Tour. Then as these juniors progress or already have a handicap can compete on the main Junior Order of Merit. This will provide juniors with the opportunity to play a variety of courses across the County and develop their skills.

Junior Order of Merit

Clubs were invited to put forward their club opens of which 6 were selected

These run between May – August and are geographical split across the County – help to reduce the travelling burden faced by parents

These competitions are aimed at juniors who hold an official CONGU handicap

Points awarded at each event and their best 3 qualifiers will count towards their final finishing position in the Order of Merit

Separate Gross and Nett Order of Merit for Girls and Boys

Rookie Tour

This tour is aimed at those aged 12-17 who have a handicap above 28 for boys and 36 for girls or who have yet to attain a handicap

Will take place over 9 holes after 3 of the main Junior order of Merit events

There will be a separate order of merit and juniors will need to play in 2 out of the 3 events to qualify.

Those juniors who gain a handicap or move below the handicap restrictions will have their first 9 holes scores honoured for the Rookie Tour order of Merit

Nippers Tour

Aimed at girls and boys under 12 as of the 1st January 2014

Consists of 7 events over 9 holes running from April – August

Entry to all 7 costs £15

Forms and rules for all the Nippers, Rookie and Junior Order of Merit events are available to download from Partnership website (there is a link from our NCLGA website)

Marketing and Promotion

A5 Flyer detailing all the competition information is being produced and will be sent to clubs very soon

Competitions are being promoted through the Partnership Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Press release has been sent to England Golf and coverage will be supported through Midlands Golfer and hopefully the Evening Post.

Please direct your juniors to these events – promoted on the NCLGA website and documents will be sent to your club secretary's to pass onto your junior sections

Player Log Book

- Player Profile
- Goal Setting
- Practice planner
- Club yardages
- Action planner
- Coach to Coach Liaison

Sport England

Applied for Small Grants Bid which is up to £10,000 to increase funding pot and support the 14+ development work

Intention is to supply workshops to aid further development of players

- Psychology
- Strength and Condition – TPI
- 3D Analysis
- Short Game clinics
- Putting Analysis
- Nutrition workshops
- Course Management seminars

Current coaching structures are also being discussed but as of yet nothing has been finalised

4. Captains Report Jane Fowler

Welcome

Many County changes – new faces – new efforts – not easy but we're all trying really hard. We've held discussions to see how we can improve our image – after all it's your County Association and our approachability/contact/communication. It's been suggested that our red jackets can be seen as serving two purposes. They either easy to recognise us or do they set us apart? Remove jacket – you see we're actually still the same. So please if you want to know anything or want to discuss anything we're here for our teams 1st, 2nd and juniors but we're also here for you as well.

You may not think it but we have listened to you and introduced yet further changes.

Firstly we're trialling not holding prize presentation on the actual days for some competitions – some presentations have been poorly attended and we appreciate the reasons why - for example commitments at home and travelling time, so we think its time to consider options.

For the Coronation Foursomes, the Summer (including vets) and Autumn competitions prize presentation will not be on the day. These trophies will be presented at the AGM.

For the Championship and Spring Meeting, The Waltz and County Captain's Day prize presentation will still be on the day. We can see how it goes and perhaps discuss it further when we've seen it in operation.

I am very pleased with your entries for the Waltz and County Captain's Day which are both full. These competitions are run as AmAm's as you all seem to like this type of competition. Thank you all so much for your support.

For the first time we are staging a Stableford at Springwater in August which again you've suggested we do so please support this.

Finally, then to our traditional County events, the Spring meeting (now 18 holes) and the Championship (36 holes) designated for silver division, the Coronation foursomes, the summer , vets and autumn meetings can I ask for your support – especially summer meeting which is at Workshop in the Club's Centenary year.

Please go back to your lady members and ask them to enter – it would be much appreciated.

Lynn will talk later to you about the trophies but if you were fortunate enough to win one last year can you arrange to let us have it back please.

In addition to our competitions we also have County Week which this year is at The Leicestershire – not too far – it would be great to see some of you supporting our first team. 9th to 13th June put it in your diaries – it makes for a good day out and the standard of play is usually very good and exciting.

2nd team match and Junior matches are arranged and are all shown on the County Card. Similarly with the nippers tour. If one is being held at your home Club or one nearby again if you want to come along and watch support please do – you'd be most welcome and it'd be good to see you. I know the players particularly value such support.

A couple of final points to make you aware of.

