

DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

County Delegates Meeting Dorchester Bowling Club

Friday 17th November 2017 at 10.30am

The meeting was opened by Tracy Bryant County Captain, who welcomed everyone and asked for any new Delegates to stand and introduce themselves.

Debbie Knight – Knighton Heath GC; Sue Stannard - Remedy Oak GC; Ruth Russell – Ferndown GC; Marion Hallett – Bulbury Woods GC; Caroline Baker – Lyme Regis GC

The minutes taken by Grace Burke(President) due to Assistant Secretary being on holiday.

1.Apologies

Trish Adams (Bournemouth & Meyrick G.C); Julia Norman (Vets Captain – Sherborne GC; Val Tucker (Moors Valley GC); Kate Roberts (Asst Secretary/ Welfare – Broadstone GC); Gaye Thompson (Came Down GC); Sue Winkle (Bridport & West Dorset GC); Dawn Ley (Isle of Purbeck GC); Karen Gray (Dudsbury GC); Lindsay Beaumont (Treasurer – Ferndown GC); Sheila Davidge(Past Captain/CJO – Ashley Wood GC).

2. Minutes of last Meeting held 14th July 2017

Agreed as a true record.

Proposed by – Ann Talbot - Came Down GC

Seconded by – Margaret Swift – Parkstone GC

Approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

A letter was received from Anne Donnelly the Ladies' Captain of Yeovil regarding possibly introducing a scratch division as part of the Interclub League, Tracy read out the original letter which was discussed at the Executive meeting in September.

It was suggested 'the low handicappers take themselves out of the equation'. A round robin was also proposed but the overall opinion was very few clubs would be able to field a team.

Having had a vote on changes to the Interclub only last year it was felt members were reasonably happy with the present format. We are not dicounting a change in future so Margaret will monitor the low handicap entries in the Interclub for 2018. The reply from the Executive in this vein was read out to the Delegates.

5. Captain's Report

This will be a fairly short report as it is only a month since the AGM. The minutes of the AGM can be found on the County website.

Though she is not here, I would like to welcome Kate on to the Executive Committee. She has been thrown straight in at the deep end and is already doing a fantastic job as our new Assistant Secretary.

I have some very welcome news for County and the Executive Committee. Sandi Stott, currently of Parkstone Golf Club, has agreed to be my Vice Captain from 2018. She is going to come to Inter County Match Week in July at St Enodoc and will be spending some time with the first and second teams before this. Sandi ran the Junior Section at Parkstone for six years and has also helped out with the County Juniors' match week. I am delighted to have someone of Sandi's experience on board. She will be a very welcome addition to the team.

We are also lucky in that, Cathy MacFarlane-Thompson of Broadstone has agreed to take over from Margaret Swift in 2018 to be our new Interclub and Knockout secretary. I am confident that Cathy will do a great job. At last it looks as though we will have a full complement of talented volunteers for the future.

With regard to the first team, we have had a very interesting innovation this year. Whilst we are maintaining the services of Scott Godfrey our experienced coach, the players have decided that they would like to get together more often on a less formal basis for player-led training. Jane Southcombe organised the first of these days at Lyme Regis Golf club. They had lots of opportunities for sharing ideas, strategies and for us to try out different pairings. We also had some fun. The report and photos can be seen on the website. Our next one is planned for December at Broadstone and we will have another in January.

I have a letter here which I will be emailing out to all of the delegates. I would like the names and details of anyone at your club with a handicap of eleven or under who would like to be involved in County teams and training. We are always looking for new, enthusiastic talent. All you need to do is email the form on to them and they can reply directly to me.

Karen Gray has asked me to ask all of the delegates to send her photos of their club champion with the trophy. The photos will not only be going on to the website, but will be kept in a photo archive for years to come.

I would also like to ask you all to send any news of your ladies to Karen Gray with photos if possible. This includes things like hole in ones etc. This can then be added to the website and our Twitter feed @dorsetladiesgolfcga.

That is all for now except to hope that you all have safe journey home and a very Happy Christmas.

6. Reports from other Officers

i. Past Captain

Good morning, I am sorry that I cannot be with you but I am travelling up to Woodhall Spa for a meeting at England Golf.

Nothing to report apart from we have arranged our County II matches for next year and we will be playing Wiltshire on May 6th at Cumberwell Park GC and Gloucestershire on June 10th at Broadstone GC.

ii. SW Delegate

My next EG meeting is on 29th November 2017 so have very little to report. The draw has been completed for 2018 – see below:

SOUTH WEST INTER COUNTY MATCH WEEK 2nd – 6th July 2018.

