

**N.C.L.G.A. COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB – 01.10.12**

**Apologies:** These had been received from Mrs H Horton, County Captain, Mrs C Newton, County Vice-Captain, College Pines, Mrs C Ward, N Sheffield, Norwood Park, Rufford Park, Kilton Forest & Worksop.

**Minutes of Last Council Meeting:** These having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Assistant Vice Captain.

**Matters Arising:** Mrs V Dowthwaites apologies had been omitted and would be added.

**Captains Report:** Mrs J Fowler read the report in Mrs Horton's absence.

County Captains Day Monday July 30th 2012 held at Notts Golf Club Hollinwell. Many thanks to Notts golf Club for letting us host this big event at their club.

39 team entered from the Nottinghamshire clubs ,play starting from 8.30 until 2.45. It was encouraging to have such a big field.

We held a raffle which raised a remarkable sum of £457.The funds raised go to the costs of running the first team .Many thanks to the players for their generosity.

The winners ,with a score of 74 points were a team from Sherwood Forest of Maureen Clarke, Gillian Stump, Michelle Duckmanton and Sue Derbyshire with 74 points.

The runners up all scored 73 points so there was some good golf played. Long drive and nearest the pin received a bottle of champagne kindly donated by John Fowler

Pam Loch did all the flowers in the club house and for the tables with a county theme. They looked lovely and I would like to thank her very much for all her time and skill.

Also the greenkeepers and professional shop for all the work they do,& everyone who donated raffle prizes; Sylvia Goodlud who gave two beautiful fuscias for the prize table, the young lady from David's staff who manned the halfway house all day, those ladies who made all the delicious cakes and the ladies who helped run the desk and sell the raffle tickets. Thanks go to Sue Temple,Audrey Bleloch,Fran Tunnicliffe,Sasha Condon and Colette Newton. I would like to thank the clubs that sent donations and Gill Shawcross for her generous donation. The day raised a total of £2,689 which I was delighted with and thank you everyone who played and contributed to such a happy and successful day.

The County Autumn Meeting held at Radcliffe on Trent G C on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. There were 65 players in this event. We were lucky to have a very nice warm day. The course was in very good condition, the greens being particularly fast making play quite tricky. Joyce Crosby started the players off. A big thank you to Joyce for always helping at County events. A raffle was held on behalf of the EWGA trust for junior golfers which raised £130.

The cup winners were as follows

36 hole Aggregate Scratch Mrs C Burnside (Stanton) 82+85=167

36 Hole Aggregate Handicap Mrs J Furlonger (Stanton) 73+70=143

18 Holes Scratch Mrs G Stump (Sherwood) 84

18 Holes Handicap Mrs M Clarke (Sherwood) 86-18=68

Jubilee Shield Stanton on the Wolds 297 Runners up Sherwood Forest.

On behalf of the NCLGA I would like to thank Radcliffe on Trent catering staff for looking after everyone so well and the club for allowing us to hold the Autumn Meeting on their excellent course. We would all like to thank Bridgett and Joan who ran the event and spent so much time in making it go so smoothly.

**News of Nottinghamshire players.**

Many of you will have seen in the press that Alex Peters won the English women's open stroke play in July at Little Aston with a six shot lead. She also won the U23 and U21 trophies.

This win assured her a place in the England team.A great achievement. Alex qualified to play in the RIOCH open at Hoylake where she acquitted herself well in a field of professional golfers.

Congratulations go to Alex for a superb win. Alex is planning to take up a scholarship in America next year and we wish her every success.

Janet Melville( Sherwood Forest) described rightly as 'Senior Star' in the England Golf magazine, won the English womens senior stroke play at Shifnal with a three shot lead. Congratulations to Janet on her win and being selected to play in the European Senior ladies team championship in Switzerland in September. Janet also won the 36 hole senior women's midlands regional tournament at Chesterfield for the fourth time.

Finally, I think everyone would like to congratulate Mrs Maureen Clarke from Sherwood Forest for representing England Golf as one of the five women referees at the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes. What an affirmation of her excellent knowledge of golf rules and well done Maureen from all of us.

