

## NCLGA Council Meeting Minutes

10.30 am Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Beeston Fields Golf Club (NG9 3DD)

### Participants.

NCLGA Council Members and Ladies Secretaries from 22 Nottinghamshire clubs.

1. Apologies  
Received from Bulwell Forest, Oakmere Commanders, Trent Lock, Springwater, College Pines and Mapperley and Junior organiser Emma Howie
2. Previous Minutes and Matters arising.  
It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and were signed by the President.  
There were no matters arising.
3. Captains report

Welcome ladies to our third meeting of the year and thank you for coming.

A lot of exciting events have happened since our last meeting on July 6th.

The County Summer and Veterans Meeting took place on Monday 13th July at Sherwood Forest Golf Club. It was rather disappointing weather with spells of rain throughout the day. This was reflected in the competition scratch score for the day increasing to 75 from the norm of 73. However, the players enjoyed the excellent condition of the course and were refreshed by the bar and catering staff after their round.

59 competitors took part representing 14 clubs.

The best gross score of the day was a 79 recorded by Emma Howie of Stanton on the Wolds.

The best nett score of the day was a 71 by Wendy Kerry of Ruddington Grange playing off 11 handicap.

The best gross score of the veterans was an 80 by Sue Penfold of Sherwood Forest.

The best nett score of the veterans was a 74 by Jan Hooley of Stanton on the Wolds playing off 10 handicap.

The best nett score of the senior veterans was a 75 by Maureen Clarke of Sherwood Forest playing off 16 handicap.

These ladies have all won trophies and they will be presented at the AGM in November.

A raffle was held in aid of the Cancer Research charity and raised a creditable £153. Thank you ladies for supporting the raffle and for donating the raffle prizes.

Many thanks to Sherwood Forest Golf Club for hosting the event and to everyone who contributed to the successful running of the competition.

I had a wonderful County Captain's Day at Coxmoor Golf Club on 27th July with many special memories to treasure. We were fortunate with the weather as the rain that was forecast held off - unlike the previous day which saw heavy rain. The course was in excellent condition and had recovered from that bad weather.

The format was an am-am teams of 4 Stableford with 2 scores to count on each hole.

40 teams took part with players from 17 clubs.

The first tee off time was 8.30 and it proved to be the early starters who set the pace for the prize winners.

The winners with a fine score of 82 points were Aileen Kynoch, Bernie Barton, Steph O'Connell and Alison Harrold all from The Nottinghamshire

The runners-up with a score of 81 points were Tina Gillott, Chris Hodges and Helen Lister all from Rushcliffe together with Janet Doleman from Trent Lock.

In 3rd place with a score of 79 points was Helen Maber, Linda Alliot, Clare Jones, and Karen Palmer all from Beeston Fields.

4th place went to the team of Joyce Hayward, Marion Beeston and Angela Robinson all from Coxmoor and Gaynor Tunney from Sherwood Forest. They also returned a score of 79 and beat 3 more teams on that score by having the better back 9.

Nearest the pins on all the par 3s were generously sponsored by Sandy Loch, Jane Fowler and John Fowler and these prizes were won by Anne Whitchurch of Notts Ladies on the 2nd, Jo White of Trent Lock on the 7th, Rosemary Skill of Beeston Fields on the 10th and Gill Mottershaw of Coxmoor on the 17th.

There were many compliments of how enjoyable the day had been especially due to the condition of the course, the gorgeous selection of cakes at the halfway house and the delicious meal afterwards. My thanks to the staff and numerous people who have supported with their time towards running this event.

We have raised a fantastic amount of nearly £2600 which will be used towards covering the expenses of the county 1st and 2nd teams.

£576 of this was due to the raffle which raised £406 plus donations amounting to £170 from several individuals and clubs. Thank you so much for your generous contributions here and with donations of prizes and buying tickets.

Also it must be acknowledged that we could not have raised so much money without the support of the Coxmoor members who gave us the courtesy of the course.

Thank you all for a fantastic day.

Later on that week our Nottinghamshire ladies played a 4 ball scratch match against a team from the Midland Vets Ladies Golf Association. This took place at Sherwood Forest Golf Club on the 30th July primarily to give the vets team some sharp match practice before the jamboree there the following week.

