

**N.C.L.G.A. COUNCIL MEETING – BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB
MONDAY 23RD JULY 2012**

Apologies: These were received from Mrs J Underwood, Mrs M Clarke, Mrs A Smith, The Orchards, Ruddington Grange & Retford

Minutes: These were taken as read with the addition of the following:

Matters Arising: We will no longer engrave trophies once they are filled

County Captain's Report: On the 2nd April a fundraising event was held at Beeston Fields Golf Club. **The County Waltz**, as it is named, was very well supported. We held a bottle raffle to swell the funds. It was a surprisingly mild day and people enjoyed the format. A meal was included which was excellent. The winners were a team from Notts Ladies', Jenny Boneham, Sharon Coyne and Janet Ledger. The main aim was to raise funds for team coaching and the sum raised was £978. The County would like to thank Beeston Fields GC for giving us the Courtesy of the course and for there excellent hospitality.

On 10th April it was the turn of Nottinghamshire to host the return match against **The Sheffield and District Ladies Golf Association**. This is an annual event and always a most enjoyable one. The event was held at Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell. Luckily we had a fine day and did not have to play off mats. Our team was; Janet Melville, Sue Penfold, Andrea Stockdale, Emma Sheffield, Emily Cheshire, Kim Vardy, Rachel Boulton, Gillian Stump, Helen Maber, Laura Morris. The format was foursomes. Having lost 5/0 last year this year it was 3/2. My thanks to Jan North and her team for the return match and to Notts Golf Club for allowing us courtesy of the course.

Thanks also to David Flannagan and his staff for an excellent meal and for looking after us so well.

10th -12th May Spring Meeting and County Championship at the Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club.

The Nottinghamshire kindly allowed us courtesy of the course for our County Championship. The number of entrants, only 29, was lower than in previous years, probably due to the exam commitments of many of the younger players.

The course was in good condition despite heavy rain over the preceding weeks and we were fortunate to have fair weather. This year's champion is Alex Peters who beat Lianna Bailey on the 19th hole. There were some excellent matches in the qualifying rounds.

The results were as follows:

36 Holes scratch winner: Lianna Bailey (Notts Ladies) 146
Runner up Alex Peters (Notts Ladies') 149
36 Holes Handicap winner: Lianna Bailey (notts Ladies') 76+68 =144
Runner up Rhiannon Linacre (Coxmoor) 76=72= 148
Stacia Scrimshaw Salver: Lianna Bailey 146
18 Holes Scratch AM winner: Rachel Boulton (Notts Ladies') 76
Runner up Lianna Bailey (Notts Ladies') 77
18 Holes Handicap AM winner: Cathy Burnside (Stanton) 83-12=71
Runner up Rachel Boulton (Notts Ladies')

18 Holes Scratch PM winner: Lianna Bailey (Notts Ladies') 69
Runner up Alex Peters (Notts Ladies') 72

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18 Holes Handicap PM winner: Lianna Bailey (Notts Ladies') 69-1=68
Runner up Emma Newlove (Beeston) 76-2=74

Spencer Watson Shield: Notts Ladies' Golf Club

The County first team was announced at the end of prize giving. Annabel Bailey, Lianna Bailey, Katie Best, Rachel Boulton, Emma Howie, Janet Melville, Laura Morris, Emma Newlove, Jodie Peacock, Emma Sheffield, Lauren Spray & Kim Vardy.

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to the Nottinghamshire for their hospitality.

June 6th 2012 Coronation Foursomes at Ramsdale Park

This was a very enjoyable day. The day began well with fine weather but rain and thunder spoilt the later rounds.

The winners were Lesley Morris and Jackie Row (The Nottinghamshire) 33 pts. Runners up Mrs J Hopkins and Miss K Crowther (Ramsdale Park) 32 pts

3rd Mrs L Harris and Miss J Baty (Coxmoor) 32 pts

4th Mrs A Boucher and Mrs G Stevenson (Ramsdale Park) 31 pts.

