



## DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

### County Delegates Meeting Dorchester Bowls Club Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

<p><b>1. Present</b> – there were 21 Delegates present and 6 Executive</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> – There were 9 Apologies.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – Proposed by Karen Gray (Dudsbury), Seconded by Penny Hunt (Weymouth) . Accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising.</b> – There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>5. Correspondence</b> – There has been no correspondence.</p>	
<p><b>6. Captains Report - Tracy Bryant</b></p> <p><b>Announcement</b></p> <p>It is with great sadness that I have been informed of the death of Rita Coffey of Dudsbury GC. I know that she is sadly missed at her club.</p> <p>Since our last meeting, we have held many of our County Competitions.</p> <p><b>Championship Week at Knighton Heath</b></p> <p>Our Championship week was played in difficult weather conditions at Knighton Heath. The greenkeepers did a magnificent job in managing to keep the course open.</p> <p>In the Silver Spring Challenge Kate Cornell of Sherborne won both the gross and the nett.</p> <p>The Johnstone Cup was won by Janice Webster of Knighton Heath with Charlotte Monson of Yeovil taking the runner up spot. Huge congratulations to them both.</p> <p>The Championship gross competition was won by Harriet Teversham of Yeovil with Hermione Christey-Clover taking the nett trophy.</p>	

Harriet took part in a keenly fought final against Mel McMahon of Lyme Regis. The title was finally won on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole by Mel. Both women played some magnificent golf.

Enormous thanks to Knighton Heath for hosting us so well and congratulations to all the players who braved the elements.

### **The Seniors Championship at Yeovil**

Once again we had terrible weather for a county competition.

Di Loving of Weymouth played exceptionally well to win both the gross and nett prize and becomes the 2019 Dorset Ladies' Seniors' Champion.

Thanks to Yeovil for looking after us so well.

### **The Bronze Spring Meeting at Queens Park**

For a change, we had excellent weather at Queens Park.

The Low Bronze competition was won by Pat Cookson of Meyrick Park with gross 89. She also won the nett competition with an exceptional nett 64. Well done to her.

The High Bronze was won by Pauline Ross of Dudsbury with Yvonne Newman of Ferndown coming in the runner up spot.

Thanks to Queens Park for making us feel so welcome.

### **The Over 70s at Somerley.**

Unfortunately I was unable to go to this competition, but the ladies who attended this event were full of praise for Somerley.

The winner was Val Tucker of Moors Valley with an incredible score of 27 points (over nine holes!). The RU spot went to Marion Andersen of Dudsbury with a very creditable 20 points.

### **Interclub Foursomes at Ferndown**

We had an excellent two days at Ferndown which culminated in finals between, Broadstone and Lyme Regis (Scratch), Broadstone and Parkstone (Silver) and Dudsbury and Knighton Heath (Bronze).

The winners were Broadstone in the Scratch, Broadstone in the Silver and Dudsbury in the Bronze. Congratulations to everyone.

My detailed reports from all of these competitions can be found on the website.

I would like to thank the team of Execs: Liz, Kate, Grace and Amanda, as well as Dawn Ley from The Isle of Purbeck who stepped in to help Liz during the Championship week. Without the hard work from all of you, none of this would have happened.

### **Match Week 2019**

As you will know, we have just come back from Match Week at Woodbury Park in Devon.

In the four years that I have been involved in Match Week, I have never seen county golf of the standard that I have seen this time. Many of the teams now have plus handicap players and Cornwall had the British Ladies' Amateur Champion amongst their ranks. Many congratulations to the narrow winners Gloucestershire who tied with Somerset on points, but won on matches won.

Unfortunately we were beaten in all of our matches. This sounds a lot worse than it was as we performed exceptionally well particularly in the first three days when we lost, 5-4, 5-4, 5 ½ - 3 ½ . These matches could have gone either way. Having lost our two best players by Thursday, we were then beaten soundly by Gloucestershire 7 ½ - 1 ½ (though that team beat Cornwall 8-1). On the last day we should have had a fighting chance against Wiltshire, but losing our top four players (one to injury in the afternoon) and having to put out five of the six players who had played in the morning we were really up against it and lost 6 ½ - 2 ½ after leading in the morning.