The weather was rather overcast with a light shower but this did not dampen the players' spirits. The course was in excellent condition and enjoyed by everyone.

Our team consisted of Emma Newlove and Maria Betts; Jodie Peacock and Carol Houghton; Vicki Forecast and Glenys Priestley; Julia Hatcher and myself. Several of the Midland Vets ladies had won national seniors titles and represented their country so we were quite pleased with the friendly result of a half. Thanks go to Sherwood Forest for hosting the event and to Andrea Stockdale for organising the event.

The team from the Midland Vets went on to finish runners up to the Northern team in their series of matches against teams from the North, the South and Scotland played the following week at Sherwood Forest. Several Nottinghamshire ladies represented the Midland vets at this event Andrea Stockdale was Captain, Carol Wild, Caron Harrison and Sue Penfold.

Whilst on the topic of our senior players I should like to congratulate Andrea Stockdale and Sue Penfold on winning the handicap trophy at the England Golf Brenda King foursomes competition for seniors played at Coxmoor at the end of September. They also finished in 3rd on gross.

On August 5th Beeston Fields were host to an area final of the Peugeot ladies foursomes. I was called upon to represent the LGU at the prize presentation and to assist with any queries which may have arisen throughout the day. Fortunately due to the excellent running of the event by the lady captain of Beeston Fields Margaret Cobb and her committee of helpers, everything ran smoothly.

I am pleased to report that the winners were the mother and daughter team of Yvonne and Rachel Woodcock from Blankney and they went on to win the grand finals at the Eden course at St. Andrews. I should also like to congratulate Mary Ryan and Amanda Mellors from Sherwood Forest who won the area finals at Great Barr and then they brought in the winners at the grand finals at St. Andrews.

On the 20th August I attended the nippers tour event and prize presentation at Trent Lock. It is good to see the enthusiasm for golf amongst our up and coming players. Thank you to Emma Howie and her team of Carol Houghton, Elaine Mitchell and Helen Boulton for all the work they do with the running of junior competitions, matches and training.

In the absence of Pam and Helen I attended the 2nd team county finals between the winners of the leagues of the two areas of the Midland North Region. This saw Nottinghamshire playing against Staffordshire and the

event took place at the Cavendish Golf Club, Buxton on 28th August. The course is renowned for its beautiful views of the surrounding countryside.

The weather could have been kinder as there was a strong blustery wind and several heavy showers, but it was sunnier towards the end of the afternoon.

Staffordshire were able to master these conditions earlier than Notts and took all 3 of the foursomes points from our pairings of Laura Morris and Glenys Priestley, Sarah Riddell and Kristina Lazarevic, and Andrea Stockdale and Sue Penfold.

However Notts produced some excellent results in the afternoon singles and those 6 points were halved with 3 wins to each team.

Credit goes to Laura playing top and winning by 1 up against their team captain Rachel Bishop.

Further wins came from Kristina against one of her regular rivals Emily Sutton, and Andrea against Lauren Birch.

There was great excitement for Sarah playing against Gina Wilkie when Sarah had her 1st hole in one. This was achieved with an 8 iron at the 113 yard 15th. This helped her to fight back and only lose by 2 and 1 to Gina who was a losing finalist in their championship.

Staffordshire took the trophy winning by 6 games to 3, but our team are to be congratulated for reaching this final and showing that we have great promise for the future.

The County Autumn Meeting took place on 10th September at Norwood Park Golf Club. The weather was perfect with warm sunshine throughout the day and the beautiful trees laden with fruit reminded us that it was the autumn season. 35 competitors took part representing 12 clubs. The course was in excellent condition and the tricky borrows on the greens were a challenge to the players. This was reflected in the competition scratch score for the day increasing to 73 from the norm of 72.

The best golf of the day and winner of the scratch Challenge bowl came from Bernie Barton of The Nottinghamshire with the lowest gross score of 83. Playing off a handicap of 14 this also enabled her to produce the lowest nett score of 69 and take the handicap Challenge bowl. Bernie was also awarded the Coronation silver medal for the lowest nett score in the silver division.

The next best nett score of the day was an excellent nett 70 by Angela Picker of Ruddington Grange playing off a handicap of 17. The leading nett score in the bronze division and winner of the Coronation bronze medal came from Rachel Bryan of the Nottinghamshire with a nett 73 playing off a handicap of 24.

