

**DORSET LADIES COUNTY**



**GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FERNDOWN GOLF CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY 17th October 2018 at 2.00pm**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Notice convening the Meeting and welcome by the President (Mrs Grace Burke)**

14.05hrs The President invited the Ass Secretary to convene the Annual General Meeting.

The President asks that all mobile phones be switched off.

President asks the meeting to stand for a short silence to remember all our members who are sadly no longer with us. Remembering particularly, Lynn Williams (Sherborne), Trish Pressley (Christchurch), Toni Burke (Remedy Oak), Sue Rogers (Ashley Wood), Pam Wollen (Bulbury Woods) and Jennifer Kimberley (Weymouth).

#### **President's welcome.**

Good Afternoon – I would like to welcome you all to the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Thank you to Ferndown for allowing us to hold our AGM here again.

Before I go on to the meeting, I would just like to give you a little information on the Development Group we run with the Men's Union. We, as the Executive, have felt greater co-operation with the Union is a good way forward at this time. Wiltshire and Devon from the 6 counties in the South West have merged recently, so we want to investigate areas we can work together to form closer ties with the men. No merger thoughts are imminent for Dorset as the Union would like to celebrate their Centenary in 2023. A merger might not necessarily be the right option for Dorset, but we should look at all possibilities when the time comes. At the end of the day, it will be the members of the Union and the Association via your golf clubs who will decide.

As a first step, I was invited by the Union to help present prizes at the Interclub Mixed Foursomes at Broadstone, baby steps! As we progress I'll update you. Next year we should have more to report.

#### **2. To receive apologies for absence.**

There were 32 apologies recorded.

#### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th October 2017.**

These minutes have been posted previously to all County Club Representatives.

Proposed by: Dawn Ley (Isle of Purbeck)    Seconded by: Karen Gray (Dudsbury).

Agreed

Signed as a true record by the President.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the above meeting.**

No matters arising.

#### **5. To receive reports from the Association's Officers**

##### **a) Captain – Tracy Bryant**

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for coming today, it is always a pleasure to see so many of you here, especially as some have travelled from the far corners of the county. I will try to keep this report as brief as possible as all of the competition reports are available online.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Captain. I feel particularly lucky that so many of the events that have been held this year have had fantastic weather - apart from the doomed Bronze Spring Meeting when I half expected Noah to appear along one of the fairways.

We had a terrific Match Week this year and I'd like to thank the team for being so wonderful. Although, we only won one full match, we had some very close results with very strong teams – including a 5/4 defeat by Gloucestershire on the first day - with one of our losses on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Gloucestershire went on to win the whole competition. Most importantly, the team had a great time and everyone got along famously. After all, if you can't enjoy your golf, what is the point? As you know, my blog of all of the matches are on the website.

#### **The 89<sup>th</sup> County Championships were held this year at Dudsbury Golf Club.**

Thank you to all at Dudsbury as the event ran very smoothly.

This year we were treated to many very exciting and close matches in the knockout rounds. The Championship final between Scarlett Williams of Parkstone and Alice Webb, also of Parkstone was frequently an exhibition of par and birdie golf. Scarlett played a phenomenal round of golf defeating Alice on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole, to become one of the youngest Champions ever at the age of fourteen.

The Johnstone final was between Sandi Stott of Broadstone and Emma Hardy of Dudsbury. Emma was a very tough competitor; though Sandi, a previous winner of the title, used her experience to win the match. Sue Jackson, also of Broadstone, won the first day gross competition with 86.

The Silver Spring Challenge was won by Georgina Wrixon with a fine gross score of 84 - well done Georgina.

Many congratulations to all the winners and also all of the players for making it such a fine event.

#### **The Seniors Championships hosted held at Moors Valley GC**

This is proving to be an exceptionally popular Championship with 117 players enjoying the unexpected sunshine, not long after the snow. Many thanks to everyone at Moors Valley for making us feel so welcome.

Congratulations to Jane Southcombe of Yeovil who won the best gross and the Holmes Cup and to Anita Sweatland of Ferndown who won the best nett and the Centenary Bowl.

## **The Bronze Spring Meeting held at Bournemouth and Meyrick Park**

The rescheduled competition was a well attended event. The course was in great condition with superb greens. Pam Gibson of Parkstone won the Low Bronze gross and nett. The high Bronze was won by Fiona Langridge, Captain of Bournemouth and Meyrick. Well done to everyone.

## **The Interclub Foursomes held at Bridport**

The Scratch, Silver and Bronze competitions were won in hard fought finals by teams from Broadstone, Queens Park and Isle of Purbeck. Well done to everyone who competed.

## **The Over 70's Competition**

This was won by Jan Carter of Moors Valley.

## **The Bowmaker**

This was won by a team from Ferndown, comprising of Di Groombridge, Christine Vincent and Helen Taylor.

## **The Autumn Meeting at Weymouth GC**

The Silver competition gross and nett were won by Jane Southcombe and Julie Richardson. The Low Bronze gross and nett were won by Helen Bridgman of Ferndown and The High Bronze winner was Jane Dowling of Bridport.

