

NCLGA Council Meeting

10.30 am Monday 6th October 2014 at Beeston Fields Golf Club (NG9 3DD)

Participants.

NCLGA Council Members and Ladies Secretaries from 24 Nottinghamshire clubs.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies.

1. Apologies
Received from Sandra Beckett, Trent Lock, Kilton Forest, Brierley Forest, Worksop, Oakmere Commanders.
2. Minutes from 14th July 2014 Agreed as a true record and signed by the Captain.
3. Matters arising - Bronze League Teams
It was clarified that 19 and 20 handicappers can play in Bronze and Silver leagues.
Silver league is 0-20
Bronze league is 19-32.
After the last meeting several secretaries had contacted the NCLGA General secretary and the majority (90%) had supported leaving the Bronze league teams at 7 players.
The competition secretary had looked at the leagues to even up the numbers where teams had dropped out last year. It was felt it was preferable to keep the maximum league size as 4 teams.
4. Captain's Report

I really can't believe we're into October already – the playing season almost at an end but what a wonderful summer it's been.

Onto things to report since the last meeting.

County Captain's Day at Coxmoor on Monday, 28th July.

As you know within 10 days of being released the event was oversubscribed – which was absolutely marvellous. Eventually 41 teams (164 competitors) took part on the day and played from 8.20 until 3 pm in absolutely perfect conditions.

The competitors came from 22 Clubs and included 11 past County Captain's with the format being 2 from 4 Stableford AmAm.

Scoring was fantastic with the team from Ruddington Grange ofr Sally McGarvey, Angela Picker, Wendy Kerry and Loraine Howd winning with 91 points.

In second place with 89 points were the mixed team of Joyce Hayward and Judy Wheatley (Coxmoor) Gaynor Tunney (Sherwood Forest) and Jane Barrs from Rushcliffe with 89 points.

In third spot with 88 points were the team from Rushcliffe of Tina Gillot, Chris Hodges, Jean Jolley and Janet Dolman.

Taking the final prize in fourth place on 87 points on countback (49 points on the back 9!!) were the team from Coxmoor of Viv Radford, Chris Hargreaves, Janet Slater and Heidi Sweeney.

Due to very generous sponsorship by Sean Musson, Glenn Newton and John Fowler all Par 3 holes had prizes for nearest the pin in both silver and bronze divisions. Winners were

2nd

Jan Heathcote (Norwood)
Joyce Hayward (Coxmoor)

7th

Alison Harrold (The Nottinghamshire)
Karen Donnelly (Ruddington Grant)

10th

Jane Tucker (Newark)
Louise Fisher (Ruddington Grange)

17th

Jean Jolley (Rushcliffe)

Sue Brooksby (Notts. Ladies)

My thanks go to all who played and to those that donated prizes and bought raffle tickets.
A rather magnificent £2863 was raised on the day.

To all my helpers who made the day special – thank you.

Finally my thanks must be recorded to Coxmoor Golf Club the course was in great condition and the buffet was tremendous from beginning to end.

The final County meeting of the year – the autumn meeting – took place at Rushcliffe Golf Club on 4th September.

The course was in very good condition but many competitors struggle to master the greens resulting in the CSS score for the day increasing to 74 and ultimately ending up as reductions only.

Congratulations must go to Karen Donnelly (Ruddington Grange) for returning an excellent nett 71 to win the 18 hole Challenge Bowl and a very well done to all of you who managed to finish in your buffer zone. Well done to Kathryn Horberry (Coxmoor) who returned a very creditable 82 to take the 18 hole Scratch Challenge Bowl.

Tina Gillott (Rushcliffe) won the silver medal.

Sue Penfold (Sherwood Forest) won the Cavendish Bentinck Challenge Cup for best aggregate Scratch at the Summer and Autumn meetings.

Lesley Morris (The Nottinghamshire) took the Handicap Challenge Cup for the best aggregate handicap at the Summer and Autumn meetings.