I would like to thank Liz Walker, Kate Roberts and Val Ford and the caddies for their hard work. I would also like to thank Ben Christey-Clover, our coach, who was there to help and support and to Sheila Davidge and Jean Pomeroy who came to support the team. Finally - I must mention Grace Burke, our president, who has been by my side all week. She has been amazing!

I was very proud of my team last week, including all of the helpers. Their team spirit and attitude was second to none. This was my last Match Week and I can honestly say it has been a pleasure to get to know and manage this group of players.

### **Match Week 2020**

It has been decided by the SW committee that from next year Match Week will be changing to a two and a half day format instead of a five day format. This has been decided for a variety of reasons including the cost of the tournament, the difficulty in finding players who can commit to a full week and also the difficulty in finding clubs willing to host.

We are hosting the tournament in Dorset at Dudsbury Golf Course in 2020, so this will entail a good deal of preparation and organisation on our part and we will

need to look for extra volunteers to help out both before the competition and during. The dates of the competition are Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July with a practice round on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Junior Organiser**

I was told by Sheila at the Juniors vs Seniors match at Ashley Wood that she will be moving out of the area and therefore relinquishing per position as Junior Organiser.

This is obviously quite a big job and will be very difficult to fill. We will be discussing this later in the meeting.

I would like to thank Sheila for her dedication to the job that she has loved and has made her own. I know that the Juniors hold Sheila in the highest regard and she will be missed greatly.

## **7. Officers Reports**

### **a) Vice Captain – no Vice Captain**

### **b) Treasurers Report – Lindsay Beaumont**

Good morning, ladies.

Our bank balances at the end of June were:

Current account	6,002.89
Deposit account	<u>25,069.82</u>
Total	<u>31,072.71</u>

All bills submitted to date have been paid. This compares with £31,058.51 at the same time last year. The affiliation fees received for this calendar year are substantially down on last year although I am expecting to receive a significant amount any day now.

The total includes approximately £9,000 attributable to the juniors, although I have been told there is a substantial expenses claim to be taken from that amount.

May I take this opportunity to remind ladies that any claim for expenses for this year should, where possible, be submitted before the end of August when the financial year ends.

### **c) South West Region Representative – Jane Southcombe**

#### **England golf. A. G. M.**

The Micklam award went to John Trickett from Yorkshire.  
Jenny Clink from Gloucestershire has become the president.

The vice president elect is Graham Yates from Somerset.

Club support restructuring has been undertaken. Club Support is funded purely by sports England so whether this will continue after the next take two years is debatable and this will depend on how much funding EG get from sports England in the future.

From 1 July 2019. Every affiliated England golf member will have PPI insurance cover – this has this will be provided by Bluefin.

Worldwide Handicapping System will start being rolled out midway through next year in readiness for the 2021 season.

It is reasonable to expect that about 200 clubs will have to close in the next 10 to 15 years.

**Young ambassadors** – there was a very interesting, presentation by three of the young ambassadors, there is a video on the EG website, if you are slightly bored of an evening. It's worth a look.

There main points were as follows with regards to clubs mainly and counties to a certain extent.

1. They will be the future of golf
2. Ask them what they would like as far as golf is concerned.
3. Please don't talk down to them.
4. They want to enjoy the sport.
5. They are also aware of the etiquette of golf and the rules and they understand why they are there, but occasionally a little flexibility to aid the enjoyment of the sport should be considered. It's really changing the perception of golf, which they want to do and help the adults to do the same.
6. Listen to their points of view.

**Ashley Wilson – safeguarding officer for EG - safeguarding presentation**

He asked that if any person or junior is concerned about a safeguarding issue however, minor they are aware of who the welfare officer is and who the people are, within the system, that they can approach and to voice their concerns.

The number of cases he is seeing is on the increase, mainly due to awareness. Safe golf website is on the E.G. website.