The Humphreys Bowl was won by Parkstone and the Parkin Cup by Broadstone. And finally, for our competitions, the Interclub was won by Sherborne who narrowly defeated Dudsbury.

## **In other news:**

I know that we all keenly follow the continuing progress of Georgia Hall. She has played some outstanding golf this year that we can only imagine playing. Obviously, the most prestigious of these achievements was her first tour win in the 2018 Ladies British Open – a major.

I would like to congratulate Sheila Davidge and the Junior Girls for their outstanding result in Brickhampton. I would also like to congratulate Carol Cass for her Senior team's outstanding result at Minchinhampton. I won't go into detail about these results as I don't wish to steal their respective captains' thunder

## **World News!**

At the end of last year, Melissa McMahon and her partner Jon Ball put in an outstanding performance to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the World Final of The Audi Quattro Cup at Quivira GC in Mexico!

More recently, the Ferndown Annodata A Team pulled off a spectacular win against Perranporth Ladies on their home course in Cornwall. This was not only the Regional Final but the quarter final, so now the team goes forward to the semi-finals at the Montecastillo Resort, Cadiz in Spain in November. Good luck ladies.

Louise Burke has had many successes throughout the year, including her win at the Kids' Holiday Classic: PGA National, Palm Beach with a score of +3 over two rounds. Astonishing!

Jane Southcombe and Harriet Teversham of Yeovil won the South West Foursomes at Weston-super-Mare GC. Not quite as exotic, but equally important.

I wouldn't be surprised if I have forgotten to mention someone within Dorset who has won a Trophy or played in a prestigious competition – if so, my apologies to them.

I have covered as much as I possibly can here now...but I would like to remind you that any results we are notified of are posted on the Dorset Website. Please remember to send Karen Gray news items as soon as possible. Karen regularly updates the website and there is always something of interest to read. She does an amazing job in this respect. Thanks Karen. (email – [mail.karenggray@gmail.com](mailto:mail.karenggray@gmail.com))

## **Changes**

Now I shall move on to some of the things that have changed within the Association this year.

As you know, we have had to conform to the new Data Protection regulations. This is all up and running now and hopefully you will have encountered very little disruption. Our new Data Protection Policy is on the website.

To come in line with the updated R&A Pace of Play guidelines, we have introduced a Dorset Pace of Play Policy. According to the R&A website, if each member of a fourball takes just five seconds less to play each shot, this will improve the time of a round by over 25 minutes. We have therefore chosen to focus on player responsibilities' as there is little we can do about allocated tee times or course management practices or design. The policy follows the R&A guidelines and introduces a system of warnings and penalties for poor player behaviour when playing shots. This policy has been discussed with Delegates and finalised and will be on the website.

We have looked at the entry fee for the Johnstone Cup and felt it should be increased by £2 from £18 to £20 to reflect the fact that it comprises of a strokeplay and knockout phase and therefore has corresponding prizes. We still feel that this represents value for money. As a comparison, the Autumn Meeting remains at £18 and the Championship is £25.

As you may know, in 2017- 18 we have been trialling raising the Championship handicap entry limit to 15 whilst playing off 12 in the competition. We did this to try to increase the number of entries. This has made no significant difference, so we will not be introducing a rule change.

I have set up a corporate account with M&S to purchase competition prize vouchers rather than having to stand at the checkout purchasing hundreds of pounds' worth – and justifiably irritating the people behind me. This means that your vouchers will look slightly different from now on. Although they are lacking a receipt or flowers, they are genuine!

This next bit is my impression of an Oscars' Speech as I have a lot of people to thank.

I am very pleased that we have so many ladies who not only want to play golf and support the County. I would like to thank all of the other ladies that make this possible whether it's front of house in The Exec or behind the scenes.

Ann Talbot – our knowledgeable Handicap Advisor, Sheila Davidge – our highly successful CJO, Margaret Swift I&K Secretary, Julia Norman – Veterans Captain, the multitalented Kate Roberts – County Welfare Officer, Karen Gray our Communications Officer, Seniors' Captain –Carol Cass and USGA Team Leader – Jenny Waterhouse. Without these ladies giving up their time, not only would the Executive Committee not be able to function – but we wouldn't have any competitions!

Of course I haven't forgotten you, the Delegates, for keeping us in touch with our members, so effectively.

Personally, I would like to thank all the Execs for their support and hard work over the last year. Your help and advice is very much appreciated. They all do roles which I couldn't begin to manage. I think Lindsay, our Treasurer, would particularly agree with that statement! It has been hard work but we have had a lot of fun too.

I would like to say a bit more about our two secretaries Liz Walker, ably assisted by Kate Roberts, who have spent weeks in preparing competitions and then making sure that they run smoothly. For those of you that don't know, Liz used to be in the WRNS. I always describe Liz as being the engine room of the Association. I would like to thank them for all their time and effort.

I also need to single out Jane Southcombe our SW Representative who has very much been there when I have needed her and Grace Burke, who has become so much more than a President this year. She is an invaluable member of the team without whom my job would have been much more difficult.