These scores by Bernie (nett 69) and Rachel (nett 73) when combined with those of fellow club members Helen Haycox (nett 75) and Julie Rose (nett 77) meant that with a total nett of 294 The Nottinghamshire retained the Jubilee Shield for the leading club.

Trophies are also awarded at this meeting for the aggregate of scores from this meeting and those from the summer meeting which this year was held at Sherwood Forest Golf Club in July.

The Cavendish Bentinck Aggregate scratch cup was won by Kathryn Horberry of Coxmoor with gross  $82 + 87 = 169$ .

The Challenge Aggregate handicap cup was won by Angela Picker of Ruddington Grange with nett  $80 + 70 = 150$ .

Many thanks to Norwood Park for hosting the event and to everyone who contributed to the successful running of the event.

Now for the highlight of my report.

As mentioned at the last meeting, Nottinghamshire County Ladies first team golfers qualified in July at the Enville Golf Club to represent the Midlands North Region of counties at the national finals.

These finals were played at the Frilford Heath Golf Club Oxfordshire on the green course from September 14th to 18th.

Here Nottinghamshire competed against each of the counties of Lancashire, Buckinghamshire, Sussex, Gloucestershire and Essex in scratch match play. Each match was to consist of 3 foursomes games in the morning and 6 singles in the afternoon.

The players representing Nottinghamshire were

Rachel Boulton county champion, Emily Cheshire, Esme Hamilton, Carol Houghton, Emma Howie, Emily Lyle, Laura Morris, Emma Newlove, and Lauren Spray with travelling reserves Vicki Forecast and Glenys Priestley. They were accompanied by myself as captain, county president Joan Underwood and my vice captains Pam Loch and Helen Maber.

On the first day Nottinghamshire came up against Lancashire who were a strong team which included 3 international players. Notts got off to a good start by winning 2 of the 3 foursomes games. Then Lancashire overtook by taking the first 3 singles games, but Notts came back strongly to win the last 3 singles games and the match by 5-4. This caused the headline from England Golf that "Notts had caused the first upset" as Notts was one of 4 counties looking to take the title for the first time and Lancashire had beaten 2 counties 9-0 in their qualifying county week.

On the second day the Nottinghamshire match against Buckinghamshire followed a similar pattern to that of the previous day by taking the foursomes 2-1 and the last 3 singles to win the match by 5-4. This win left Nottinghamshire at the top of the championship table as no other team had won both their matches.

In view of the very stormy weather which had been forecast, the committee decided to change the format for day 3 with each match to consist of one foursomes game immediately followed by 4 singles. Nottinghamshire were playing Sussex. Notts narrowly lost the foursomes game but they came back to take 3 of the 4 singles and the match by 3-2. There were tense moments when 2 of the singles went to the 18th hole. This win shows that Notts have a strong team all round as the format for that day does not cater for teams to play their top players in both the foursomes and singles.

Having beaten all 3 counties Notts remained in top position in the table and were followed in joint second place by Gloucestershire and Lancashire who had only won 2 matches.

On the fourth day Notts faced Gloucestershire, one of these second placed teams. This time the foursomes points were shared with 1.5 games each. Then Gloucestershire took the first 2 singles games but Nottinghamshire came good in the last 4 games to win the match 5.5 to 3.5. Then when it emerged that the other second placed team Lancashire had been beaten by Buckinghamshire the great celebrations for Nottinghamshire began with a day to spare as they could not be caught in the league table because of having 4 match wins to their nearest rival's 2.

On the final day Nottinghamshire were determined to keep up their unbeaten run and finished in style by losing only 1 foursomes game and winning all the 6 singles to beat Essex 8-1. Special mention must be made that Lauren Spray had the great achievement of winning all of her 9 games and had been partnered by Esme Hamilton in her 4 foursomes games. Congratulations to Esme Hamilton, Emily Cheshire and Laura Morris who were presented with their County first team colours.

Everyone is so proud of our team that has won the title for the first time for Nottinghamshire in over 60 years of trying. Two of our players from Enville, Sophie Newlove and Jodie Peacock were not available for the finals as they have gone to America to study but they played an important part in getting us through to the finals. I have received many messages of congratulation since this fantastic achievement but we owe this success to so many people.