MATCH DRAW

	1 st Match	2 nd Match	3 rd Match
Monday 2nd	Devon v Somerset	Gloucestershire v Dorset	Cornwall v Wiltshire
Tuesday 3rd	Gloucestershire v Cornwall	Somerset v Dorset	Wiltshire v Devon
Wednesday 4th	Dorset v Wiltshire	Devon v Cornwall	Gloucestershire v Somerset
Thursday 5th	Devon v Gloucestershire	Somerset v Wiltshire	Cornwall v Dorset
Friday 6th	Cornwall v Somerset	Wiltshire v Gloucestershire	Dorset v Devon

Dates for your diary:

Bridgestone – Chase Your Dream SW EG Regional Finals Dainton Park GC Devon, May 2nd May 2018

Australian Spoons SW regional final - Cumberwell Park Wiltshire 11th July

SW I/C Girls' Match week Gloucestershire 12th -14th – August

SW Championships - Dorset 2nd September

SW Bowmaker – Gloucestershire 28th September

SW Foursomes – Somerset 4th October

iii. Treasurer's Report

Our balances as at 01 November 2017 were:

Current account	6858.95
Deposit account	<u>23476.85</u>
Total	<u>32335.80</u>

Included in these balances is a further £2,000 in Affiliation fees and £1,157.50 from England Golf for the Academy Juniors, since the AGM. On the debit side there has been an invoice for just under £850 paid to Exeter Golf Club relating to the Junior Inter County comp in July, which is payable from the Ladies funds.

The figures above include £9,900 ring-fenced for the juniors.

iv. Handicap Advisor

England Golf has produced guidelines on the CONGU changes for 2018, in the form of a Question and Answer paper, which I have sent to your Handicap Secretaries this week.

I have also been advised that EG Medals, Bridgestone 'Chase Your Dream', will have a handicap limit of 36. Handicaps 37+ will not be eligible to enter. To involve your high handicapped players on your Ladies' Day, perhaps you could hold a separate Stableford competition after your EG Medal.

It is possible that you will have a few ladies who are at present playing off 36, who will automatically increase to 37+ at the Annual Review or during 2018. This will be a natural progression and a player will not be able to refuse this increase.

The Handicap Limit for the Coronation Foursomes is Current CONGU Handicap of 36 or less. For the Australian Spoons the range is 15-36. The conditions for the Ping 4BBB are as 2017, which states Competition 'c' Handicap. If this is updated, I will email your Handicap Secretaries.

Ann asked if there were any questions.

a).Debbie Knight – Knighton Heath, the committee asked what were the thoughts of other Delegates on 54 handicaps in competition and whether they could set a limit. Ann thought clubs should be reviewing handicap limits, Came Down are setting 36 as a limit for Trophies. Liz Walker – County Secretary /Bridport said they have had a meeting and are discussing their trophy handicap limits. More debate ensued regarding the new extended handicaps and the general opinion was that ladies did not want to go above 36, although sometimes going up can take the pressure off the player. Gill Guppy felt the advent of the extended handicap could result in more slow play, it was suggested if certain players are particularly slow they should be encouraged to go nearer the end.

Perhaps we could put more stablefords in for the higher handicaps.

Jane Southcombe – SW representative explained this was all a forerunner of the Worlwide handicap system which is coming in 2020.

b).Ann was asked how many medals we should play in a calendar year. The minimum requirement is four, however in order that every member has an opportunity to submit at least four EG Medal scores to qualify for the Regional Final, Ann suggested that eight would be acceptable. Most Clubs have EG Medals at the weekend as well as the Main Day and ten on each appears to be the norm.

v. CJO

Good morning, I am sorry that I cannot be with you but I am travelling up to Woodhall Spa for a meeting at England Golf.

This year we have four groups of girls in training:

County Group 1	-	10 players all with handicaps 12 or below
County Group 2	-	8 players all with handicaps
Academy Group 1	-	12 players some with handicaps others working towards their handicap.
Academy Group 2	-	11 players, all in their first or second year of being involved in golf

We have already started out training and the girls, as part of the training are carrying out skills tests and the top four will be treated to a round of golf at Remedy Oak GC.

We have played two rounds of the Peter Alliss.

Round 1 was played at Ferndown Forest GC and some of the girls found the course tight in places and not as easy as they had anticipated. The winner was: Sienna Birch (Broadstone GC) and in second place a new girl Erin van Reenen (Highcliffe GC).