**Vice-Captains Report:** As the matches had all been played and unfortunately lost, there was nothing further to report.

**Handicap Advisers Report:** Following the merger of the EGU and EWGA, a single Handicapping and Course Rating Committee has been established to ensure uniformity of handicapping at County level. Claire Dowling has been appointed Chair of this Committee. James Crampton has been appointed England Golf Director of Championships and Gemma Hunter has taken over as England Golf Handicap and Scratch Score Manager.

It has been confirmed that my responsibilities as County Handicap Adviser include answering queries on the Unified Handicapping System and queries on the R&A Rules of Golf, submitted by Clubs and individual members.

If it is thought necessary to have a County Handicap Meeting, Club Handicap Secretaries will be invited to one of the NCLGA Council Meetings, however, if any new Club or new Handicap Secretary needs advice I am happy to visit the Club .

I have to complete the Category 1 Audit annually, and I thank all Handicap Secretaries that replied to my emails so promptly, in this respect, and with regard to the England Golf Survey on Supplementary Cards, and Small Field Reduction Only Competitions. It appears that no Category 1 lady players have completed Supplementary Cards.

With regard to Small Fields, if no player is within the Buffer Zone the next best score (relative to the Buffer Zone) is examined and this appears to have ensured less Competitions with Small Fields have been Reduction Only. This year many Competitions with fuller fields have been Reduction Only because of the appalling weather.

I am also expected to administer the Appeals Procedure. Any player who receives a Handicap Adjustment under Clause 23 and 24 of the CONGU UHS may appeal against the decision, in writing, to the Club Handicapping Committee, within 14 days of receiving notification of adjustment, explaining the reasons for their Appeal. If the Handicap Committee does not support the appeal they must send a copy of the player's history (including Club match-play cup results), a copy of the correspondence between the individual and the Club, and submit this, with the Handicap Committee's reasons for the Adjustment to the County Handicap Adviser/Area Authority for consideration. The Club decision will only be overturned if the actions of the Club were not in accordance with CONGU Rules.

May I remind you how important it is to ensure all your members have only one Computer Database of Handicapping ID Number. Please ask your players, who are members of more than one Club, to check that their CDH ID is the same at all their Clubs. If you have a new member, who has been a member of another club, please ensure that you use the CDH ID that they already have, and do not issue them with a new one. All Clubs have access to the CDH with respect to their own members and it would be helpful if Club Handicap Secretaries check that their CDH information is correct. If players have been entered with more than one ID, make a note of the incorrect ID that is not in use and send it to me for onward transmission to England Golf. The numbers can then be-issued. It is recommended that the Annual Review takes place before 1 January 2013 as the next handicapping year starts from that date. Following this report, Newark requested information regarding exceptional reductions as this had caused some of their members to have handicap reductions because of the CSS increasing. Mrs Clarke will look into this.

**Financial Report:** The Treasurer reported the following amounts in our accounts: General Fund - £2067: Captains Account - £1422: Junior Account - £4458: Reserve Account £16,237.

**Midland North Report:** The Edgbaston office closed on August 28<sup>th</sup> and any communication received after that date was redirected to England Golf at Woodhall Spa, to where all future correspondence will be sent. EWGA employees now in a post with England Golf are Emma Lowe, Kirstie Thirde and Sandra Holden.

The EWGA Trust appeal has met with some success, and I thank the Nottinghamshire clubs who replied to my request for information and to those who were prepared to make a commitment. Forms are now available to order the new Leatherette Pocket diary in Red, one week to view 12 month diary with the full England Golf Fixture list, £5.50. For speedier processing it is recommended to order on line and if the order is for 10 or more diaries there is no postage or packing charges.

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The Chief Executive John Petrie is leaving after five years in the organisation. Craig Wagstaff, the England Golf Finance Director, will assume the duties of Chief Executive for an interim period until a replacement is found.

All the regional competitions were successfully held this year despite the atrocious weather. The Ladies Championship was interrupted by rain and needed nearly four weeks to complete. We are still hoping for more support from all the counties and their members, and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions how to make these events more attractive to you all, I am ready to listen.