Thank you to our President Joan and my vice captains Pam and Helen for all their assistance and support towards the players during the match weeks. Thank you to the many supporters who sent cards and messages to spur us on and to those who made the long journey down to come and see the matches. It was a great atmosphere to have you there.

Also we owe a lot to the past county captains and junior committees who have nurtured many of the team players through the junior ranks to the skilful heights they are at now.

It is amazing that this historic event has happened in my year of office, but now that we have proved it can be done our players are eager for the defence next year.

Now to continue reporting on the rest of the end of season events.

The final of the mixed interclub foursomes match play 2015 was between Rushcliffe and The Nottinghamshire and was played over 36 holes at Newark golf club on the 20th September.

The teams were:

Rushcliffe:

Matt Hogg (+3) and Jayne Barrs (13), Will Dobson (0) and Kim Robertson (12)

The Nottinghamshire:

Dean Boule (3) and Carol Houghton (5), Chris Kearney (3) and Sue Reynolds (9)

After the first 18 holes The Nottinghamshire pairs were both narrowly in the lead -

Dean and Carol by 2up over Matt and Jayne, and Chris and Sue by 1up over Will and Kim.

Over the next 18 holes Dean and Carol increased their lead to finish 4 holes up, but the Rushcliffe pair of Will and Kim fought back to finish all square.

The accumulation of the results awarded the 2015 title to The Nottinghamshire by 4 holes.

A special thank you to the referees Maureen Clarke and Val Peat, and to Newark Golf Club for hosting the event on their excellent course.

The final of the ladies interclub foursomes match play 2015 was between Chilwell Manor and Newark and was played over 18 holes at Coxmoor golf club on the 21st September.

The weather was rather disappointing as the rain did not clear until well into the second half.

The teams were:

Chilwell Manor:

Glenys Priestley (7) and Rita Munks (15), Maggie Elliott (12) and Julie Griffiths (12)

Newark:

Julia Hatcher (5) and Sandie Pearson (13), Eva Glasby (8) and Jane Tucker (10)

The Chilwell Manor pairings both took early leads of 2 up after 6 holes.

However in the first match the Newark pair Julia Hatcher and Sandie Pearson fought back to finish all square against Glenys Priestley and Rita Munks.

But in the second match the Chilwell Manor pair Maggie Elliott and Julie Griffiths increased their lead over Eva Glasby and Jane Tucker to finish 6 holes up.

The accumulation of the results of the matches awarded the 2015 title to the Chilwell Manor ladies.

Congratulations to them, they have much to celebrate as this is the first time Chilwell Manor have taken the trophy.

Commiserations to the Newark ladies but they can take pride in reaching the final.

Thank you to the referees Joanna Smith and Val Peat, and to Coxmoor Golf Club for hosting the event on their excellent course.

Thanks also to NCLGA President Joan Underwood for being the starter and presenting the prizes.

At this point I should like to thank Maureen Clarke and her team of referees Val Peat, Joanna Smith and Julie Lindsey for the support they have provided this year. Several more ladies have taken the Notts intermediate exam and are interested in joining Maureen's team: Ali Boultyby, Lindsay Carruthers, Clare Jones, Karen Raynor - congratulations to them. Maureen has kindly agreed to continue to train our referees and organise them for our Notts and Midland North events.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has entered our competitions this season - your support is much appreciated and thank you to my committee for all their hard work in running these events.

Kathryn Horberry  
County Captain 2015

#### 4. Vice Captains' Report

The County second team has had a successful year starting with 2 home matches, one v Leicestershire at Rushcliffe on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July where the result was a half and the second was against Lincolnshire at Radcliffe on the 29<sup>th</sup> July where we had a good 51/2 – 31/2 win.

Our first away match v Lincolnshire on 11<sup>th</sup> August at Stoke Rochford proved more testing, losing 8 of our 9 matches. However, the team fought hard in their second away match v Leicestershire on 16<sup>th</sup> August at Lingdale and triumphed 51/2 – 31/2. Thereby getting us through to the MNR final against Staffordshire at Cavendish on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

My thanks to all those who represented the County 2<sup>nd</sup> team this year:

Carron Harrison  
Carol Houghton  
Sue Penfold  
Andrea Stockdale  
Carol Wild

Laura Morris and Glenys Priestley were both awarded their County 2<sup>nd</sup> team colours

Laura Abbott, Katrina Lazarevic and Sarah Riddell, all made valuable contributions to their debut season in County golf.