The Jubilee Shield award to the Club whose Members return the 4 lowest nett scores goes to The Nottinghamshire on 310 with the team of L. Morris, J. Rose, P. Grinter and B. Barton.

A full list of all the winners has been posted on the web site and please remember that the cups will be presented at the AGM.

A raffle was held on the day and £140 was raised for Maggies Centre at the City Hospital – thank you.

The mixed inter club final was held at Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club between Norwood represented by Grant Lee and Lynne Inham and Mark Todd and Amy Oxbury and Wollaton Park represented by Neil and Leanne Martin and Gary Shepherd and Chris Parnham with Wollaton being the eventual winners – well done to Wollaton.

Finally, the ladies inter club final was held at Wollaton Park GC on Monday, 29th September played between Rushcliffe represented by Janet Dolman and Jean Jolly and Tina Gillot and Sue Maine and Coxmoor represented by Kathryn Horberry and Janet Slater and Viv Radford and Jane Fowler. The eventual winners were Rushcliffe by 2 holes.
As ever grateful thanks for those Clubs hosting the events.

A special thank you to Wollaton Park Golf Club for hosting the ladies final and to Pippa Handley and Christine Preston our loyal and trusted referees for officiating on the day. Also thanks to all the County officials who attended and to those of you that turned up to support.

Vice Captains' Report

My role has been to captain the second team matches.

At the last meeting the second team matches had been played against Lincolnshire.

We lost 8 - 1 away at Sleaford but the course needed local knowledge as there were quite a few dog-leg holes to negotiate.

Caron Harrison was our saviour gaining the only point for us by winning her singles match with some masterful putting.

We gained our revenge in the home match at Sherwood Forest winning by 7.5 to 1.5.

All our players remained undefeated as the only points dropped were 3 halved matches.

The first match against Leicestershire was played on 20th July at home at Wollaton Park.

It was a fine sunny day unlike the previous day where the storms meant several bunkers contained water, otherwise the course was in excellent condition and enjoyed by everyone.

Nottinghamshire had the lead after the foursomes 2 - 1.

There was some excellent golf in the top singles match where Emily Lyle was 5 under par against her opponent Alice Watson who was level par.

Credit must also be given to Esme Hamilton who fought back from being 4 down at one stage to finish all square.

The final result was a win for Nottinghamshire 5.5 to 3.5.

The team consisted of Emily Lyle, Emma Howie, Caron Harrison, Esme Hamilton, Amy Oxbury, Carol Houghton.

The away match against Leicestershire was played on 24th July at Longcliffe golf club.

It was perfect weather and the course was in excellent condition.

Some of our players were visiting the course for the first time.

All 3 pairs had comfortable wins in the foursomes.

Good golf was played in the singles with our players winning 5 out of 6 matches and all before the 15th hole. It took excellent golf by Alice Watson who was level par to gain Leicestershire's only point. The final result was a win for Nottinghamshire 8 - 1. It is a credit to the players to have such an emphatic win away from home. The team consisted of Emily Cheshire, Laura Morris, Caron Harrison, Andrea Stockdale, Carol Houghton, Glenys Priestley.

This meant that in the league we tied with Lincolnshire as we have both won 3 matches but they finished top as they have won 23 games against Nottinghamshire's 22. As a result Lincolnshire went through to the final at Stoke Rochford against Staffordshire who were the winners of the other league in the Midlands North region. Lincolnshire won the final 6 - 3.

For Nottinghamshire to be so close this year bodes well for next year and I wish Pam Loch every success with her team. I should like to thank all the players who have played in the team this year and to thank Pam Loch my assistant vice captain who has attended all 4 matches. Also thank you to President Joan Underwood for your support.

Another of my duties is to book the accommodation for the first team at next year's County jamboree which is being played at Enville in Staffordshire. The practice day is on Sunday 28th June and the matches are on the next 5 days against the other counties in the Midlands North region. Pam Loch took me to look at the accommodation in that area and we decided to book rooms at the Travelodge at Kingswinford which is about 4 miles from the course. We are looking forward to the matches next year.

