

DORSET LADIES COUNTY



GOLF ASSOCIATION

County Delegates Meeting

Dorchester Bowls Club  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 10.30hrs

<p>The Meeting was opened by Tracy Bryant County Captain, who welcomed everyone and asked for any new delegates to stand and introduce themselves. There were none.</p>	
<p><b>1. Apologies</b> – there were 5 apologies.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.</b> Agreed as a true record. Proposed by Karen Gray Dudson GC, Seconded by Dawn Ley Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. Approved and signed.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising.</b> Sue Winkle (Bridport) asked for clarification re the new handicap system. Ann Talbot County Handicap Advisor said she would cover it in her report.</p>	
<p><b>4. Correspondence.</b> Terry LeQuesne from Dudson Golf Club asked if the “Lady Club Officers List’ could be published on the DLPGA website. Tracy explained to the delegates that there were new Data Protection Laws coming out in May. By publishing these details we may be in breach of Data Protection Laws. Consequently until we had more clarification regarding our responsibilities this decision would not be made.</p>	
<p><b>5. Captain’s Report – Tracy Bryant</b></p> <p>This is a very short report as many of the things that have taken place will be discussed during agenda points.</p> <p>Things are progressing well towards the organisation of this year’s Match Week. The venue, The Point at Polzeath, is booked and the first team have already had some training in preparation for the week. They commence their training with Scott in February.</p> <p>Following a meeting I had with Karen Gray, you may have noticed some changes to the website. Karen has tidied up the home page and simplified it to make it more user friendly. There have also been changes to the drop down menus to simplify them. Previously when clicking on a drop down menu, as well as being able to choose any of the options, a double click on the title would take you to a separate page. We have</p>	

eliminated that function as many people didn't know that a double click took you somewhere else. It makes these pages more accessible.

As you may remember, we are changing the county jumpers from yellow to navy for practical reasons. The new uniform jumpers are all ordered. I am waiting for a sample of the logo to approve. Once that is done, it shouldn't take very long for our new navy jumpers to be with us.

Over the Christmas period, Louise Burke of Broadstone, went to The States to play golf. She played in the US Kids Holiday Classic at the PGA National resort in Florida. In her first round she shot 71 (1 under par) in the second round she shot 76, winning by 3 shots. A very creditable performance for a thirteen year old. She has now been invited to join first team training.

I'd like to thank you for your continued hard work. We couldn't run the organisation without you.

## **6. Reports from Other Officers**

**a) Past Captain** – see item 10. Data Protection

**b) County Junior Officer. Sheila Davidge.**

Good morning, I am sorry that I cannot be with you but I am helping a friend celebrate her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We are running the Dorset Academy and currently we have 20 girls in two squads. The Academy is run by Mike Dodd and Charlie Pilinger at Sturminster Marshall and all the parents have contributed £60 towards their training. We have also received a small contribution from England Golf for U14 coaching.

In Dorset groups 1 & 2 we have 19 girls training on a regular basis with two girls attending private school and they can only attend when they are home, the parents also pay £60 towards their training.

In 2014 we only had fifteen girls in total and this year we have over 39 girls training, which is mainly due to the hard work that has been put in over the last few years with Girls Golf Rocks.

From our squad we have two girls – Lilli Horn (Ferndown GC) and Louise Burke (Broadstone GC) who have made the EG South West U16 squad.

Our Junior Captain this year is Alex Cornell from Parkstone GC and Vice Captain is Lauren Purchase from Broadstone GC.

We have a number of competitions arranged for the girls against Dorset U14s, Wiltshire, Devon and Hampshire girls.

We are also running Girls Golf Rocks for the third year running and we hope that we are as successful as last year when we had the most girls take part in GGR in the Country, over 79 girls attended. This year the sessions are being held at Broadstone GC, Dudsbury GC, Ferndown GC and Sturminster Marshall GC.

I would like to thank the clubs that have donated towards the junior and ensure them that the donations are well spent.

I would also like to thank the clubs that provide courtesy to play on their course.

### **c) Treasures Report - Lindsay Beaumont**

Our balances at the 1st February 2018 were

Current Account	4,214.25
Deposit Account	<u>24,487.31</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>28,701.56</u>

This allows for all income and expenditure, which has been notified to me, up to the end of January 2018.

This compares with a total balance at this time last year of £31,828.84

We are committed to a balance of just over £500 on new county sweaters and £2,925 on accommodation for Match Week.

Of the balance, approximately £10,000 is ring fenced for the Juniors, including the £1,000 donation from the main account for 2017/18.