Lastly, I like to thank all of you whatever you've done for County, whether it's entering a competition, ball spotting, donating a bottle of wine for the raffle or just being here today. None of it would have happened without you.

## **b) Immediate past Captain– Sheila Davidge**

We held our usual training with Scott Godfrey at Ferndown Golf Club, which was to his usual high standard of coaching.

In April, we had a friendly match against the men at Ashley Wood GC, a big thank you to Steve Sanger (Captain) for organising. We played greensome's with some slight changes to the rules and we had a very honourable draw.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May we played our second team match against Wiltshire at Cumberwell Park GC. It was a lovely day, too hot for some, with umbrellas up and trying to keep in the shade as much as possible and drinking plenty of water. All the ladies played very well but we lost 4 – 5.

Our second match was against Gloucestershire at Broadstone GC in June I was unfortunately away on holiday and very kindly Sandie Stott stood in for me and did a great job. A very close match, even though we were three up after the morning foursomes, the ladies managed to win the match 5 – 4. This was a great result but we did not make the County II finals as Gloucestershire beat Wiltshire.

I would like to thank all the players for turning out for training and playing in the matches. County II colours were awarded to:

Megan Thompson (Ferndown GC) and Amanda Walker (Ferndown GC).

**c) Honorary Treasurer – Lindsay Beaumont**

I have pleasure in presenting the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2018 and would like to thank Jenni and Rod Mitchell-Fox, of Ferndown and Dudsbury Golf Clubs, for again independently examining the figures and signing off the accounts.

The report shows that we have a balance at the end of the year of £25,620. Please note however that we have had a late invoice for £450 for the rescheduled Spring Meeting at Meyrick Park which brings the balance down to £25,170. The balance includes £8,250 ring-fenced for the Dorset Juniors.

The £8,250 for the juniors includes £1,157 from England Golf and £1,000 from the ladies' main account for junior training.

Overall the Dorset Ladies' account shows a loss of £2,134 compared with a loss of £4,441 last year. Excluding the amount ring-fenced for the juniors brings the loss to £3,180.

The increase in income is due largely to the increase in affiliation fees although this is unfortunately misleading due to the change in the way that affiliation fees are now collected. The fees collected for 2018 are in fact down by almost £880 on that collected for 2017 at the same time last year. The total includes money collected for 2017.

The increase in costs for match week was due mainly to the increase in accommodation costs and the increase in costs for the Junior inter-county match week was due to increased costs of accommodation and food. You will see that we have paid a deposit for Match Week for 2019 (thank you, Tracy) – this has enabled us to get a good rate.

Again, a big thank you for clubs who have made donations, those who have bought raffle tickets, sold clothing etc donating funds to DLCGA .

The cost of insurance has risen only by the increase in Insurance Premium Tax. I had a useful meeting with Tracy with Kevin Neale in January to discuss whether or not we should incorporate and his advice was that we are fully covered for the concerns raised by England Golf with the result that we felt it unnecessary to go down that route at this time.

Returning to our Affiliation fees, these have been increased to £12 per person for 2019.

Finally, may I remind members that we have been advised by the bank that the Payee on cheques should be written out in full – i.e. Dorset Ladies County Golf Association – rather than the initials DLCGA. In order to avoid writing out this very long Payee name we are happy to receive monies via internet banking. This also avoids the problem encountered by some of you where a cheque becomes out of date by the time it is paid in!

The President thanked Lindsay for her report and asked if any questions from the floor. There were none.

**d) County Representative EG SW Region – Jane Southcombe**

**England Golf.**

Most of my year and involvement as a voting member has been wrapped up in trying to sort out the new affiliation fee for 2019, this was eventually sorted in September and the

affiliation fee for everyone will go up to £9.00 as from 1 January 2019. It is quite likely that there will be a further increase in 2020.

This has been a very long winded and drawn out process.

The Micklem award for outstanding contribution to amateur golf, this year was won by Trevor Reynolds from Devon.

The current vice president of England Golf is Jenny Clink from Gloucestershire and the next vice president will be Graham Yates from Somerset.

The new rules are coming into effect on January 1, 2019 and there is a new rulebook which can be obtained from the R and A. England golf with the R and A are rolling out workshops which are currently being held in all parts of the country. Workshops are also being held to cover the new handicap system which will be coming into effect on 1 January 2020.

### **South West competitions.**

Gloucestershire won the Southwest inter County match week. They went on to win the English women's County finals, which was held at, well, North Devon – so a huge congratulations to them.

The main Southwest Championships were held by us at Broadstone, which was a stunning day and we had a very good turnout and all counties were represented. The overall Southwest women's champion for this year was Alex Saunders from Gloucestershire.

The Australian spoons South West regional final was held at Cumberwell Park. The winners came from Cumberwell Park and they were Helen Walker and Susan Warren and they went on to Frilford Heath to compete in golf week.

For the first time England Golf included regional winners of Senior Ladies Championships in the Champion of Champions tournament. The final was held at Frilford Heath (Green course) and Jane Southcombe came third.

The South West bow maker was held at Lansdowne and this was won by a three ball team from Lansdowne – Patricia Ritchie, Bridget Ashley and Laura Leach.