5. Handicap Advisers Report

Madam President, Madam Captain, Ladies. A few reminders - Supplementary Scores have to be played over 18 holes. The 12 month period for Supplementary Cards starts on 1 March each year. Supplementary Scores may only be returned at a player's Home Club over a measured course under competition play conditions. Players must signify their intention to play before they go out and if a player does not return the card their handicap must be increased by point one. Category 1 golfers may only complete as many Supplementary Scores as necessary to obtain or retain a Competition Handicap - a maximum of 3.

Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions

Qualifying Competitions over 9-holes have proved popular for members who do not have enough time for 18 holes or have been unwell and unable to play 18-holes. Home and Away players can play in them and the scores must be recorded as Qualifying Scores in the Player Handicap Records. Special Standard Scratch scores are issued by the Union for the appropriate 9 holes. They are always played in Stableford format.

The 9-hole competition handicap allowance calculated for the player differs from their Playing Handicap and the Committee must make the player aware of their total stroke allowance for the competition. It is recommended that the 9-hole Competition Handicap Allowance is recorded on the player's score card alongside the player's playing handicap. There is a special sheet showing the Competition Handicap Allowances. Handicap strokes must be taken according to the Stroke Index for the 9-hole course. 18 points will be added to the result but the player's buffer zone is divided by 2 i.e. Category 2 and 3 must achieve 35-36 points to be in the buffer zone, i.e. 17-18 actual points. Category 4 and 5 must achieve 34 - 36 points to be in the buffer zone, i.e. 16-18 actual points. No CSS is calculated. Nine-hole qualifying competitions must not be part of an 18-hole competition.

It is hoped Clubs will encourage all their members to participate in 18-hole Qualifying Competitions, but if members are unable to play at the times laid down by the Committee, or do not have the time or the fitness, they should be encouraged to do Supplementary Scores and/or play in Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions. These options have been brought in to encourage golfers to keep playing and obtain a realistic handicap. Similarly, Alternate Day Club Competitions should ensure ladies who cannot play on the Main Day are catered for, and membership numbers will be retained, which is very important in the present economic climate.

It should be stressed that every affiliated playing member who has been allocated a CONGU handicap retains a valid handicap, whether denoted as a Competition handicap or not. A Competition Handicap can be retained by playing in 3 Qualifying 9 hole or 18 hole Competitions, or by completing 3 Supplementary Cards. Handicaps are lost, however, when members become Non-Playing.

Exceptional Score Reductions

For players who are improving rapidly, and whose handicap may not be reducing quickly enough, there is a process included in the club software that can apply an additional reduction. This is triggered if a player returns two scores of 4 under handicap or better. The reduction is based on the second score within a specified number of qualifying rounds. England Golf recommend that these reductions are accepted unless these Exceptional Score Reductions are triggered as a result of Supplementary Cards. Category 1 players are not reduced by ESRs.

Reduction Only Competitions

If your Competition Standard Scratch is consistently resulting in Reduction Only Competitions, please let me know? This can be due to weather, aging membership, or an Annual Review that has not been robust enough. This problem can be alleviated by England Golf recommending upward adjustment of handicaps for the majority of members. This procedure is now taking place more often around the country.

Audit of Category 1 Players

The primary purpose of the Audit of low handicap players is to provide assurance that handicap records have been maintained in accordance with the Unified Handicapping System and that Away scores have been reported by players. Players with scores omitted from the record may have a handicap that is lower than that to which they are entitled. This can have an important bearing on entry into

prestigious competitions. By auditing, Unions can better assure a level playing field and not place those players who honour their obligations in full at a disadvantage. An additional benefit is in the selection of teams and coaching squads where emerging talent is identified where not already known. Thank you to all those Handicap Secretaries who have already sent me the information.

Handicap Queries

Clubs that have a handicap query must first approach their County Handicap Adviser. If you have a query I am here to help and I am happy to do so.