The affiliation fees for 2017 came to a total of £17,030. This compares with £17,000 the previous year. Both U18 and Ladies are included and there has been a change in accounting for the affiliation fees but I believe this analysis to be correct.

LB 16/02/2018.

Tracy explained about the cost of the sweaters. She was trying to get the cost down and get value for money. Consequently she was able to get a 'Henbury' jumper for £18.75, which included the Dorset emblem. The people receiving a jumper would be the juniors, exec, seniors and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams. The jumpers are on loan from the county so are returned into 'stock' when no longer required. Due to difficulties with the traditional yellow jumpers the decision was made to change to Blue with a yellow emblem. The County Teams will continue to wear yellow polo shirts.

### **d) SW Delegate - Jane Southcombe.**

**SOUTH WEST INTER COUNTY MATCH WEEK 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

### MATCH DRAW

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

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Bridgestone – Chase Your Dream SW EG Regional Finals  
Dainton Park GC Devon, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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

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

SW Championships (Ladies, Girls, Seniors) - **Broadstone 2nd September**

SW Bowmaker –Lansdown, Gloucestershire - **28th September**

SW Foursomes – Weston–Super-Mare - **4th October**

#### **The poster is on our County Website to download (useful website links)**

**SW Region** - There will be a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the possible merger of the SW committees. As some counties have already merged – Devon and Wiltshire – organizing events is getting very confused. Having one small committee will be much more manageable.

**England Golf** - Changes are to be made to the under 14s and 16 girls championship – the changes will be 144 entries. Entries will be based on taking the lowest handicaps, whatever the age group. The top 40% in each will go through to the final rounds or round as appropriate.

The Champion of Champions events is going to be extended to senior women, therefore it will be girls, champions, ladies champions and senior ladies champions from each county. This will mirror the men. This year the champion of champions women's event will be 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September at Frilford Heath. The men's event will be

the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September at Woodhall Spa. In 2019 the women will be at Woodhall Spa the men Frilford Heath.

The fixture lists for England Golf for 2018 and 2019 are out. **Please note – Dorset have the European Ladies at Parkstone in 2019.** England golf will be making some additions to the fixture list for disabled golfers.

**Policies and Procedures** – The hard copy for 2018 will include the rule on embedded ball and rule 6c on signing for a wrong score.

**Rules and Education in 2019.**

The rules of golf are to be modified from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019. These rules are going to be extensive. In October/November England Golf will be rolling out a seminar in each county to include the new rules and the World Wide handicap system. It will be for two representatives per club. In the autumn there will be club presentations ready to download online.

At the next general meeting there will be a proposal to change the rule in the England Golf constitution stating that women can make additional affiliation fees for regions to bring in line with what the men can do. This should allow the regions to have a proper constitution and bank account etc. This should help on insurance so we can insure trophies.

Affiliation Fees to England Golf and county – are likely to increase for women in 2019.

**e) County Handicap Advisor – Ann Talbot**

Liz Walker and myself attended an England Golf Seminar at Kings Norton GC yesterday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The main objective was to give Counties an outline summary, so far, of the proposed World Handicap System. This system is expected to be introduced in March/April 2020. As yet no final decisions have been made. There is to be a Press Release from the R&A on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Gemma Hunter, Handicap & Course Rater for England Golf, emphasised some aspects of the CONGU changes for 2018 and asked us to bring them to the attention of Clubs.

- It is recommended that all players currently at the maximum handicap are reviewed, with a view to increasing their handicap to a level that reflects their playing ability. The software will allow such adjustments from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. These players will have been identified in the computer-generated Annual Review Report, especially the new 'All Members' report.
- There is no longer a restriction of only one score per week for returning Supplementary Scores. This will allow players to submit more scores for handicap.
- 9-hole Medal scores will be converted to Stableford for handicap purposes.

- The scores used to obtain an Initial Handicap Allotment must be entered through the software system as this total of 54 holes (in any combination) will count as qualifying for the player to retain 'c' status for the following year.
- Setting Handicap Limits on competitions: Option 1 – if there is a limit – up to 54 handicaps can play. Option 2 – A Club may set Handicap Limits on specific events such as cup and trophies. Option 3 – Everyone can play, but handicap limit imposed for the purpose of prize allocation. Choice of Stableford competition for higher handicaps.
- Guidelines for Appeals Procedure: Club, Area Authority, England Golf.

There are Workshops being held across the Country during April and May. If your Club haven't already signed up, please encourage them to do so.

Carole Brown and myself will be holding a Handicap Meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Bowls Club. Full details will be sent to your Club in April.