The Southwest foursomes was held at Weston-super-Mare golf club. The overall best gross prize went to Harriet Teversham and Jane Southcombe.

Dorset also won the best Stableford and this was won by Carly Frost and Monica Seeley.

At this present moment we have no confirmed dates for the Southwest regional competitions, but they will be sorted by the beginning of December.

Southwest intercounty match week will be held at Woodbury Park, which is in Devon.

- e) **Handicap Advisor – Ann Talbot** (Unfortunately Ann was unable to attend so her report was read by the President)

As you will all be aware, the R&A and USGA have modernised the Rules of Golf and Clubs should have copies of the Player's Edition available for all members. The new Rules will be implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and I hope you have had a chance to review them. There are some useful videos of the main changes on the R&A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) and I am sure that you will find them very helpful.

As a result of these new rules, there will inevitably be changes to the CONGU System. The present 2016-2018 Manual will become out of date. There are no plans to centrally print a new version, but it will be available to download from the website.

Another change we need to prepare for, is the World Handicapping System. This will be introduced in 2020 and there are several workshops being run by England Golf in the next couple of months, to prepare Clubs and players for the new system.

If you need any help with either of the above, please don't hesitate to email me – it is all new to me too, so I will do my best to help!

NB New email address – [juantab46@gmail.com](mailto:juantab46@gmail.com)

#### **f) Junior Organiser – Sheila Davidge**

2017 ended with Kay Everett organising the usual Christmas Party at Sturminster Marshall and the new Junior Captain, Alex Cornell (Parkstone GC) being presented with her badge of office. I would like to thank Kay for the wonderful job she did as County Junior Organiser and for handing over such a strong squad of girls.

The Order of Merit winner for 2017 was Lauren Purchase (Dudsbury GC) closely followed by the most brilliant ex Junior Captain – Becky Dodd.

Player of the Year was Louise Burke (Broadstone GC) and runner up was Lilli Horn (Ferndown GC).

Both Lilli and Louise are members of the England Golf South West U16 Squad.

2018 – I would firstly like to say how extremely lucky we are to have Mike Dodd as our County Junior Coach. His enthusiasm for junior golf is outstanding and I do not think it is recognised throughout the County and with England Golf how much time and effort Mike puts into Junior Golf. He runs the EZGO tour in Dorset and has in excess of 160 juniors playing in all the junior opens in the County plus other events. I attended (late) his annual presentation of winners of the EZGO tour and there was a huge marquee at Sturminster Marshall GC which was full of parents and juniors and about 50 outside unable to get in. It was a wonderful event with prizes for everyone. Without the work that Mike does with the EZGO tour and with his Coaching Academy, we would not be in the position we are currently with over forty girls in either the main two squads or in the Academy.

#### **Peter Alliss**

The year started with the Peter Alliss competition which is played over the winter, four rounds stableford with the top eight going through to the match play held on the Alliss course at Ferndown Golf Club. The semi-final were very close matches with Megan Withnall (Ferndown GC) just edging out Jessica Murphy (Bulbury Woods) and Sienna Burch (Broadstone) just beating Lauren Purchase (Dudsbury). The final was again a very close match, swinging between the two girls but eventually Sienna Birch was the winner of the Peter Alliss 2018.

#### **Other Matches**

In April we played our usual match against Dorset Senior Ladies, always a keenly fought match. Carol Cass put a strong team together and very gamely took on two juniors. I am pleased to report that the juniors won 4-1

In May, the Vice Captain of Wiltshire and I agreed that as well as the County II match it would be good if we could also have a match for the juniors. The juniors were awesome and won 6 – 0. All the matches were off scratch except for Megan Withnall who had to give five shots, but she won 5/4.

## **Girls Championship**

Onto the girls' championship being held at Parkstone Golf Club. Again, this was very close competition with Alex Cornell (Parkstone GC) winning the gross from Lilli Horn (Ferndown GC), the nett winner was Sienna Birch (Broadstone GC) and the Birdie Trophy winner was Lauren Carty (Sherborne) with the U14 winner Elizabeth Ashford (Sherborne).

## **South West Inter Counties**

All was looking great for the South West Inter Counties, at Brickhampton GC, Gloucestershire, we had over twelve girls that could have made the team. It was a very difficult decision for the Junior Committee to make the decision as to who to take – we could only take eight girls. The team was chosen:

Alex Cornell (Captain), Lauren Purchase (Vice Captain), Louise Burke, Scarlett Williams, Hermione Christey-Clover, Megan Withnall, Molly Kington and Chloe Haesler.

The girls were all ready to play and we agreed on day one that everyone would be rested once, even though all the girls would have played every match.

It was very unfortunate that Cornwall could not attend this year. Our first real match was on the Monday morning against Somerset, who have become a county to be wary of as they have some very strong players. Great result in the morning 4.5 to 1.5. Onto the afternoon session against Wiltshire, the girls were a little complacent after their win earlier in the year, but they managed a half.

Off to bed very tired but looking forward to playing the other counties on Tuesday.