Consultations are still in progress about the changes requested for County Week. This is an ongoing problem that all regions face, the Championship Committee will need time to find an acceptable solution for all. No change is envisaged before 2015.

The Dates for our regional Competitions in 2013 are; Foursomes Mon 22 April Whittington Heath, Staffs  
EWGA Medal Finals Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Radcliffe on Trent, Notts Australian Spoons. Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Matlock Derbys. County Match Week wb 24<sup>th</sup> June Hawkstone Park, Shrops  
Queen of Clubs Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July Belton Park Lincs Girls Championship and Challenge Trophy.  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Kibworth L/R

**Junior Report:** The girls have continued to do well across the county and in regional and national competitions.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SUCCESSES**

**English Girls Championship:** Sandiway GC Cheshire 31<sup>st</sup> July -2<sup>nd</sup> August : Emma Newlove 9= . Emily Mae Hall also qualified for the final two rounds. Jodie Peacock, Rachel Boulton, Laura Morris, Lianna Bailey and Emily Cheshire played but failed to qualify. U15s at Delamere Forest: Annabel Bailey came 3<sup>rd</sup> (75,77,75,79) She will still be U15 in 2013 and has a handicap of 2.1! Emily Lyle came 10<sup>th</sup>, Sophie Newlove 20<sup>th</sup>. Rhiannon Linacre qualified but retired with an injured wrist.  
Under13s: Jessica Bailey failed to qualify by one shot, coming 19<sup>th</sup>. Jessica will still be U13 in 2013, her handicap is 11.6.

**Four Counties Championship** 10<sup>th</sup> August at Kettering:

Rhiannon Linacre won the Best Gross U15 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gross overall. Emily Lyle 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Laura Morris, Leanne Martin and Emma Anderson also played.

**Midland North Championship:** 20<sup>th</sup> August at Bridgnorth:

Lianna Bailey won the scratch and Annabel Bailey was 2<sup>nd</sup> scratch. Lianna plays off scratch and is 15 years of age. Notts won the Scratch team trophy with Lianna, Annabel and Emma Newlove. Sophie Newlove, Laura Morris, Emma Anderson, Jessica Bailey and Esme Hamilton also played.

**Prince of Wales Amateur Trophy:** 17<sup>th</sup> August at Woburn:

Lianna Bailey won with scores of 75 and 70 to finish 5 under par gross, 10 shots clear.

**Champions of Champions** 16<sup>th</sup> September at Spalding : Emma Newlove had to withdraw from the U18s as she started University on the 15th. Lianna Bailey won the U16 in very windy conditions. These are scratch competitions.

So, the girls are playing in big championships, often with handicap entry restrictions and they represent the county very well. A group of mid handicap girls enjoyed and found useful, a practice match play held at Wollaton Park GC in August so I have arranged another for October 24<sup>th</sup>, half term, at Oakmere Park GC. This for girls of 11 – 21 hcp some of whom will play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, the handicap team in 2013. Thank you to Oakmere Park giving us the tee times.

Yorkshire would like to resume a friendly match in 2013 for 12+ handicap girls. As in Nottinghamshire, they feel their lower handicap girls get plenty of match play in their League matches. This is to be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Meltham GC in Yorkshire.

**Lee Westwood Academy near Harrogate:** in August Emily Lyle won a Westwood Golf Bag, as the girls' highest achiever over the three days.

**The Par 3 Competition** for girls of 28+ hcp and no handicap was held at Norwood Park on September 30<sup>th</sup>. 17 girls entered with most girls playing just 9 holes. The girls enjoyed the day in spite of the blustery conditions arriving back at the clubhouse tired but still smiling. The County Golf Partnership -4-

kindly helped fund the day and gave 'Goody bags' for each girl. Thank you to Norwood Park for their holding this event and also to the six ladies who helped with a group. I hope to hold similar events in the Spring and end of the each year. Laura Abbott won the 9 hole competition with an excellent score of 35 which included a Hole in One at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. Izzy Uren scored a very good 76 for 18 holes. Well done girls.