Thank you to Rushcliffe and Radcliffe golf clubs for hosting our home matches and also to Helen Maber, my Vice-captain for being so supportive throughout.

Pam Loch  
County Vice Captain

#### 5. Handicap Advisers Report

Madam President, Madam Captain, ladies  
England Golf have agreed, in principle, that the following changes to the CONGU Handicapping will take place in 2016

The Reference Date for the golfing year is to change back to 1<sup>st</sup> January, which means that your next Annual Review should take place before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Some leeway will be allowed this year.

If your Club Competitions are often Reduction Only, it indicates that the Annual Review that takes place should be more stringent. The handicaps of ALL players should be reviewed, not just those that appear on the Annual Review Report.

Handicap Categories 1-3 will stay the same for both men and women but Category 4 will change to include players with handicaps 21 to 30 for both men and women. The ladies Category 5 will be 31 to 40 handicap.

Club Handicaps will be available for men from 31 to 54 and for women 41 to 54. It was muted at the workshops that these would be CONGU Handicaps, but it has been decided that these handicaps will be Club handicaps only, to be used at a player's home club.

Players will be able to do Supplementary Scores at any Club in Great Britain, where they have full membership, whether it is their Home Club or one of their Away Clubs, as long as they sign the appropriate book or enter via the computer before they go out. Nine-hole Supplementary Scores will also be acceptable.

With 9-hole competitions, it may be decided that the additional points will only be equal to the points achieved rather than be 18, as it is at the moment.

It has always been mandatory to have 3/4s handicap allowance in Four-Ball, i.e. (75%). At the Workshop we were told that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 it would be mandatory for 4BBB Handicap Allowance to be 9/10s (90%) of the difference. Gemma Hunter, of England Golf, has said that if 4BBB competitions run from this year until April 2016, use 75%, and if they run on after April use 90% from the start of the competition.

Please could I remind all Club Handicap Secretaries that I require the full handicap records of all Category 1 players – Handicaps from plus to 5.4 - as I have to Audit them and report to England Golf before the year end, preferably before the end of October? Your help in this respect would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who have already let me have these details, or let me know that they do not have any Category 1 players.

## **6. Financial Report Treasurers Report**

I am pleased to report that our accounts are in good order

### **General Account £4,808.11**

Although we have paid the main expenses for County Finals, I am still awaiting the bill from Frilford Heath Golf Club for our meals during our stay and so this figure is likely to reduce a little further. I will give a full report at the AGM in November

### **Reserve Account: £19,138.23**

### **Year End**

It is the year end for our accounts at 30<sup>th</sup> September and I will be busy now preparing the full accounts for submission at the AGM. I am delighted to report that Sue Northridge has agreed once again to audit our accounts.

### **Treasurer**

I am delighted to announce that Glenys Priestley has agreed to be my Vice Captain and will be officially proposed at the AGM. However this once again leaves open the position of Treasurer for next year and I would like to ask you all please to make this known at your clubs. The position requires a numerate person, able to manage and administer our accounts – and with a good sense of humour! From my own experience in this role, I can honestly say that it is great to be part of the County Executive and I am sure that anyone coming in to this role will find it to be very rewarding and satisfying. And a great way to give something back to County Golf.

## **7. Midland North Report**

Since I gave my report in July, I have been to another golf meeting at Woodhall Spa. England Golf are in the process of conducting a Governance and Affiliation Review, and at this meeting they were getting an indication of what County Unions and Associations thought of the review's 15 proposals.

I would just like to outline these proposals, as at the meeting in December, we are going to vote on whether or not these are to be accepted by the counties, any feedback from you would be most useful. The first 3 proposals concern categories of membership. EG would like to introduce a new category of non voting membership namely an online subscriber. This would be for people with an interest in golf, but who do not necessarily play. It would take the form of an online newsletter, and keep them in touch with events and offers. There would be no cost to the subscriber.