First match was against Devon, very close even though Devon had not played well in the other days, they came out determined to play well but we won 3.5 to 2.5. Onto the last match, looking at the results we suddenly realised that we had a chance of winning, but we were playing Gloucestershire in the afternoon, who also had a chance to win. All the girls played very well and the last match on the course was Alex Cornell, reports were coming back on the score and the eighteenth green was surrounded with Dorset and Gloucestershire parents and squad members. We thought she had won on the 17<sup>th</sup> but Gloucestershire managed to win the hole – all square in matches and Alex was also all square. Keeping her nerve Alex won on the 18<sup>th</sup> to give Dorset a win 3.5 to 2.5 and the Championship.

It was brilliant, I had thought that we would aim for Dudsbury win next year as we did five years ago, but the girls were determined to do their best and win.

I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and followers, Grace Burke, Mike Dodd and Caroline Townsend for their support and help over the four days.

## **Ashley Wood & Palmer**

The competition was played on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Ashley Wood Golf Club. The weather was a little breezy, not unusual for Ashley Wood.

The winner of the Ashley Wood Trophy was Lilli Horn with a gross 74, with runner up – Louise Burke with a gross 76.

The Palmer Trophy was won by Chloe Northover with a nett 68 and runner up was Megan Withnall with nett 71.

## **Wareham Trophy**

Not as many pairs were entered in this year's event but a big thank you to Steve Haesler and Jo Cox for running the event and to Grace Burke for presenting the prizes.

The winners were Elle Read & Dan Magill (Sturminster Marshall GC) with 31 points, second were Sienna & Bailey Birch (Broadstone GC) also on 31 points, and third were Chloe Haesler & Alex Johnson (Broadstone GC) also on 31 points. There were five pairs on 31 points, close competition.

## **Handicap reductions**

This has been a brilliant year for handicap reductions from nineteen junior girls the total handicap reduction is 84.2, with:

Chloe Northover reducing her handicap by 13 shots, Honor Johnson by 9 (after breaking her leg skate boarding), Sasha Trickett by 8, Amy Travers by 7, Jessica Murphy by 7 and Sienna Birch by 6

Our lowest handicap is 3.2 held by Louise Birch with ten girls all with handicap under 10.

I am also pleased to report that Louise Burke and Scarlett Williams have been chosen for the England Golf South West Region U18 squad.

Jessica Murphy was the Individual winner at the National Schools competition held at Woodall Spa.

It has been great being back as CJO and seeing so many girls improving, a number of girls left at Christmas, Becky Dodd, Megan Thompson and Rebekah Hobell. We wish them well and hope they continue to play golf.

Next year, please come and support the girls as we defend the South West Inter Counties at Dudsbury GC 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August.

I would like to thank all the Golf Clubs for continuing to support Junior Golf in Dorset, a big thank you to parents and grandparents, to the Junior Committee and also to Georgia Hall who donated some polo shirts, which we sold and made about £400. Also, to a number of companies who continue to support Dorset Junior Girls.

Please keep watching the junior page on the website – lots happening.

#### **g) Veteran's Captain – Julia Norman**

I have now completed a very enjoyable two years as the Dorset Veterans' Captain and must firstly thank my secretary, Helena Peart, and my Vice-Captain, Rosemary Shepherd, for their help and support during this time, I certainly could not have done it without them.

The season as always began with the South West Veterans' Field Day held at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on 23 March. 86 ladies played and Dorset had two prize winners; Julia Norman 2<sup>nd</sup> in low bronze and Jenny Hill 3<sup>rd</sup> in high bronze both from Sherborne GC. Next year this fixture will be held at Yeovil GC so I hope there will be a good entry from Dorset.

The Dorset Vets Spring Greensomes Meeting was held at Crane Valley on an extremely wet 9<sup>th</sup> April. 46 pairs entered and played in the most challenging conditions, the Cumberledge Ware Spoons were won by Monica Seeley and Susan Knott from Parkstone.

Our matches began with the first of our South West Trophy ties against Somerset at Sherborne where we won 5/2. The second trophy match versus Devon was held at East Devon on a beautiful day but the course got the better of us and we lost 4 ½ / 2 ½ . Our last trophy match against Cornwall was played at Dudsbury, unfortunately we were a man down and were beaten 4 ½ / 2 ½ . So the trophy once again goes to Cornwall.

We won both our friendly matches firstly against Hampshire at Knighton Heath, 5 ½ / 1 ½ and against Wiltshire at Erlestoke 4 ½ / 2 ½.

My thanks go to all those who participated in these matches, particularly those who filled in at the last minute.

The Dorset Autumn Greensomes Meeting was held at Sherborne on 24<sup>th</sup> September with only 31 entries, the Irma Keyes Salver was won by Meredith Christopher and Jane Close from Sherborne.

The season was rounded off with the South West Field Day at Trevoze Golf and Country Club on 30<sup>th</sup> September which was a very oversubscribed. 111 ladies played and Dorset had three prizewinners; Marjorie Nisbett from Parkstone winning the VVV trophy; Sue Winkle from Bridport winning in high bronze and Angela Heysham from Sherborne 3<sup>rd</sup> in low bronze.