**SW competitions**

- 1<sup>st</sup> September – Filton Golf Club, Bristol. Ladies, Senior Ladies and Junior Championships. Please could the Delegates encourage ladies/juniors to apply as so far there have been very few applications and the competition might have to be cancelled.
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – Isle of Wedmore – Bowmaker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Chippenham GC – Foursomes

**d) County Junior Organiser – Sheila Davidge**

This will probably be my last report to Delegates as I am planning to move later in the year.

I have really enjoyed being County Junior Organiser and County Captain. It has given me great pleasure to work with Mike Dodd and lately Fern Grimshaw, the improvement in the girls that started eight years ago and watching the new young juniors starting in the Academy is very rewarding. A number of the girls are playing in the first and second Ladies team. A number of the girls have been or are in the EG SW Regional squad.

### **Peter Alliss**

The Peter Alliss was again very competitive and the final was between Meg Withnall (Ferndown GC) and Chloe Northover (Yeovil GC). This was the third time that Meg had made the final and is her final year with the juniors. It was a very tight competition and eventually Chloe came out the winner.

### **Girls Championships and Birdie Trophy**

We held the Girls Championship and Birdie Trophy on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Dudsbury GC. It was a lovely day not too hot and the course was in immaculate condition. We had eleven players in the Championship and ten players in the Birdie Trophy.

The Birdie Trophy went all the way to the eighteenth and was between Imogen Stratman (Ferndown Forest GC), who is ten and did not reach the handle of her golf trolley which she pushed all the way around the 18 holes. Lois Phillips and Funky Diamond (Dudsbury GC). The final scores were – Imogen – 37, Lois – 38 and Funky 39. Therefore, Funky won the Birdie Trophy.

The girls Championship was also very exciting. This year it was over 36 holes and the first 18 holes proved to be very close, Chloe Haesler won the first 18 holes with a gross 71, nett 65 which is a new course record for Dudsbury GC. Chloe has been entered for the Justin Rose – Daily Telegraph Junior Golf Competition.

The second 18 holes did not have such low scores, Chloe had a bit of a disaster on one hole but still continued to play well. I think the heat and the fact that they are not used to playing 36 holes in one day did have an effect on them all.

The Girls Champion by one shot is Scarlett Williams (Parkstone) who was last year's County Champion. The Nett winner was Ellie Mans (Sturminster Marshall GC) who had the best second 18 holes.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July we have a match against Wiltshire at Dudsbury GC.

We announced the team for the SW Inter Counties which is taking place at Dudsbury GC on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The team is:  
Lauren Purchase (Dudsbury) - Captain  
Hermione Christey Clover (Ashley Wood)  
Alex Cornell & Scarlett Williams (Parkstone)  
Molly Kington (Weymouth)

Meg Withnall (Ferndown)  
Chloe Haesler (Broadstone)  
Ellie Mans (Sturminster Marshall)  
Res: Chloe Northover (Yeovil)

Please come and support the team – Lauren has asked that people wear yellow if possible. The first match is on the Sunday afternoon. This year the format has changed to one foursome and four singles. It would be wonderful if the girls manage to retain the Trophy.

I would like to thank Beate Brabant and Dudsbury Golf Club for their continued support of Dorset Juniors.

The final of the Pukka Pads and Dame Laura Davies will take place at Broadstone GC on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Pukka Pads final is between:**

Lilli Horn (Ferndown) v Ellie Mans (Sturminster Marshall)

**The Dame Laura Davies final is between:**

Honor Johnson (Sturminster Marshall) v Elizabeth Ashford (Sherborne)

I would like to thank the clubs that provide courtesy to play and practice on their course. I would also like to thank the Junior committee and all the Dorset Ladies for their continuing support of junior golf in the County. I hope that it will continue to grow.

**e) County Handicap Advisor Report** – Nothing to report.

**f) Veteran’s Captain Report – Rosemary Shepherd**

Good Morning Ladies.

I am sure you would all rather be playing golf, on the beach or in your garden so I will be as brief as possible.

The season started well with our Spring Meeting at Bridport. 88 Ladies enjoyed a Greensomes Competition. The day was cold and windy. Although in good condition the course proved difficult and the winning score was just 31 points.