Thank you. Maureen Clarke County Handicap Adviser NCLGA

6. Financial Report Treasurer Helen Maber

A full report will be given at the AGM.

The bank accounts have been restructured to 2 accounts - General account has £4164.62 and the Reserve account £21,000.

7. Midland North Report

There was nothing to report at this meeting. A full update will be given at the AGM in November

8. Junior Report

Report from the Junior Committee to Council Meeting 6.10.14

In the absence of a County Junior Organiser, I have drawn together a report from the minutes of the last Junior Committee Meeting. The duties this season have been shared between the members of that committee and the County Executive and big thanks should go to them all for mucking in where required.

Thank you too to all those clubs and individuals who have made donations to the Junior Section this year – your help is greatly appreciated. A big thank you also to all of those clubs who have allowed us the use of their courses.

It has been another busy season for the girls. The Girls Championship was held at Retford in May and congratulations go to Lianna Bailey who is our Junior Champion for 2014 and to Charlotte Hazelwood who won the handicap cup. We only had 5 of our girls enter the 4 Counties competition at Lutterworth and only 6 entries to the Midland North Junior Championships. There were no successes at the Four Counties event but in the Midlands Championships, held at Trentham, Charlotte Hazelwood won the aggregate handicap trophy and Emily Lyle won 4th Gross. Unfortunately the Four Counties event clashed with a national event which a lot of our girls were playing in.

The most recent event was the Midland Champion of Champions, which was held at The Nottinghamshire. Lianna Bailey, Annabel Bailey and Charlotte Hazelwood were representing us in the U18, U16 and U14 categories respectively. Both Lianna and Annabel won their categories and Charlotte came 5th in the U14s – well done to all of them.

The girls have also had some very good performances in National events this year. Annabel Bailey was runner up in the English Girls Open Strokeplay Championship held at The Warwickshire with a sub-par total over three days.

Her sister Lianna won the St Andrews Junior Ladies Open which involved both strokeplay and matchplay, while younger sister Jessica won the plate competition at St Andrews.

In the British Ladies Open Amateur Strokeplay, played at Ashburnham several of our current junior girls and county player, Alex Peters, performed fantastically. Alex finished joint 3rd, Lianna Bailey was joint 7th and is pictured on the England Golf website news holding the under 18 trophy, and Annabel Bailey, Jessica Bailey and Emily Lyle also qualified in the top 32 to go on to play the final two rounds.

In the matches this season the 1st team had 4 convincing wins and only lost narrowly to Derbyshire in the 5th match. There is a good chance that we have won the league again but will depend on the result of one match still to be played. Team colours will be awarded to Esme Hamilton at the Presentation Evening being planned for 21st November.

Some of the counties have struggled to find players for the 2nd team so we only had 3 this year; won 2 and lost 1. We are hoping to discuss the format of the 2nd team matches at the CJO meeting later this month to try to come up with a better formula.

We've had a good season in our friendly matches with wins against Mapperley Ladies and Warwickshire, but losing narrowly to a strong Yorkshire side. It has been particularly good to see that we have had 5 new girls represent the county this year in the friendly matches.

The girls helped run the usual Mixed Am-Am fundraiser at Wollaton Park, in April - it was a fantastic day and we were very proud of the juniors who gave their time to run the day under the excellent leadership of our Junior Captain, Sophie Newlove and Vice-Captain, Rhiannon Linacre. The girls managed to raise a fabulous £830 for the junior section.

We have tried this season to develop closer relationship between us and the Notts Union via the County Golf Partnership, in order to try to develop a coordinated coaching and development plan and reduce any overlap. To this end we have attended all of the County Order of Merit/Nippers/Rookie Tour events this season. It has been a real eye opener to see how these are run and in particular how much the

Nippers tour is valued. There were around a dozen girls playing on the Nipper's tour, but less on the JOOM and Rookies tours. All of the girls on the Rookies tour and JOOM were known to us, but only a handful of those on the Nippers tour were. This is an area we hope to develop further next season.