The Dorset Millennium Rose Bowl and a cheque for £40 is presented to the club that gets the best aggregate score from 2 pairs in both the Spring and Autumn meetings. Sadly there were only 5 clubs which managed 2 pairs in both the Spring and Autumn meetings and therefore eligible for the trophy. The winners this year with 119 points are Ferndown who are to be congratulated on having an excellent number of entries in both meetings.

My charity for the last 2 years was Mosaic, a local charity which supports bereaved children, young people and their families. I was delighted to be able to present Laura Stanley from Mosaic with a cheque for £867 at the Autumn Meeting and I thank you all for your generosity in buying the raffle tickets.

I would like to thank all the Clubs who have hosted events this year. We are very fortunate that so many of our Dorset Clubs are willing to give us courtesy for our County Matches.

May I also take this opportunity of thanking delegates who have helped drum up support for the Vets fixtures although we could always do with a few more entries, particularly in the Autumn Meeting. We still, however, have quite a few clubs that have no participants at all and I would like to put a plea out to those with a reminder that anyone 60 or over is eligible to play, all they have to do is purchase a badge for £5 at their first event and they are a life member. Also whilst we are able to get courtesy for our matches you can play some lovely courses for just the price of your meal.

I am now handing over the mantle to Rosemary Shepherd, who I know will do an excellent job. She already has some very exciting fixtures for 2019 so I do hope those of you over 60 will continue to support the Veterans section. I am also Bridport have agreed to take over the Vets section in 2021/22. My very best wishes to them all.

#### **h) Seniors' Captain – Carol Cass**

This year the Seniors had one match against the Juniors in April, which once again, we lost! I am working on a different format for next year which will hopefully help us to win!!!

Our main fixture was the South West Senior Ladies Inter County Trophy. This is a competition which was set up in 1989 for ladies over 50, who have previously played in County Teams. It is a great chance to renew friendships with those from other Counties and enjoy playing matchplay golf to a high standard!

Over 3 days we play against teams from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. The format is three scratch foursomes matches against each County. This year, Gloucestershire hosted the event at Minchinhampton Golf Club at the beginning of October. We had 10 players in the squad, mostly single figure handicaps, from Broadstone, Dorset Golf and Country Club, Ferndown, Parkstone and Yeovil. After playing four Counties, we were the only team to be unbeaten. We needed to win our last match against Devon to secure the trophy, which we did, in good style!

This meant we have now won this most unusual trophy for 3 years in succession, a feat only ever achieved once before, by Cornwall in 2008.

I would like to thank all those in my team for a most memorable four days of friendship, laughter, enthusiasm and stunningly superb play during that week.

**6. To receive and adopt the Examined Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

Proposed by: Penny Hunt (Weymouth) Seconded by: Marian Hallet (Bulbury Woods)  
Agreed

**7. To appoint Rod Mitchell-Fox as Accounts Examiner for 2018/2019**

Proposed by: Debbie Driver (Broadstone) Seconded by: Carole Brown (Bridport &WD)  
Agreed

**8. Resolution 1**

**Background -The reason we need to change the wording to Categories of membership and Rules and conditions of play is EG introduced a new competition in 2015 for the Champion of Champions and since they have since included the Seniors and Junior County Champions to the competition. This was discussed at Delegates and agreed**

**Rules of the Association 3. Categories of Membership. Full Membership**

To add **Senior Championship and Junior Championship** and take out *in the County Golf Championships*. The sentence to now read as follows:-

*Playing members of Affiliated Clubs who possess one or more of the qualifications laid down by EG shall be entitled to Full Membership of the County Association. Full Membership entitles them to compete in the County Championship, Senior Championship and Junior Championship and to play for the County Teams. It also entitles them to play in events organised by the Association.*

ii) **Associate Membership**

We are adding **Senior Championship and Junior Championship** to the last sentence<sup>4</sup> and taking out *in the County Golf Championship*, so it will now read 'Associate Membership entitles them to play in events organised by the Association, but does not allow them to compete in the County Championship, Seniors Championship and Junior Championship or to play for the County Teams.

***This also needs to be added to the Rules and Conditions of Play Governing All County Competitions Table of Contents General 2. Add **Seniors Championship and Junior Championship** to the first line, and in the last line add **or associate** so it will now read. To qualify for entry to the County Championship, Senior Championship and Junior Championships players must be full members of the County. For all other County competitions players must be full, affiliated or associate members of the County.***

**Recommendation**

**The Executive Committee recommends to the Association Members that they accept Resolution 1**

Seconded by: Dawn Ley (IOP)

Carried

**Resolution 2 - Rules and Conditions of Play Governing all County Competitions-** that a Bowmaker competition be added to Table of Contents 99-102 **This has been a very popular, fun competition which is why we feel it needs to be added to the Rules and Conditions as an ongoing competition.**

**Bowmaker**

99. *Stableford in 3s, 2 scores to count with 90% allowance.*

100. *Prizes awarded depending on number of entries.*

101. *A handicap limit of 36, 37-40 handicaps could play but off limit of 36.*

102. *Prize giving will be held on the day.*

## Recommendation

The Executive committee recommends to the Association Members that they accept Resolution 2