We have played one of our SW Trophy matches against Cornwall at Bude. We did eventually manage to find 6 pairs willing to make the long journey. We were at a disadvantage being one pair short and playing a tough links course, where spotting the next fairway, let alone the green was not always obvious. Dorset lost the match 6 – 1.

Our next match is a friendly against Hampshire at Skylark GCC on Monday. I have had no problems getting a team to play this match.

The Autumn Meeting is at Rushmore Golf Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This appears to be a popular choice of venue. I have had a good response already. Please remind your ladies about this. The closing date for entries is 27<sup>th</sup> August but I suggest they get their entries in asap.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.

## **8. Role of The captain -Re-organisation. (Tracy Bryant)**

As many of you will already know, Amanda Walker resigned her position as vice captain a few weeks ago at our Executive committee meeting. In taking on the role, she began to realise how much work was involved and felt it was too much for her. She asked if it were possible to have an assistant to help her with her duties. She also complained about the length of tenure - saying that it was too long and that it was making it impossible for her to complete and also to find a volunteer to be her VC.

We offered to look at all aspects of the role of the captain with a view to making changes next year whilst she was captain. Amanda declined the offer and resigned with immediate effect. She offered to stay on for a short time to help out whilst we found someone, but it was felt by all at the meeting that in order to move forwards we needed a fresh start.

As of October, we will have no Captain nor any Vice Captain. We had an extra executive committee meeting last Monday and we are proposing that we run a pilot for the next couple of years in which we restructure the role of the captain in order to make it more attractive to volunteers and more manageable for people in the post of Captain.

Any changes proposed come with the background knowledge that come 2023 (after the men's centenary celebrations) we may be exploring merger with the Dorset county golf Union (DCGU). The next President of the DCGU has already said he is keen on merging.

In the short term (2019-20) I will, as Immediate Past Captain, still be available to answer general emails and attend many County Competition Meetings and chair DLCGA meetings. Val will chair meetings if I am not available. Regarding County Competitions we can elect a lead person who will make decisions regarding, for example, course conditions, rule queries and slow play depending on who is available, though I am planning to do as much as I can.

Onto our suggestions for the new structure. We have asked around and I had the opportunity to speak to other Captains last week at Match Week. Some of these ideas are those currently used by Devon.

### **County Captain Role (This is the role that I will be fulfilling in the next year)**

The County Captain will run all general management issues. She will have overall responsibility for all county matters, deal with general emails, authorising banking, website, policy issues as is the case now. She will also chair Exec and delegate meetings - plus she will attend the majority of competitions in the current capacity and report upon them. She will also attend the SW Captain's meeting in March.

### **First Team Manager**

The first team manager will run all matters to do with the first team including friendly matches, booking accommodation, training and Match Week. She will provide reports for Exec and delegates meetings and let the County Captain know how things are progressing. She will attend the SW Captain's meeting in March with the County Captain.

### **Second Team Manager**

Will run all matters to do with the second team including all matches, friendly or otherwise and training. She will provide reports for Exec and delegates meetings and let the County Captain know how things are progressing.

Jane Southcombe has agreed to act as an Overall Teams Manager to oversee the new managers and the posts and liaise between the managers and the Exec and monitor the new roles.

We see no reason why these reduced roles could not be run over a two year period ie a year VC and a year Captain as in clubs and the same for the team managers if necessary. This may mean that we need to look at having assistant managers for the teams in the fullness of time.

At the moment, we are just trying to find a way that the County can run successfully next year and look to making it more accessible to volunteers in the future.

Obviously this is just a proposal and we would like to have your input and hear your ideas.

Karen Gray (Dudsbury golf club) – It makes sense to split the role. Have a time limit for the Team Captains with an option to carry on if they wish.

Jane Southcombe – A maximum time limit should be imposed so that the incumbent(s) do not get staid.

Sheila Davidge – CJO – Acknowledged that it was difficult to get someone to volunteer for the role of VC/Captain.

Tracy Bryant – Players may come through to help manage the teams.

Karen Gray – The County Captain then doesn't need to be a good player. Players might feel more able to manage a team rather than the administrative duties of County Captain.

Val Tucker – (Moors Valley). County Captain is a large role but by breaking it into smaller parts more people will be required.