To take this a stage further, the next category would be for the independent golfer, this still needs research as to the pricing of this category, clubs could promote themselves to these golfers via EG. The 3rd proposal is to retain the one club playing member category which exists at the moment, with no separate category for a reduced rights or junior membership. As a county, we would like to see the

affiliation fee for junior golfers waived, as this is likely to encourage more juniors into the sport. EG is considering that in the future, there may be no fee payable for the under 14s, but this is by no means a definite.

The 4th proposal is to introduce a new category of facility membership, for short courses, pitch and putt courses and driving ranges. No handicap will be available unless the facility is assessed for course rating. Proposal 5 is to introduce a new service/registration of golf societies. Again no handicap would be offered, but it was felt that if this was the case EG then may be in competition with other bodies who do offer handicaps to the society golfer.

Proposals 6 and 7 address the collection of affiliation fees. It is proposed to collect the affiliation fees in real time, 60 days after the start of a clubs subscription year. And EG would like to collect its own fees directly from golf clubs, with an offer to collect the county subscription if the county so wished. That decision would be up to the individual county.

EG would like to develop a national data base of members, collected at source, with the agreement of the golf clubs. There was much discussion about this proposal, as it did not sit happily with a lot of the members. There would be a large cost incurred to get this underway. The view from the floor was that if this was passed, it should be up to the clubs to opt in, rather than have a facility for them to opt out.

Proposals 9,10,11 and 12, are all to do with the composition of the Board of EG and its committees.

The Board would also like the power to set the affiliation fee, At the moment the Board propose any increase in affiliation fee, and it is for the voting members to decide if this should be implemented.

Proposal 14, is that the General Meetings should be reduced from 3 to 2 a year, with the 3rd meeting being replaced by smaller regional meetings.

The last proposal is about associated and other minor changes to the Rules and Articles, such as Safeguarding Children replaces Child Protection.

Each of these proposals were discussed at the meeting and just as though we were at the x factor, we pressed our remote controls to register which way we were likely to vote. This gave England Golf some indication as to whether the proposals would be passed at our meeting in December, or whether they would have to make adjustments to get them passed. I have another meeting next week to discuss this further.

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The LGU and the R&A are beginning talks about a merger. It is felt that it is important to preserve the history and traditions of the LGU within the agreement. The LGU at the moment gets £2.50 from every affiliated member. As well as running the Rioch Womens Open, the Breakthrough Breast Cancer event, and the Coronation Foursomes, they represent ladies on committees such as the Congu and R&A rules committee.

On 17th July, Nottinghamshire played host to the Queen of Clubs Competition at Chilwell Manor Golf Club.

This is a 36 hole stroke play competition for club champions. The initial take up was very poor, and we were in danger of having to cancel the competition. In the end, with a very kind reduction in facility fee from Chilwell, 34 ladies played on a lovely day. The winner was Helen Lowe from Scraftoft with a gross score of 148. My thanks go to the staff and ladies of Chilwell Golf Club, who did everything they could to make the day run smoothly, even lending a buggy to our referee. Thanks to Maureen and Jo for refereeing, Joan for presenting the prizes, and Collette and Jane for collating the score, without whom I think I would still be there.

Next year we are trying the competition as an 18 hole on what I understand is a difficult course. It is at Worfield in Shropshire on Friday July 22nd. Hopefully we will get more entries.

The competition that is to be organised by Nottinghamshire for Midland North in 2016 is the 36 hole foursomes competition which will be held at Radcliffe on Trent on Mon April 25th.

Junior Report

**CJO report – Emma Howie**

**Results**

**a. League matches**



We continued the season for the 1<sup>st</sup> team with a win vs Derbyshire in August but we lost against Staffordshire in early September. Staffordshire are on the rise with their team and we fielded a weakened side so it was a credit to those who played that we only narrowly lost 2.5 to 3.5.

We also played Shropshire last weekend and lost 5-1. Again we didn't have a full strength team and Shropshire were stronger than anticipated, being the first time they fielded a full team all season!

Overall we are at a transition stage with the girls 1<sup>st</sup> team, with the squad now consisting of predominately new players this year. So while we are unlikely to win the league this year, we have seen many new girls gaining valuable experience which should help in the future.

We still have Lincs to play in October half term as our final match.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team league has not happened this year but there are plans to revamp it for 2016; more details of this will be in my report at the AGM.

