

**N.C.L.G.A. COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB – 07.10.13**

The Captain welcomed the ladies present representing 20 clubs. This meeting followed the Extraordinary Meeting.

Apologies: These had been received from, Mrs M Clarke, Mrs J Walford, Mrs M Brook

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a true record by the County Captain.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

County Captains Report:

The county has had a very busy time since our last council meeting on the 22nd July. The weather has been kind to us and unlike last year we have had no cancellations and the courses we have played have all been in great condition.

County Captains Day -36 teams played in my Captains day at Hollinwell on the 29th July which was an amazing number and I thank everyone who entered and supported the day. Except for one rain shower we had a lovely bright day, the course looked beautiful and everyone that played said how much they had enjoyed the course. These days don't just happen and mine was no exception. I had a wonderful team of helpers and my thanks go to all of them. The winners of the day were a mixed team from Coxmoor and Ramsdale with teams from Notts ladies coming 2nd and 3rd. I shall give a fuller report of the day at the A.G.M. but suffice to say the day raised just under £3000.00 pounds for the county funds which went a great way to help with the funding of a rather expensive county week!!

Veterans Trophy - The county vets trophy was held at Chilwell on the 8th August and what a beautiful day it was. We had a very small entry which was a great shame but again all those that played thoroughly enjoyed it. We are suggesting that the vets trophy is amalgamated with the Summer meeting as the numbers entering this event have been slowly going down over the past few years. The scratch winner was Jan Hooley from Stanton on the Wolds, the Dorothy Payne cup was won by Sarah Mansfield from the Nottinghamshire and the handicap cup was won by Anne Mather of Notts Ladies. Well done to all of them and thanks to all of those that entered this event.

Autumn Meeting - The Autumn meeting on the 9th September was held at Sherwood Forest and this year we had a really good entry. The course was in beautiful condition and the greens were just like Augusta!! This is obviously something the Sherwood ladies are accustomed to as the home players won most of the prizes!! We had a rather frightening thunder storm in the middle of the day which sadly spoilt the round for some ladies but there were some fantastic scores recorded. The main cup winners were Janet Melville of Sherwood Forest who won the aggregate scratch cup and also the 18 hole scratch cup.(Janet had just returned from winning the team bronze medal for England in the European seniors match in Latvia, so was obviously in form!!) Caron Harrison of Sherwood Forest who won the aggregate handicap cup and Gillian Stump who won the 18 hole handicap cup. A great result for the Sherwood ladies. Thanks must go to our starter Joyce who returned to her post having had major surgery only a matter of weeks ago, what a stalwart she is and we wish her all the best with the rest of her treatment.

Ladies Interclub - The ladies final was played at Wollaton the day after the mixed final. This match was between Retford and Norwood Park. This too was a tight match and Norwood really put up a good fight but the experienced team of Retford finished

2 up in each game and were the winners. Well done to both teams for reaching the final and I am sure Retford ladies are really thrilled to have won the trophy **Mixed interclub** - The mixed interclub final was played between Newark and Beeston Fields at Sherwood Forest on Sunday 22nd September. Again it was a beautiful day and the matches were very close. After 18 holes Newark were 5 up overall but Beeston really fought back and only lost 2 down after 36. The ladies representing their clubs were Emma Sheffield and Eva Glasby for Newark and Sophie Newlove and Helen Maber for Beeston.

Vice-Captains Report:

All 2nd team matches now concluded with two wins and two losses. Wins secured at home at Wollaton 5 to 4 against Lincolnshire; away at Lingdale against Leicestershire 5.5 to 3.5. The losses coming away to Lincolnshire at Stoke Rochford 6.5 to 2.5 and at home against Leicestershire at Notts. Golf Club 5 to 4. However, three of these matches were all square with three to play.

So we just missed out on the regional finals. Lincolnshire went forward, ultimately winning by beating Staffordshire 5 to 4.

Thanks must be recorded to the Clubs that hosted our matches.

All the matches were played in very good spirit and I am pleased to say I saw some excellent golf. My thanks must be recorded to all the players who represented the County at 2nd team level – Emily Lyle, Rachel Boulton, Caron Harrison, Rosemary Skill, Carol Houghton, Sue Reynolds, Diana Payne, Leanne Martin, Janet Slater, Kathryn Horberry, Glenys Priestley, Tanya Wainwright and Kate Crowther.

Whilst some of the players have represented the County previously we took the opportunity to give newcomers a go and tried to give them at least two games if possible and feedback concerning their experience has been positive and encouraging.

So if you have any players at your Club below about 10/12 handicap who you think have an interest in playing 2nd team golf can you please let us have their details.

A special note of thanks to Kathryn for her help and support throughout this year.

As for next year we still await one match fixture to be confirmed from Lincolnshire but all home fixtures are agreed.

Part of the duties and responsibilities for the Senior Vice Captain is to Chair the Junior Committee. I've been absolutely amazed at the success of our Juniors. However, possibly due to their success running this section involves a tremendous input so a very big thank you must go to Margaret Brook who works tirelessly on their behalf.