Belinda Briggs raised the issue of a league match concession either before or during the match. Having taken advice the result is one point and one up.

Also our congratulations to Cynthia James who has been appointed the first lady president of Kilton Forest.

5. Vice Captains' report. Kathryn Horberry

The Vice Captain asked for the representatives to encourage the relevant members at their club to contact her with regard to playing in the 2nd team county matches.

6. Handicap Advisers Report Maureen Clarke

Madam President, Madam Captain, Ladies

Amendments to the CONGU UHS 2014

Clause 25 Status of Handicap

The 'i' for Inactive has proved very unpopular, especially with men. In order to encourage golfers to play a sufficient number of qualifying competitions, and ensure that they hold an accurate handicap, England Golf will join with the Scottish and Welsh Unions in using the 'c' to denote a Competition Handicap and the 'i' will no longer appear against those who are non-competitive.

The activation of the Competition Handicap will take place on 1 March each year. Those who have played in 3 Qualifying Competitions, or completed 3 Supplementary Scores, will have a Competition Handicap denoted by the 'c'. Players who have not played in Qualifying Competitions will have no 'c', indicating that their handicap is not a Competition Handicap. In very exceptional circumstances the Handicap Committee may allow retention of a Competition Handicap, where ill health or injury has precluded a player from returning the necessary scores.

Clause 26 Regaining a Handicap

If a player's handicap is to be restored within 6 months of it being lost, or suspended, it must be reinstated at the same handicap the player last held, which could be a Competition Handicap. Handicaps are lost when a player changes their Category of Membership at a Club to one of Non-Playing. If a handicap is restored within 6-12 months it must be reinstated at the same handicap the player last held but not marked as a Competition Handicap. In all other cases the player shall be allotted a new handicap after complying with Clause 16 Allotment of Handicaps by submitting three 18-hole cards or the equivalent in 9-hole cards. Category 1 players must NOT be allotted a Handicap

without the approval of the Union or Area Authority.

Clause 21 Supplementary Scores

The date in which the 12 month period starts for Supplementary Scores has changed from 1 January to 1 March. From 1 March Category 1 golfers may only complete as many Supplementary Scores, as necessary, to obtain or retain a Competition Handicap - a maximum of 3. Categories 2 to 5 may continue to complete a maximum of 10 Supplementary Scores per annum. All other rules under this clause remain the same.

Alternate Day Competitions

England Golf have decided they should clarify their Guidelines with regard to Alternate Day Competitions and hopes Clubs will be willing to grant the necessary permission for Alternate Day competitions to take place.

The Alternate Day should be arranged within 7 days of, and prior to, the Main Day so the competition is closed at the end of the Main Day. Players may NOT compete in both the Alternate and Main Day.

The Committee may request members to indicate their preference on a prepared list or book at any time up to 48 hours before the first day of the competition. Under exceptional circumstances only, the Committee, may permit a player to change the day at shorter notice, provided tee times are available.

There should be no restriction as to who may play on the Alternate Day and consideration should be given to running Trophy Competitions on the Alternate Day.

The Alternate Day must be treated as a separate competition for handicapping purposes and a CSS calculated for each day and handicaps adjusted accordingly. The results can be combined electronically for allocation of prizes.

England Golf Medal Competitions

These are individual competitions and may NOT be run as Alternate and Main Day Competitions. This is to encourage as many players as possible to play in them. These rounds must not be merged on the club software. Merging may be done by hand for the Club trophies or prizes.

CDH IDs

Whenever you have a new club member, who has played golf before, you must obtain their full handicap record and CDH ID number. Their CDH ID, Handicap and whether they are Home or Away must be keyed into your computer before they are allowed to play in Competitions at your Club. This should eliminate players being allocated more than one ID.

When one of your members changes from Home to Away, Handicap Secretaries are obliged to send a copy of the Player's Handicap Record sheet to their new Home club. The Record should show the current and previous 2 calendar years' results, along with verification of the member's CDH ID Number.

Responsibilities of the Players

Although scores are generally reported back to the player's Home Club via the Computer Database of Handicaps, it is still the PLAYER'S responsibility to ensure that all relevant scores are recorded on their Handicap Record, as soon as possible after the events they have played in. It is the Handicap Committee's responsibility to specify the manner of reporting these scores.