**b. Friendly matches**

We played a match against Yorkshire for the less experienced players which provided an opportunity for one more new girl Emma Hammond (Ramsdale) to experience her first match, and 3 more played their second match. The match was away this year and the girls drew 3-3 so a very good result.

We had another match arranged against Warwickshire but unfortunately they were unable to field a team.

**c. 4 Counties Championships**

Nottinghamshire hosted the event this year and my thanks to all those who helped organise and to Rushcliffe for allowing us the use of their course.

Esme Hamilton was overall winner. Eliza Davidson also continued her run of form to win the handicap cup. The remaining Notts players Emily-Jane Golder, Jacey Peacock and Georgia Viggers all played well and contributed to Notts winning both the Net and Gross Team Shields!

**d. Midland North Girls Championships**

This was held at Ashby Decoy, Lincs in August. The Notts girls had great success with Emma Anderson winning the 36 hole handicap trophy. On a narrow course she played consistently well all day and has been cut to 10. Esme Hamilton won 3rd prize for the 36 hole gross competition and Emily Lyle won the Best AM gross. All three girls also contributed to Notts being runners up in the Nett and Gross team competitions.

**e. Nippers Tour**

We had 11 girls under 12 play on the Nippers tour this year. The winners of the new NCLGA sponsored trophies were: U12 Rebecca Oates (Workshop) U10 Amelia Wan (Norwood)

**County Golf Partnership**

I met with Alice from the CGP to assist with the application for funding for special projects and to ensure the girls' coaching programmes are on track for the winter.

The CPG Girls Talented Athlete coaching programmers, run at Rufford and The Nottinghamshire, will restart in October and run through to May 2016. Once the special projects funding has been received we will meet again to discuss utilising that over the winter, following evaluation of last year's programme.

**Presentation Evening and Junior Jubilee**

Details of the Junior Presentation Evening and Junior Jubilee on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at Sherwood Forest will shortly be available on the website. There is something for everyone so please encourage all your juniors of all abilities to come along. We aim to have a celebration of girls' golf!

**Golf Participation Project**

The junior girls squad are supporting a new initiative in conjunction with the Golf Foundation, County Golf Partnership and England Golf to increase participation by girls. They will be recruiting other girls to take part in taster sessions and act as ambassadors for the game. The project is in the planning stages but should start in Spring 2016.

### **Girls information**

As ever I will finish this report by saying to all clubs please pass on my details to any girl members, as often I'm not aware of them, regardless of their ability. Once I know of their existence I can ask them if they wish to participate in the player pathways and provide regular newsletters of opportunities for junior girls across the county.

8. Webmaster's report

The web site continues to be widely used and there were no problems to report.

9. County Development Group. Jane Fowler

Jane Fowler and Lynn Clarke have been attending meetings of this group on behalf of the association along with members of the Nottinghamshire Union and England Golf and a short summary was given of the work so far. The documents produced had been sent out to all the club ladies secretaries for perusal and this information sharing will continue.

This is very much a work in progress but the overall aim is for the Association and Union to work side by side to achieve shared objectives.

10. Secretary's report.

The secretary thanked all the club secretaries for returning trophies for updating. The championship trophies had also been collected this year so that they can be brought up to the same standard as our other trophies.

11. Any Other Business

There was a discussion re post match meals.

The general feeling seems to be that everyone would like to encourage players to stay and share post match refreshment – however secretaries report several difficulties with this namely

- Lack of catering facilities at clubs – this is a recent trend particularly on Monday afternoons when the inter club matches are played.

- The trend is for ladies sections to not have their own separate funds and so have to rely on someone else at the club agreeing to pay for the team meals. This is particularly a problem for the interclub where the host club has traditionally supplied meals for the 2 visiting teams.

- Mixed and mens inter club matches are no longer followed by refreshment.

- A general trend is being reported of ladies tending not to stay after golf to socialise.

This discussion has been going on for several years and while the Association wants to encourage the continuance of post match socialising there would seem to be a general feeling that perhaps, sadly, this cannot be done by our traditional ways.

The discussion will continue.

12. Closing remarks

The President thanked everyone for attending and thanked Beeston for hosting our meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.45am

The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 10.30am at Beeston Fields.