Seconded by: Sue Crabb (Ferndown)

Carried

**Resolution 3 – Rules and Conditions of Play Governing all County Competitions** *add new handicap limits and make amendments to the text as follows, this was discussed at Delegates and agreed*

Senior Championship

41. There is a handicap limit of 36,

Bronze Spring Meeting

54. Handicaps 29-40

Inter-club Foursomes

55. *To be added, Bronze Handicap Division players representing their club must have a handicap between 21-36.*

Autumn Meeting

59. High Bronze Division – 29 to 40

Over 70's 9- Hole Non Qualifying Stableford

98. A handicap limit of 40 and players must hold a CONGU 'c' competition handicap.

## Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends to the Association Members that they accept Resolution 3

Seconded by: Pauline Baillie

Carried

## Resolution 4

**Rules and Conditions Of Play Governing All County Competitions. Table of Contents.**  
*INTER-CLUB CUP after rule 82 there is a line which refers to CONGU 2012-2015 definition p.10 – handicaps (2) as this information is out of date we would like to remove it. This rule is covered in our General rules item 6.*

**Read rule. All players participating in County competitions must hold a valid Congu completion c Handicap. Players must produce a Current year Congu handicap certificate on the first day of a competition. If not produced, or in date, players may only go out as markers.**

## Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends to the Association members that they accept Resolution 4

Seconded by: Val Williams (Parkstone)

Carried

**9. Presentation of Trophies and Prizes from the Veterans' Section, Seniors' Championships, Autumn Meeting and Aggregate Club Trophies won during the year.**

**The Lloyd Wilson Trophy** had not been previously announced to the delegates and clubs and so was a surprise! Tracy (County Captain) explained that it is an Order of Merit trophy awarded to the most successful club returning the best results across all strokeplay and matchplay competitions during the year. **The successful club for 2018 was Broadstone.**

**10. Election of Officers to County Committee**

The following Officers, to continue their term of office in accordance with Association rules

President	Grace Burke (KH)
Captain	Tracy Bryant (B'stone)
Hon Secretary	Liz Walker (B&WD)
Assistant Secretary	Kate Roberts (B'stone)
Hon Treasurer	Lindsay Beaumont( F)

Please may I have your approval that the officers continue in their posts.

**Approved**

The following Officers to be elected en bloc according to the Association rules.

<b>Vice Captain</b>	Amanda Walker (F)	Executive Appointment
---------------------	-------------------	-----------------------

Tracy introduced Amanda to the meeting.

As many of you may know, Sandi Stott was due to start as my VC this year. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, she has had to pull out.

However, I have been very fortunate in that I had someone of great calibre that I could call on to step into her shoes - Amanda Walker of Ferndown GC.

I didn't know Amanda until I played golf with about four years ago at Dudsbury. I was told by my playing partner that a woman would be joining who was an awesome golfer - of the single figure variety no less. I doubt Amanda remembers this. She made a bigger impression on me than I made on her, I am sure. I was so impressed with her golf and when she told me she had played for County Seconds, I was very jealous.

Amanda's golf has gone from strength to strength since then. She has played regularly for the first and second teams, including at Match Week last year. She has been part of the winning SW Seniors Intercounty team and has a handicap that I can only dream of. As well as this, Amanda has recently organised the successful Ferndown Ladies' Annodata A team that will now go on to the finals in Spain.

Amanda is very reliable, extremely competent and hard-working. I am sure that she will be ably assisted by her charming husband Keith. She will make an excellent VC and future Captain.

Tracy presented Amanda with her Vice Captain's badge.

Interclub		
& Knockout Sec	Cathy McFarlane Thompson(B)	Executive Appointment
Vets Captain	Rosemary Shepherd (LR)	Julia Norman (S) Helena Peart (S)
Vets Secretary	Sue Winkle (B&WD)	Rosemary Shepherd (LR) Julia Norman(S)

Please may I have your approval for these officers to be elected en bloc

**Approved**

The followings Officers to be re-elected en bloc in accordance with the Association Rules.

County Representative EG SW Region	Jane Southcombe (Y)	Exec Appointment
Handicap Advisor	Ann Talbot (CD)	Exec Appointment on behalf of EG

USGA Course Rater	Jenny Waterhouse (DG&CC)	Exec Appointment on behalf of EG
County Welfare Officer	Kate Roberts (B)	Exec Appointment
County Junior Organiser	Sheila Davidge (AW)	Exec Appointment
Communications and Web Site Officer	Karen Gray (D)	Exec Appointment

Please may I have your approval for these re-elected appointments.

**Approved**

### **Tracy presented Julia Norman with a gift**

I would like to thank Julia for all of her hard work during her term as Veterans' Captain. It is not an easy job as it is both organising competitions and matches. She has been excellent and efficient in her post. I know that all of the Vets who have been involved in matches or competitions have really appreciated her efforts. We would all like to thank you and wish you a jolly good rest now Julia.