Round 2 was played at Crane Valley GC – on a changeable day with some rain but the course was in good condition. The winner was : Sasha Trickett (Ferndown GC) and in second place was Meg Walker (Broadstone GC) both new girls in County 2 group.

We have also played the Wareham Trophy at Wareham GC on a sunny, bright but towards the end of the afternoon cold day.

The winners were: Jessica Murphy (Wareham GC & Bulbury Woods GC) and Olly Rogers (Wareham GC) closely followed by one point were: Chloe Haesler & Rhys Harrison (Broadstone

GC). Chloe & Rhys were the second group out and had to wait until Jessica & Olly came in in the last group when they were beaten by one point. We had twelve pairs playing this year. Again, Jessica only joined the squad this year.

I would like to thank all the clubs for continuing to support junior girls golf in Dorset.

The next occasion is the Christmas Party which is being held at Sturminster Marshall GC, when the girls go out for a Texas Scramble in fancy dress and they then have a Christmas meal. The Order of Merit and Player of the Year winners are announced along with the new Junior Captain (Alex Cornell – Parkstone GC) and the new Vice Captain. County Groups 1 & 2 will be attending the first Christmas Party followed the following weekend by the Academy groups who will be celebrating in the same manner.

We will be running Girls Golf Rocks again early next year and we hope that we have a similar number of new girls taking part – Dorset were the best County in the Country last year for the number of girls attending Girls Golf Rocks.

vi. **Veterans Captain**

Julia Norman (in absentia) Rosemary Shepherd - Veterans Vice Captain

The South West Veterans AGM was held at Teignmouth on 30th October with Cornwall completing its first year in office. Once again Dorset narrowly missed out to Cornwall on winning the County Shield. The SW Spring Meeting will be held at the Isle of Wedmore on 23rd March and warnings were given of the damp nature of this course with the possibility that only hedgehog wheels will be allowed. The Autumn Meeting will be held at Trevoise on 30th September, which will undoubtedly prove very popular. Special B&B rates of £55 per night sharing are being offered by Trevoise with a reduced green fee for those wishing to play golf on the Saturday afternoon prior to the competition. Posters and entry forms are in the delegates envelopes but beware they are not accepting entries before fixed dates. It is the SW Vets Golden Jubilee year in 2018 so it would be good to see more Dorset ladies participating in these events,

Our own Spring meeting will be held at Crane Valley on 9th April and the Autumn Meeting at Sherborne on 24th September. Posters and entry forms are in the delegates envelopes together with details of 2017 matches and sign up sheet. Please encourage your 60+ ladies to sign up for the matches as they are an excellent way to play some interesting courses for just the price of the meal. I know our match at East Devon in particular will prove very popular. Please will delegates return these sheets by the date given otherwise your players will not be guaranteed a game.

In 2017 we had an excellent entry for both Spring and Autumn meetings thanks to delegates encouraging their ladies to enter and I hope that 2018 will prove as popular.

7. **Delegates Pack.**

Liz asked that all Delegates check their packs with the check list enclosed this helps with distribution to the correct member of your committee. You will receive electronic copies of all entry forms as well as hard copies. A reminder to members who send entry money online, a hard copy still needs to go to the Secretary through your Delegate.

8. **Interclub Draw 2019**

The Interclub draw was carried out, and will be sent out to Delegates via email.

9. Any Other Business

a). Vicky Kardas - DGCC asked if the Delegates would consider singles matches going out as 4 balls i.e (1 and 2, 3 and 4 together) because the course is very busy and generally consists of 4 balls, singles matches have a very slow round. A short discussion ensued but the decision was a definite no.

b). Vicky also wanted our views on buggies used in matches when a player has a medical condition. Some ladies felt there was an advantage if a buggy was used.

The rule 14 of the County competition conditions was read out and it was now a stipulation that medical certificates should be produced. Liz Walker understood the problem as Bridport and West Dorset were deciding how to proceed with the use of buggies in competition. Debbie Knight – Knighton Heath said their Management had issued new forms which confirmed permanent disabilities and continued use of buggies and short term use which needed annual updates. This has dealt with the problem at Knighton Heath.

c).Rosemary Shepherd –Veteran Vice Captain – Sherborne, reminded us all to put Dorset Ladies County Golf Association on any cheques we write for County competitions as opposed to DLPGA. Thank you Rosemary.

With no other business the meeting closed at 11.50am.

Date of next Meeting - Friday 15th February 2018.

Signed ----- Dated -----