### **COACHING**

Group coaching sessions at Rufford and The Nottinghamshire are going well. Winter coaching has been arranged at both venues with the same pros and runs for five months from November to March inclusive at a cost of £30 for the five sessions. Full details and application form are on the website.

**County Golf Partnership:** I attend monthly meeting with the County Golf Partnership who are organising winter coaching independent to that run by NCLGA. They are also setting up an Academy Plus group for 16 – 21 year olds.

### **Grant Applications**

I applied for funding from CGP to help fund the prizes for the Par 3 Competition on September 30<sup>th</sup> and to supply a goody bag per girl. I have sent in the application for EWGA Trust Funded Grant to help with group coaching costs.

### **Silver Tee Award**

The Junior Committee decided to nominate both Alex Peters and Lianna Bailey for this award which is "an annual award for girls with English national qualifications who continue their education home or overseas." Alex, had her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, so has not been a junior this year but there is no age restriction for the award. Alex won the English Women's Open Stroke Play Championship this year, came 5<sup>th</sup> in the British Women's and qualified for the Ricoh Open at Hoylake in September – a fantastic achievement. I have told you of Lianna's many achievements as she is still a County Junior. England Golf will announce the winner of the award at their AGM in February next year. We are lucky to have such talented youngsters in our County.

**The Girls Presentation and Celebration Evening** was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Notts GC (Hollinwell) with 50 girls and their families coming. I arranged it for earlier this year so our older girls could come before going to university, sadly they went in the days just before the evening while Jodie Peacock went to Missouri University on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We wish all the girls good luck.

Junior Captain for 2013: Emily Lyle, Worksop

Vice Captain: Sophie Newlove, Beeston and Notts Ladies'

Lauren Norman had a hole in one at Rufford on the 17th September 8<sup>th</sup>

Gill Cheshire is retiring from the Junior Committee this year. We are very grateful to Gill for her hard work over many years.

**Junior Jubilee:** At Stanton on October 14<sup>th</sup>. I am unfortunately away but Bridgett is kindly organising the day. It's always a lovely day and I hope you have good weather.

**Inter-Club & Leagues:** Owing to the course closure, the Ladies Inter-club had been postponed and would now be played on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Coxmoor had beaten Trent Lock in the final of the Mixed Inter-Club

The following clubs had won their leagues: Silver Division – A-Beeston: B-Notts: C-Trent Lock: D-Ramsdale: E-Worksop & F-Southwell.

Bronze Division – A Ramsdale: B-Retford: C-Southwell: D-Beeston: E-Oakmere Admirals & F-Norwood.

**Draw for Inter-Club 2013:** The President & Asst. Vice Captain made the draw as follows: Notts Ladies v Beeston Fields: Norwood Park v Rufford Park: Serlby Park v Worksop & Wollaton Park v College Pines. These 8 clubs have byes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. 1<sup>st</sup> Round draw – Sherwood Forest v Chilwell Manor: Stanton-on-the-Wolds v Oakmere Admirals: coxmoor v Trent Lock: Mapperley v The Nottinghamshire: Ruddington Grange v Southwell: Newark v Ramsdale Park: Radcliffe-on-Trent v Rushcliffe: & Retford v Nottingham City.

**Secretaries Notes:** After discussion on the virtues of handicaps 19 & 20 playing in the Bronze League a show of hands indicated that this seemed to meet with approval. This would be discussed at the AGM.

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Chilwell had again asked that the Bronze League be reduced to 5 players, however again on a show of hands this did not meet with approval. Again this would be taken to the AGM.

A cheque for £85 would be sent as a contribution to the Midland Seniors team event.

**Any Other Business:** Stanton requested all teams should pay for their own meals after League matches. Most of the clubs seem to subsidise their ladies and it was suggested that Stanton might do the same. A suggestion from Ramsdale Park, was made that only tea and cake should be provided.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed. Mrs Handley thanked Mrs Fowler for taking the meeting in the absence of the County Captain.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Beeston Fields on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The next Council Meeting will be at Ramsdale Park Golf Club on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February