#### **f) Veterans Captain – Julia Norman**

Entries for this year's Spring meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at Crane Valley have been arriving steadily but with only 3 weeks to the closing date could I urge delegates to promote the fixture within their clubs. Please remember if you want to be in with a chance of winning the Millennium Rose Bowl you need 2 entries from your club in both Spring and Autumn.

I congratulate Ferndown who have the majority of entries so far received. I do have a few posters and entry forms with me but information can be downloaded from the website.

The South West Veterans Spring Field Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March is at Isle of Wedmore who have agreed that competitors will not need hedgehog wheels if it is wet. Closing date is in a couple of weeks and details for this can be found on our website.

Could I ask that delegates encourage their Vets to sign up for this year's matches, these matches are a great way to play some lovely courses for the price of your two course meal. Again I have a few match sheets with me in case delegates have mislaid theirs. Delegates must return their sheets to me by 31<sup>st</sup> March otherwise I cannot promise your players a game. Last year one club did not return their form until May which meant their players had missed out.

A reminder that anyone over 60 is automatically a Vet, just purchase a badge for life for £5 when attending any meeting or match.

My chosen charity, Mosaic, is the same as last year when over £480 was raised and will be added to anything raised this year, so any donations for the raffle table would be gratefully received. This is a Dorset charity which offers support for

bereaved children, young people and their families following the death of a parent, sibling or loved one.

## 7. Delegates Pack

Liz asked everyone to check the contents of their pack with the contents list. She will also send the information electronically. Everyone should have the yellow County Information and Fixture List booklets to distribute to their members.

Included is a **Personal Liability Disclaimer**. This is to inform all ladies playing in county competitions, that if they have any sort of accident whilst playing, the county cannot be held responsible and are not insured for them. It is up to individual ladies to take out their own insurance if they so wish. Some golf clubs have insurance for their members playing both home and away. It would be advisable for everyone to check.

## 8. Interclub Rules.

This has come about because a club has refused to host the semi finals in 2019 even though it only requires an hours worth of tee times. Consequently the following proposals our being put to the delegates.

### **Proposed County procedures for Hosting of Interclub Finals and Semi finals**

- 1 We have decided that we will be asking chosen clubs to host semi finals in the first week of September and finals in the fourth week. Whilst generally these will be on a Friday, we realise that we need to be more flexible to accommodate club diaries. Delegates will be informed of the dates of these fixtures once they are booked.
- 2 With the new flexibility over dates and with two years' notice, we feel that clubs should be able to accommodate these rounds which amounts to one hour's worth of tee times.

Three Options to Achieve this.

### Option One

1. If a club refuses to accept a request for hosting, unless there are exceptional circumstances, that club will be removed from the draw. Things such as hosting of Championships will be taken in to account.
2. The following year the club may re-enter the competition, but they will go to the top of the rota. Again, hosting of championships will be taken in to account.

3. In the event of a club being forced to withdraw from the competition, the divisions will be redistributed without redrawing. If this is not possible then a new draw will be performed.

This will of course need approving at the AGM and writing into Rules of the Association.

Option Two – This will not need a rule change, but will just be implemented by appropriate clubs.

A club will be informed that it is their club's turn to host a final or SF. In this case, when the vice captain is booking her Interclub fixtures with the club, she will book an eighth fixture which will incorporate the final or semi final.

Option Three

A combination of option one and two in which clubs are penalised if they refuse to book the eighth match. This would of course mean that a rule change will be necessary and this option would have to go to AGM to be ratified.

There then followed discussion.

**Anthea Bailey** – Christchurch GC. They do not enter County competitions for the very reason that they are unable to offer the course.

**Karen Gray** - Dudsbury GC. Liked option 2.

**Debbie Knight** – Knighton Heath GC. Was surprised it was an issue as saw hosting the semi/finals as an honour and privilege.

**Margaret Swift** – Parkstone GC. To enter Humphreys and Parkin Cup Trophy events, it is already in the rules that clubs have to be prepared to host.

**Di Groombridge**– Ferndown GC. They had problems organizing the finals due to the late notice of hosting.

**Karen Gray** – Dudsbury GC. If option 2 were agreed then when booking, if there were any objections it could be said that it was in the rules. Therefore option 3 would have to be the preferred option.

**Tracy Bryant** – County Captain. At the moment clubs only host a final or semi final every five years.

**Ann Talbot** – County Handicap Advisor. Ann reminded us that originally the semi final and final matches were played on the same day. In which case the clubs only needed to host every 10 years. Unfortunately it had to be changed as clubs couldn't get ladies to play 36 holes and they didn't have enough substitutes.