Well done to the prize winners and again NCLGA would like to thank the host club for their hospitality.

Midland North County Week at the Nottinghamshire 11th-15th June

N.C.L.G.A hosted this big event with the very kind hospitality of The Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club. The matches were played on the Open Course that had been set up by Maureen Clarke as the chief referee.

It really was an excellent week and the matches were played in fine sporting spirit. Lincolnshire were the victors for the fourth time , not loosing to any County. Derbys were runners up. All the results were posted on the web site each day.

The Nottinghamshire Golf Club were marvellous hosts and their green keepers and in house staff could not have worked harder to make things go better. I would like to thank in particular: Mr Bill MacKenzie, the General manager of the club. The Club Staff, Gillian Stump who set up the web site and coordinated the running compilation of results all week, Maureen Clarke for her expertise and hard work as senior referee & her assistants

The County Officials who went every day to help. Barbara Dry and the Nottinghamshire Club ladies who made cakes and ran the half way house throughout the week. Colette Newton and Jane Fowler who were always there helping, encouraging the players, planning, caddying and ready with ideas.

Thanks to the supporters , caddies and families who came along to help.

Of course a big thank you to the players who were a delight to have playing for us. It was a long and tiring week and we were all very proud of them.

County Summer Meeting Coxmoor Monday 2nd July 2012

There was a really big turnout of nearly 90 players and it never stopped raining. Carol Wild did a remarkable 76 gross in these conditions to win the Scratch Cup. Handicap Winner : Mrs C Burnside (Stanton) 82-12=70

Gross Winner in second Division : Mrs D Stone (Coxmoor)97

Thanks go to Coxmoor for allowing us to hold one of our most important events The heavy rain that day and in the previous weeks indicates the high quality of the course.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at County Captain's day next Monday.

Vice-Captain's Report: The Vice-Captain, having organised these matches at the beginning of the year and arranged the players, had only been able to attend the match at Rushcliffe yesterday and would like to thank Hilary and Jane for all their help in running these matches on her behalf, it has not been the easiest of tasks. Sadly we lost all four matches but two of the results were very close and a lot of the games went to the 18th hole. Some very good golf was played and our thanks go to all those players that travelled quite far afield to support the 2nd team. The results were- lose against Leicestershire at Hollingwell 5/4, loss against Lincolnshire at Elsham 5/4, loss against Leicestershire at Glen Gorse 6 ½ / 2 ½ , and finally a loss against Lincolnshire at Rushcliffe 7/2. We hope next year to have many more of the junior girls available to play in these matches as this year very few have been able to play because of junior fixtures clashing with the 2nd team dates.

Financial Report: The two raffles from competitions this year had resulted in £130 being sent to Breast Cancer, and £160 to Notts Air Ambulance. Owing to the expenses during County Match week, the General Fund will be subsidising the Captains Fund to pay for meals at the Am-Am next week. As Standard Life have now been taken over by Barclays, our reserve account has been transferred to them. The accounts stand as follows: General £6879: Captains £798: Junior £5,199 and Barclays Reserve £16,000. England Golf now request that all affiliation money be sent to the Unions. This will include the Associations money. The Union will then transfer our money to us. Clubs will still need to send entry money for the Inter-Club & Leagues to the Secretary.

Midland North Report: I have attended a brief meeting for the Midland North Region followed by a General Meeting of England Golf at Woodhall Spa in June.

The Midland North Representatives were requested to address three points the County Captains and Secretaries feel need attention to improve County Week format.

1. The event must be later in the calendar.
2. The difficulty of booking a course over five days.
3. The expenses have become too onerous.

All the Counties had their own suggestions, however before altering the structure of the Midland North event, we felt there was an opportunity to request the England Championship Committee to put our concerns to the other Regions and find out if they experience the same problems.