We have had the added bonus this year of Emma Howie who agreed to help out and so my thanks go to Emma for her contribution also. Bridgett acts as treasurer so thanks as ever to Bridgett. Helen Boulton has been a stalwart supporter of the Junior Section and attends our Committee meetings she also attends the coaching sessions at Rufford – thank you Helen for your time and commitment.

Moving forward I can report that we have recently held discussions and made attempts to break down into more manageable proportions certain aspects of the Junior Section operation. As part of this Bridgett very kindly sent out with the notice convening this meeting a request for volunteers to help. Anyone prepared to give a few hours to help would be welcomed and appreciated. The jobs involve covering

coaching sessions, matches or Par 3 comps for girls without handicaps. If you feel you could offer a few extra hours or a couple of days to help Margaret will be delighted to hear from you.

Financial Report: The state of the accounts at present are: General £2319: Captains £4364: Junior £5036: Reserve £13120. The Treasurer explained that as she was retiring, to make it easier all monies were now with the same bank. She has closed the account with Barclays, hence the larger sum in the Reserve account. Approximately £900 had been paid in advance for accommodation at next years County Week.

Midland North Report: As there had been no meetings since the last Council Meeting, there was nothing to report.

Junior Report: In Mrs Brook's absence, her report was read by the Senior Vice-Captain:

The girls have had a very busy and successful summer full details and photos are on the website.

Coaching: our newly formed coaching group at Oakmere now has nine girls all beginners aged 8-11 years. The group at The Nottinghamshire has moved to Riverside Golf Centre with Phil Edwards as Laura Wright has moved on. Rufford continues with John Vaughan and James Thompson. Details of our winter coaching which runs from November to March are now on the website.

Midland North League Matches: our final match was played v Shropshire at The Nottinghamshire on September 22nd. Notts won 5 ½ : ½. Shropshire could only bring one girl for the 2nd team match which Notts also won with Kristina Lazarevic having a hole in one at the 14th. Of the five league matches, Notts have won 3 and halved 2. Other counties still have matches to play.

Beginners: the final game for girls without CONGU handicaps was held at Norwood on a sunny September 27th with 11 girls playing. Thank you to Lady Captain Sarah Woolley and the Norwood ladies who helped on the day. Several girls have moved on during the summer as they have achieved that important milestone, a CONGU handicap. However we have many new young girls who enjoy getting out onto a course, playing with other girls and they are very keen.

Successes at national level are numerous.

English Girls Championship at Oake Manor, Devon July 30th – August 1st: Lianna Bailey 4th, Emily-Mae Hall 9th. In the U15s, Annabel Bailey 3rd. Jessica Bailey finished 13th in the U13s.

Girls' British Open Amateur Championship at Fairhaven 12th – 16th August: Lianna qualified after the first two rounds but lost in the first match play round on the 19th. Annabel also qualified but lost in the 2nd round.

British Ladies Open Amateur Stroke Play at Prestwick August 21st – 23rd: Lianna qualified for the final two rounds and finished 18th, a very good result in a Ladies' Championship as she's only 16 years old.

St Andrews Junior Ladies Open for U23s 6th – 9th August: Lianna scored 68 to qualify for the match play losing in the semi final to the eventual winner. Annabel also qualified but lost in the 2nd round.

Lianna Bailey and Emily-Mae Hall played for England Schools v Scotland in September. The girls team won, with Lianna winning both her singles and foursomes matches and Emily-Mae winning her singles match.

Regionally the girls have also done very well.

Lamplugh Trophy at Trent Lock in July: the Coxmoor all girl team won the trophy and went on to play in the Champion Club Tournament at Woodhall Spa. Several girls had excellent individual scores.

Four Counties at Greetham Valley on 20th August: Emily Lyle won the Championship with a gross 75, with Sophie Newlove and Esme Hamilton also scoring gross 75. 10 year old Eleanor Bailey in her first Championship won 2nd nett with her 102-33-69 and reduced her handicap to 28. Esme's handicap reduced to 6.2, she started the summer on 13! Notts girls won both the Team Scratch and Team Handicap Trophies. Midland North Region Championship and Challenge at Kibworth 22nd August: Emily Lyle was 3rd. Several girls won handicap prizes and Notts were Runners Up in the Scratch Team Trophy but won the Handicap Team Trophy.

Champion of Champions at Lingdale on September 6th: this is for the U18, U16 and U14 champions, boys and girls, from all 12 Midland counties. Our U18 champion Emily-Mae Hall was unable to play as she was up in Scotland playing for England Schools but Rhiannon Linacre played in the U16s and Jessica Bailey played as our U14 champion. Jessica scored 82 in Round 1 then an amazing one under par gross 71 in the second round to win the U14 Girl Champion of Champions. Her handicap has reduced from 11 to 5.5 this summer and she is still only 13years old.

Many girls have had successes in various other competitions – too numerous to mention – and there have been plenty of handicap reductions. These girls are the future of ladies golf and we are very fortunate to have such a healthy junior section.