Our summer coaching programmes at Rufford and Riverside are now nearly at an end. Jane and Emma have attended two CGP meetings, and had separate meetings with Matt and Alice to discuss specifically the girls coaching pathway going forward, which will be more integrated with the boys coaching and will follow different formats for their various levels of development. This is still in the negotiation stages and more will be reported at the AGM.

The girls are kept informed of coaching and other events by regular newsletters which are sent to them by email and are also available to download from the website. Thank you to Emma Howie who has been brilliant this season in producing the newsletters and also organising and running the coaching and matches.

We are hopeful that we will be able to persuade Emma to take on the role of CJO next season, in a general coordinating role, with an assistant to help with the running of the teams and the coaching. Carol Houghton has shown an interest in doing the assistants role and other members of the Junior Committee will help in other areas wherever they can.

All in all a very good season for our talented girls again...well done to them all!

9. Webmaster's report

The web site continues to be widely used and receive good feedback.
Historical information continues to be updated.

10. League and Interclub results.

Inter club Final – Winners Rushcliffe. Losing Finalists Coxmoor.

League Results

SILVER LEAGUE						
	Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E	Division F
1st	Beeston	Trent Lock	Coxmoor	Serlby	Southwell	Norwood
2nd	Rushcliffe	Ruddington	Sherwood	Worksop	Chilwell	Radcliffe
3rd	Retford	Mapperley	Stanton	Springwater	College Pines	Wollaton
4th	Notts	Ramsdale	The Not'mshire	Newark	Oakmere A	
BRONZE LEAGUE						
	Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E	Division F
1st	Retford	Beeston	Coxmoor	Wollaton	Brierley F'st	College Pines
2nd	Sherwood	Southwell	The Not'mshire	Oakmere C	Radcliffe	Springwater
3rd	Mapperley	Ramsdale	Worksop	Rufford	Norwood	Nott'm City
4th	Ruddington	Stanton			Chilwell	

11. Inter club draw for 2015

There are 25 teams in the draw. The draw was done by the General Secretary, Captain and Vice Captain.

The General Secretary will assign matches to the host clubs in the 1st round pool with the objective of reducing travel where possible and the draw sheet will be sent to each club and posted on the web site.

Clubs were reminded that the host club is responsible for supplying a meal for the 8 players and the 2 captains from the visiting clubs.

12. Secretary's report.

We have set up an official NCLGA Secretary email address. secretary@nclga.org.uk.

This was mainly caused by a problem with group emails due to a change of policy by Yahoo. Thanks to our webmaster Gill for her assistance – we will continue to monitor and improve this.

General opinion is that the County Information card continues to be very useful so will be produced and be available in the New Year.

I have combined all the dates on the 2015 calendar so as well as NCLGA dates we have County vets, County Past captains and Midland Vets fixtures. We will include Junior events as well when we have them.

You have all received a copy of this calendar to assist with organising your club events and the calendar is of course posted on the web site. I have a few small amendments to make but I expect the calendar to be complete by the end of October.

We are continuing to publish our results not only on the Website but also in the Evening Post's Golf column in the Tuesday edition.

I have collected in all of our trophies, done an audit on them and have arranged to get expert advice on work that needs doing. I will also arrange for the engraving of names to be up to date.

The history of our trophies is very important to us all and we aim to continue recording winners directly onto the trophies.

This year we are having the trophy presentation at the AGM and I will send invitations to the winners via your good selves in the next couple of weeks.

I have been General secretary for nearly a year and I really would like to thank all of you club secretaries for your patience and good humour whenever you contact me.

As we all knew would happen I have made mistakes – but have learnt from them and I appreciate your support.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this season. Thank you.

9. Golf Partnership

Alice Lowe gave a short presentation on Get into Golf and handed out information.

Details can be accessed from a link on our NCLGA website to the Golf Partnership web site.

10. Any Other Business

The Captain thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 11.40.