### **Tracy presented Sheila Davidge with a gift**

I would like to thank Sheila for all of the support that she has given me over the last year. It is not an easy job taking over as County Captain – and it has been good to know that if I have been stuck with anything, I have had the opportunity to draw on Sheila's wealth of experience.

As well as advising me, she has also had a very good year running the Second Team as part of her role. Sheila is not retiring, of course, she will be continuing with her excellent and highly successful work as our Junior Organiser which I know she loves. Thanks very much Sheila.

### **Tracy presented Margaret Swift with a gift**

I met Margaret about three years ago when she gave me a lift to the Humphreys' final, in her Capacity as Interclub and Knockout Secretary. She was so kind and helpful when I was new and nervous. Of course, I know that she has been involved in County in some form or another for much longer than that. Margaret has done a superb job in making sure that all of these knockout competitions run smoothly and that everyone knows what they're supposed to be doing.

Margaret has continued during this time to support County competitions by entering them and has had her share of success. Margaret is however full of surprises.

I thought I was well-versed in different combinations of foods, but apparently I'm not. At the Humphreys and Parkin final, Margaret ordered a sausage bap with blackcurrant jam, even I was stunned – especially when she made me try it.

Thanks for all of the hard work and for all of your support. It has been a pleasure working with you Margaret. I know that we will all miss you, but I wish you a good retirement.

## **11. Any other business**

### **Jan Carter (Moors Valley Club Captain)**

Jan gave us an update on the closure of Moors Valley Golf Course. Mack trading who lease and operate the golf course has ceased trading. This means the course is closed.

Currently the course is in the hands of the receivers. Christchurch and East Dorset Councils are in discussions with the receivers and are considering options for the future running of the golf course. In the meantime the greens are being maintained but not the rest of the course. The club is still vibrant and players are still meeting one another hoping for a positive outcome in the near future. Jan will keep the county updated by posting news on the website.

### **News worthy Item (Ferndown County Delegate Ruth Thrussell )**

The R & A run a 9 hole (mixed) Championship, this is the second year. It is played on the British Open Championship course just before the Open, this year it was at Carnoustie in Scotland.

21 pairs qualify, stableford aggregate, 10 from England, 4 from Scotland, 4 from Ireland, 2 from Wales, and 1 from the Home Course.

Entries were from 500 clubs with 15,000 cards returned. The only pair of ladies from England to qualify were from Ferndown, Pauline Baillie (Ladies Captain) and Maureen Young.

Congratulations to both Pauline and Maureen for qualifying to play in this Championship. They played the front 4 holes and the back 5 holes of the Carnoustie Championship Course Travel and accommodation paid for by the R & A. It was a fabulous experience. Let's hope a Dorset pair will qualify again for the 2019 championship.

### **There was no more AOB**

### **12. Vote of Thanks by County Champion – Scarlett Williams (read by the Ass Secretary)**

Apologies for my non-attendance at this year's AGM, but unfortunately school comes first – mostly!

Dudsbury was a great venue for the Ladies Event, and the course was in excellent condition, so thanks to the management, greenkeepers, and clubhouse staff, for their hospitality. Looking at the trophies I think I am the youngest ever winner of both of those events – so Georgia Hall better watch out!

Funnily enough I'd never played that well at Dudsbury before, but obviously across 5 of the 6 rounds it worked out really well for me. Thanks to my Friday playing partner, Ros Edwards, for her continual calm demeanour and excellent company, and then thanks to the great sportsmanship of each of my knock-out opponents, Siena Birch, Molly Kington, Hermione Christy-Clover (that one got pretty tight), and in the final thanks to Alice Webb for her company. I realise I had an amazing round in the final, it was my day! Alice was very sporting and I thank her for staying so positive under those circumstances.

Thank you to the Ladies committee for arranging the event, and to Liz and Grace for all their time and support.

It was an amazing weekend for me, and my golf didn't let me down – and was actually off the back of not a very busy golf winter. I had a good summer in golf terms, with an excellent week with the Dorset Ladies Team in Cornwall, at the glorious St Enodoc; great weather, course, accommodation, and company. Thank you to Tracy and Sandi for their organisation of that amazing event. I was thrilled to receive my County Colours in just my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Ladies matches. I realise I ended up playing 8 of the 10 matches that week, which I loved!

I did have a good weekend at Frilford Heath at the Ladies Champion of Champions but unfortunately couldn't re-live the excellent golf that allowed me to qualify, and had 2 very mediocre rounds, but again with great company, and it was another experience for me.

My thanks as always to Sheila and Tracy for believing in me and supporting me, and to all the Ladies for their warm welcome to all the Juniors in to their events.

It was a great finale to the season for the Dorset Girls to win the Junior Inter Counties trophy, and you may not all be aware how strong the young Dorset squad of girls is, and with large numbers of new and quickly improving girls following up behind. All of these girls are the product of Sheila's commitment and the Dorset executive support.

**13. Date of 2019 Annual General Meeting 23rd October 2019 at Ferndown Golf Club. 2.00pm**

16.00hrs The President closed the meeting thanking Ferndown and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!