The Ladies Championship from next year 2013 will have a new format and be played as the Midland North Region Queen of Clubs. Date Monday 15th July at Belton Park Lincolnshire. A one day 36 holes scratch stroke play competition with a limit of 64 entrants, and a ballot on handicap if oversubscribed. This event is open to all the current Club Champions. A draw will be made for partners. Entry Fee should be approximately £15 - £20

Best 36 hole score wins the Douglas Cup and voucher. 2nd and 3rd 36 hole scores - vouchers.

Best AM and PM scores – vouchers. Under 18 – Enid Wilson Cup and voucher.

All Notts club champions will be encouraged to enter.

Report from the General Meeting

Communication. England Golf will pass information to the County Secretaries and County Voting Members who are to circulate the information at their discretion to the clubs.

The verdict on the numerous issues surrounding tax in the Chipping Sodbury Case is expected in August. An explanation will be sent to all counties and clubs. England Golf has clarified the role of the

Regional Committees, which is required to meet at least twice per calendar year in order to run, review and plan Regional Championships, to discuss golfing matters as required by the Member Counties and to administer the rotas for the Regional competitions. England Golf will hold at least three General Meetings in addition to the AGM, and the County Representative (or Proxy) is expected to attend to be part of the discussions of the resolutions and to cast the County's vote.

The ACE programme, for junior golfers aged 12 to 17 for golf education and instruction on five core elements, will be cut from 250 to 40 by September 2013.

Legal problems that arose from the re-branding of ELGA to EWGA had to be resolved before the merger with EGU which resulted in considerably higher legal costs.

Affiliation Fees: 2013/2014. In 2013 the affiliation fee for Women will be £8.25. LGU levy remaining at £2.50. In 2014 the fee will harmonise for men and women to £7.25.

England Golf is considering working towards one course rating. There is talk of a world- wide system which would take years to sort out. However the meeting voted for all course ratings to cease until the next meeting in November when it is hoped there will be more information available.

The Men's Championship Committee is to issue a paper on DMD's which will be passed on to clubs.

There is a flow chart on the web titled 'CAN I USE MY DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)' which may find helpful.

Services Committee. This committee covers all aspects of running a club and is there for all to use when guidance and advice is needed.

Congu is responsible for making sure that all soft-wear providers get their full licence.

There are no significant changes in the Congu system for 2013.

Junior Report: As ever, our junior girls go from strength to strength. In spite of GCSE and A levels exams, girls featured strongly in both the County Championship and County Week. 15 year old Lianna Bailey, now playing off scratch, lost on the 19th to Alex Peters in the Championship. Six girls, Lianna and Annabel Bailey, Rachel Boulton, Laura Morris, Emma Newlove and Jodie Peacock played for the county in County Week in June.

Lianna Bailey retained her Junior Girls title at Sherwood Forest in May. We are grateful to Sherwood Forest for giving us the course for the Junior Championship and thank Sue Taylor who organised the day. In 2013, Coxmoor GC, celebrating their centenary, have kindly offered to host the Junior Championship on Sunday May 19th.

Some of our girls have EWGA coaching – Rhiannon Linacre and Sophie Newlove are in the England Birdie Squad Yr2. Emily Lyle and Emily-Mae Hall are in the Midland Select Squad. Girls must now apply individually for coaching and the deadline for applications for next year's squads is the end of August.

The girls play League Matches in Midland North Region and we are hoping to be League winners again this year. The Scratch Team have won four matches and halved one match – an excellent result. The standard of our girls is such that with the exception of the halved Derbys match, the highest handicap player in the Scratch Team of six girls has been 3.8. The four girls in the Handicap Team have usually been giving a lot of shots. They have halved two and lost two matches.

The Girls' annual match against the Mapperley Ladies was scheduled for April 4th - this had to be cancelled due to rain and blizzards. It was reorganised for June 7th, Jubilee Week and half term. We were no luckier and again had to cancel due to torrential rain. We are however very grateful to organiser Christine Preston, Mapperley GC and Mapperley Ladies and hope to arrange a fixture next year. This match is for girls of slightly higher handicaps and is very useful match play experience.