Annual Review

The mandatory Annual Review should take place any time between 31 October and 1 March each year. If the Handicap Committee agrees that a player should have an increase or decrease in handicap, the player does not have the option of rejecting it, or the process would not work. Players should be reminded, however, that they can use the Appeals Procedure if they think the change is unjust.

Thank you to those Handicap Secretaries who have sent me their fully updated handicap list in response to my email. This will enable me to check the accuracy of the CDH. If you have not sent

me your list, please could you do so as soon as convenient.

During the Summer, Away Scores are constantly being received and administration of them needs to take place on a daily basis.

I do thank our Handicap Secretaries and their Committees for all their hard work throughout the year. Thank you.

7. Financial Report read by the secretary from Helen Maber

There has been very little movement in the accounts since the AGM with just a few expenses from the Captains Account at the changeover of officers, a few costs associated with the AGM itself and from the Junior Account a few payments for Junior Coaching and some expenses associated with the end of the last season. So very little movement to date.

General Account	£12,121.62
Captains Account	£3,510.51
Junior Account	£5,472.10
Reserve Account	£12,121.62

Please note that any cheques sent for Affiliation Fees have not yet been banked. These will be paid in to the account in March so the general account is currently understated. We have received quite a few payments of Affiliation Fees electronically and this has been really helpful. It would be great if Clubs could arrange to pay these fees electronically wherever possible and I would like to encourage the Club Secretaries to do this whenever they can.

There are quite a few clubs which have not yet paid their Affiliation Fees. I know that it can sometimes be a problem for fees to be calculated as clubs wait for members to renew their memberships so that actual numbers can be confirmed and of course the subscription dates do vary between clubs. But can I please ask that club representatives now check whether their fees have been paid and arrange for this to be done if it is now possible. On my return in March I will be contacting any clubs which have not yet paid. This is of course our major source of income for the county events.

8. Midland North Report Sandra Becket

Sandra had represented Nottinghamshire at the General meeting. The minutes will be posted on the web site.

The details and entry forms of Midland North events are on the web site for the Queen of clubs Horsley Lodge 24th July, Australian spoons Wollaton 27th June and Foursomes at Spalding 29th April.

9. Junior Report Jane Fowler

A job description for a Junior Organiser for Notts has been circulated to all clubs but there has been no volunteer. The jobs have been divided between current council members but the meeting was asked to encourage any members who might be willing to be involved to contact the secretary.

There is a mixed Amam at Wollaton Park on Sunday 27th April in aid of the Junior girls funds, details and entry forms are on the website. The secretaries were asked to advertise this event at their clubs.

10. Webmaster's report Gillian Stump

The website was now up and running and the feedback had all been very positive and encouraging. A presentation of flowers was made to Gill on the Association's behalf by the Captain to thank her for all her hard work and commitment. It is much appreciated and valued.

11. Secretary's report Lynn Buttery

Could I encourage secretaries to ensure that unpaid affiliation fees are paid as soon as possible.

The contact list is nearly complete – a few clubs had not yet held their AGM so the details of officers had not been ratified. The information will not be posted on the web site but held and updated by myself and circulated to all lady secretary as changes are made.

The county card with information on contacts and competitions along with the rule book is available at the meeting – labelled for each club.

The web site address is also on the card WWW.NCLGA.ORG,UK

After discussion it had been decided to review the county trophies this year. All trophies will be gathered in and expert advice taken as to options that might be available. The main problem is that many of the trophies are very old and there is no room left to continue recording the winners.

During the handover it had been fascinating to see the historical press cuttings and written reports we had. These are all part of our tradition and as a long term project we are looking at possibly micro filming these documents so that they are available for us all to look at.

Thank you so much for all your encouraging messages of support and a special thanks to Bridget for her wise guidance and advice which I greatly appreciate.

Working in the team we now have on the council is a great opportunity and I have been touched by how encouraging and supportive the longer serving members have been to me.

12. Any Other Business

The President thanked Lynn for her work on producing her first county card and thanked Gill for the excellent web site we now have. It was noted the web site is so easy to use all of the council members were accessing it regularly.

Maureen Clarke said that Referee training was available and encouraged all secretary's to contact her if members are interested in this.

It was pointed out that the ladies interclub 3rd round date of 4th August clashes with the date for the County Stableford. This was noted for reference when dates are arranged next year.

Christine Muse congratulated the new council members on their hard work and enthusiasm. Hilary Horton gave thanks on behalf of all the participants and wished the County Captain and her team very best wishes for the coming year.

The President thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 11.45.