**Tracy Bryant** – **Tracy finished the discussion by asking the delegates to take the options back to their respective club committees and to come back to the July meeting with their preferred options.**

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## 9. Rules of the Association

Kate Roberts Asst Secretary. Had been reading the rules regarding the management section. She was slightly confused. However Ann Talbot explained that the management of DLCCA was in the hands of the County Committee whose members were the County Executive, one Delegate from each Club and the other nominated Officers of the Association. Any new rules or amendments to the Rules of the Association must be agreed at a Delegates Meeting and subsequently ratified at a General Meeting. This then made sense and no changes were required.

## 10. New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - Sheila Davidge Past Captain.

New European data protection regulations come into force in May.

Data Protection law has been around for decades but the law is being refreshed and enhanced with the new GDPR, which will apply across all EU member states from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

This is something clubs and counties need to be aware of as it affects all organisations that hold personal data which could identify a living individual. This will include, for example, contact details sent in with a membership application form; booking enquiries sent via a website; or transaction details recorded in the club shop.

England Golf have sent information to Clubs and Counties and are currently working on a Data Protection Policy which will be shared once it is complete.

We are working on a draft Data Protection Policy and will enhance once we have EG document.

We are putting together a register of who has what information and agree a retention timescale for this information, this includes paper and electronic data.

We need to contact past Committee members to confirm that they have deleted previously collected data.

All data files will be password protected.

We will need to amend entry forms asking for permission to hold emails etc and agree how long we will keep this data.

I have taken from EG the basis of the document which Kate will circulate if required.

This Policy has been around for years and companies have been dealing with it without any major problems. You may have heard about a few isolated cases where laptops have been lost or hacking, we as an association will do all we can to maintain the integrity of the data we collect.

Sheila Davidge

<p><b>11. Handicap Allowances for County competitions.</b></p> <p>Tracy explained, on behalf of the executive committee, this has come about due to the increase in handicap allowances.</p> <p>Unfortunately all the posters advertising the county events have been circulated so hcp allowances cannot be changed this year.</p> <p>There is no handicap limit for those wishing to enter the Senior Championship this year but it may be restricted to 36 hcp next year as it is a medal competition.</p> <p>The over 70s completion currently does not have a handicap limit but may be increased to 40.</p> <p>The bowmaker this year has no upper limit but may have an upper limit of 36 to prevent slow play and the Interclub foursomes have a limit of 36 for the bronze pair.</p> <p><b>Trish Adams</b> – Bournemouth and Meyrick Park GC. One of their ladies in the handicap review had her handicap increased from 36 -41! Other delegates had similar scenarios. Therefore an increase to 40 might not be sufficient to include ladies who had traditionally supported County events.</p> <p><b>Ann Talbot</b> – said a lady could enter a competition with a 36hcp limit and play off 36 even if her handicap were higher. However for handicap purposes her actual handicap would be used. Ann also reminded the delegates that we can always appeal if we think the handicap given in the review is not appropriate. Some of the increases seemed excessive so she suggested we go back to our clubs to check the computer handicap system.</p> <p><b>Liz Walker – Secretary.</b> Liz will include a notice regarding the handicap allowances for this year when she sends out the posters electronically.</p> <p><b>Tracy – could all delegates go back to their committees and ask what limit they suggest would be appropriate for the over 70s and high bronze.</b></p> <p>A question was asked regarding supplementary cards and if there were a limit to how many could be submitted.</p> <p><b>Ann Talbot - post meeting addendum. I have checked the CONGU Manual and any number of Supplementary Scores may be returned annually by players in Categories 2 to 6. There is no limit to the number of Supplementary Scores returned in a week. The only restriction with regards to Supplementary Scores is for Category 1 players. See Clause 21.</b></p>	<p>LW</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <p><b>Karen Gray</b> - Dudsbury GC. It was with sad news that we heard that David Braban co-owner of Dudsbury GC had recently passed away. However Karen assured us that Dave's wife Beate and her management team will continue to operate the club as usual.</p> <p><b>Chris Veazey</b> – Wareham GC. The diary arranger for Wareham Golf club is <b>Marian Martin. Her tel no is 01929 554523.</b> The Lady Club Officers list has the number incorrectly written.</p> <p><b>Margaret Swift</b> – Interclub Secretary. The closing date for the Humphrey’s Trophy and Parkin Cup is 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Isle of Purbeck and Queens Park are outstanding entries.</p>	
<p>Tracy closed the meeting at 12.20hrs.</p>	

<b>The next meeting will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
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