Again, to give the higher handicap girls who rarely make the league teams ie girls with 8+ to 26 hcp, match play practice, I have organised 4BBB match play for our girls at Wollaton Park GC on August 6th and I am grateful to Wollaton Park for giving us some tee times for this. Fingers crossed for the weather! Match play practice is important because at the end of this year we are losing many of our older girls who are 18 during the year and therefore will not be juniors next year.

Our coaching groups are well supported and are now held at both Rufford Park and, new this year, The Nottinghamshire. John Vaughan, James Thomson and Phil Edwards are great with the girls. On Sunday September 30th I have organised a Par 3 Competition at Norwood Park for girls of 28 handicap and higher and girls without a handicap who will be given a 54 hcp for the day. Girls can play 9 or 18 holes depending on their experience. If you have girls who may like to join us, the application form and full details are on the website. Please encourage your girls to join us, it will be fun. Our thanks go to Norwood Park for their help with this fixture.

I have had several meetings during the year with Matt Bloor and Jackie Macey from the County Golf Partnership which have been very useful. Matt and Jackie have been most helpful in promoting our events, printing and distributing fliers and we are working together closely to promote golf but not duplicate and waste time and resources.

At the Lamplugh Trophy at Coxmoor on Sunday July 7th, Megan McJannett came 2nd overall with a fantastic 43 points. There was a large field of over 100 boys and girls playing.

The Daily Telegraph has found a new sponsor for the 2012 Telegraph Junior Golf Championship with the final being held at Close House Hotel and Golf near Newcastle. Our Girls' Championship is a Telegraph qualifier and there will be numerous qualifying competitions during the summer for girls to enter.

Three of our girls are going to the Westwood Academy in Yorkshire for a day this Summer.

The Junior Jubilee Greensome Stableford Tournament will be held on October 14th at Stanton on the Wolds for ladies and junior girls. As I am away, Bridgett is kindly organising this. Ladies, please ask a junior girl to be your partner. Any combination of handicaps is allowed but the junior must be a member of a club. The closing date for entries is 23rd September and application forms are on the website.

We will be organising the popular Junior AmAm at Rufford Park in April 2013. This is when the girls organise the day for teams of four to play and it raises funds for the juniors. I will have the final date by the AGM and the application form will be on the website next year.

I would like to thank Club Secretaries for displaying and passing on information to their junior girls about coaching and competitions.

Our Girls' Captain, Rachel Boulton has done an excellent job and is always supportive and helpful. She is now 18 years of age and is coming to the end of her time as a junior.

Inter-Club & Leagues: The Semi finalist of the Inter-Club are Coxmoor v Oakmere Admirals to be played at Rushcliffe and Newark v Retford at Notts. Serlby Park apologised to Ramsdale & Oakmere for the fact that no one was there to welcome them. Rushcliffe have made enquiries about entering the Bronze League, however Edwalton wish to leave the Inter-Club and probably the Bronze League.

When the draw and venues are announced for next year, would Secretaries please make sure their clubs are available to host the rounds delegated to them, as soon as possible

Dates 2013: These would be sent to clubs again. Secretaries were requested to put them on the Ladies Notice boards in an attempt to increase entries.

Secretaries Notes & Correspondence: Unfortunately due to a very small entry and a clashing of dates with the Past Captains Association, our Veterans Trophy Meeting at Serlby Park had been cancelled.

The Handicap Secretary had nothing to report, however if there are any queries, please email or telephone her.

Any Other Business: Rushcliffe enquired whether we had a ruling about teams being played in handicap order. The consensus was that most clubs do this anyway, however it would be taken to the AGM for verification of whether a ruling need be added.

As there was no further business, the County Captain closed the meeting.