Funding: a recent meeting was held with Matt Bloor of the Notts CGP and Richard Brown of England Golf which the Notts Union also attended. This was to discuss gaps and/or duplication in the current programmes and to work towards the application to England Golf for funding from the 'Special Projects Fund' which will be from the county as a whole. Thank you to Jane Fowler who helped me with the paperwork and came to this meeting. It is to be followed up by another meeting in October. We're submitting another application by 25th October for funding a new project for the 14+ age.

The Junior Jubilee was played at Rufford on Sunday October 6th - a lovely sunny day. Thank you to Rufford for hosting this event. We had 14 girls entering with partners.

Winners: 1st Emily Jane Golder & Susan Whittaker 40 points
2nd Jacey Peacock & Mel Shirtcliffe 37
3rd Jessica Wood & Maggie Wood 36

All in all an excellent season and I am extremely proud of the girls.

Former Junior Alex Peters has been announced as the winner of the Ladies Order of Merit.

Handicap Advisors Report: In Mrs Clarke's absence, her report was read by the Assistant Secretary: Audit of Category 1 Players - Plus Handicap to 5 Handicap
The Handicap Audit of Category 1 players will, as usual, take place in October. If you have any Category 1 players at your Club, please ask your Handicap Secretary to send me their full Handicap Records, if they have not already done so. My address is 22 Redhill Lodge Drive, Redhill, Arnold, Notts NG5 8JH.

Supplementary Scores for Category 1 Players

From January 2014, Category 1 golfers will be restricted to returning a maximum of 3 Supplementary Scores per annum, to either maintain, or regain an Active Handicap. Any Category 1 player whose handicap is Active on 1st January will not be permitted to return any Supplementary Scores until September, and then only as many as required to keep an Active Handicap.

Handicap Allowances in Four Ball Better Ball Matches and Competitions

CONGU have not changed the Rules with regard to Handicap Allowances in Four Ball Better Ball, which is when two players play as partners, each playing their own

ball. The Allowance in Match Play is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference between the full handicap, with the player with the lowest handicap conceding strokes to the other three. In Stroke Play (Medal, Par/Bogey and Stableford) it is $\frac{3}{4}$ of full difference.

Inter-Club & Leagues: The ladies Inter-Club had been won by Retford who beat Norwood Park at Wollaton. The Mixed inter-Club was won by Newark who beat Beeston at Sherwood Forest.

Winners of the Silver League: A-Retford: B-Rushcliffe: C-Ramsdale Park: D-The Nottinghamshire: E-Springwater: F-Chilwell

Bronze League: A-Ruddington: B-Mapperley: C-Beeston Fields: D-The Nottinghamshire: E-Rufford Park: F-Brierley Forest.

Owing to a shortage of eligible members, Edwalton have left the Bronze League.

Brierley Forest have expressed an interest in joining the Inter-Club, however this will now have to wait until 2015.

Inter-Club Draw 2014: The Captain and Senior Vice-Captain made the following draw for 2014.

Byes into the 2nd round: Ramsdale Park v Sherwood Forest: Beeston Fields v The Nottinghamshire: Mapperley v Southwell: Chilwell Manor v Serlby Park.

1st round ties: Norwood Park v Stanton on the Wolds: Coxmoor v Nottingham City: Notts Ladies v College Pines: Worksop v Oakmere Admirals: Newark v Retford: Radcliffe on Trent v Trent Lock: Rufford Park v Ruddington Grange: Wollaton Park v Rushcliffe.

County Dates 2014: These had been circulated to all clubs. The suggestion that owing to very small fields, the Veterans Trophy Meeting should in future be amalgamated with the Summer Meeting. This met with approval

Secretaries Notes etc; There was nothing to report.

Any Other Business:

- Rushcliffe asked if the Australian Spoons handicap changes were to stay. It was pointed out that as this is an England Golf decision however the Midland Representative would take any opinions to her next meeting.
- Catering after Inter-Clubs etc was again brought up, Serlby Park had a problem with no catering on a Monday. However the majority of clubs wish to continue to offer some form of catering after matches and it was recommended that host clubs inform visiting clubs the extent of catering available after the matches had been played.
- Stanton asked whether the Veterans Trophy Meeting would move to the Summer or vice versa. The Veterans Trophy would now be held on the date of the Summer Meeting.
- Newark requested that County meetings should be non-qualifiers, however this is not in our remit.
- The Captain asked whether clubs felt it would be a good idea to have an 18 hole round between the 36 holes of the Championship as many were unwilling to play 36 holes. She also asked Secretaries to make their ladies more aware of our competitions in order to increase our numbers.
- Southwell asked why we do not hold more stableford events, however this is mainly because of all the County Cups that have to be presented. As there is a spare date in August, it is feasible that a stableford competition could be

arranged. We also now have the County Waltz which is a stableford team event for 3 players.

- The Senior Vice-Captain felt that many working ladies could have half a day to play in County events as she had done during her working life.

As there was no further business the Captain closed the meeting and she and the President were thanked for taking the meetings by Mrs P Handley.