Jean Pomeroy (Yeovil GC) and Past President – It is very difficult to get volunteers and thinks this proposal may be the way forward.

Tracy Bryant - has loved being CC but said 4 years was a big commitment. She would welcome anyone to come on board. She has really enjoyed coming to County Competitions, meeting and watching the ladies play.

Karen Gray – has seen the job grow over the years. It is a big time commitment that should be shared with the vice captain.

<p>Tracy Bryant – the proposal would mean the job was nearly halved and as it would be mainly administrative could be done at home. Team training and matches would be the responsibility of the team managers. Sheila Davidge - Out of all the jobs she has done County Captain was the most enjoyable and gave her the most job satisfaction.</p> <p>The Delegates were asked if the executive could run the proposal as a pilot. All the Delegates present unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Ros Doughty (Queens Park) – said everyone was very grateful to the executive for their hard work and team effort and thanked them all.</p>	
<p><b>9. Treasurer Post</b></p> <p>Annie Hobell has volunteered to be our new treasurer. Annie does play golf, though would not describe herself as a golfer at the moment. She is not currently a member of the Association, but is going to learn and is prepared to join a club in order to take on the role. She has extensive experience working in accounts which makes her perfect for the job.</p> <p>Annie’s daughter Becky is well known to County and Annie has been heavily involved in Match Weeks at both Junior and adult level and lots of other competitions Becky has been involved in. Becky is at Broadstone and plays off 3/4. Annie is hard-working, fun to be with and I am sure she will be an absolute asset to our committee.</p> <p><b>Dawn Ley (Isle of Purbeck)</b> – questioned whether the Treasurer needed to be an associate member. <b>The executive will look at this at their next meeting.</b></p>	TB/GB
<p><b>10. Junior Organiser Post</b></p> <p>We have an advert on the website now and are actively looking for a replacement. Grace and I had a meeting with the Junior Committee discuss this. Until we can find a new Junior Organiser, the committee are going to be splitting up the jobs and running it between them.</p> <p><b>Sheila Davidge (CJO)</b> – Currently the parent of the Junior Captain organizes the two match play competitions. Parents run the other competitions. They have done a good job and have managed well. The whole committee works well together and have taken on more roles.</p> <p><b>Grace Burke (President)</b> has done the job of Junior Organiser in the past. In order to cut down the work load, Grace did it with a friend of hers – Jane Groves. The Executive see no reason why in the future, if someone would like to do this as a job-share, this would not be possible. It may be much better than taking the job on alone.</p>	

<p><b>Please could the Delegates take this back to their clubs to see if there is any interest.</b></p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>11. County competitions – Raffle (Val Ford )</b></p> <p>The purpose of the raffle is to raise funds for the juniors and ladies. However the President has many other jobs to do at the County Competition events and selling raffle tickets is very time consuming. Are there any other ways we could be fund raising?</p> <p>Karen Gray – At Dudsbury when they have a Bowmaker the teams pay £3-4 to have a joker, mulligan, throw out of the sand which goes to charity. No-one seems to object.</p> <p>Ruth Thrussell (Ferndown) – suggests that the ladies of the club where the competition is being held run the raffle.</p> <p>Grace – The problem is the same people buy the raffle and the same people bring the wine. Quite often she is having to buy wine to supplement the contributions.</p> <p><b>Ruth Thrussell</b> – Would players contribute more if half of the money raised went back to the players and the other half for fundraising?</p> <p><b>Lindsay Beaumont (Treasurer)</b> – Will look into lottery license as there may be a problem.</p>	
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <p><b>Ros Doughty</b> (Queen’s Park) – Is it correct that we no-longer need to mark the ball when playing preferred lies?</p> <p><b>Post Meeting Note -</b> to ensure we were correct we discussed with EG referees and the R &amp; A handicap and rules dept.</p> <p><i>‘There is no requirement under the Rules for the position of the ball to be marked prior to moving it a specified distance from the original spot. The reference point is the spot of the original ball when following this Local Rule (<a href="#">MLR E3</a>).</i></p> <p><b><i>It is good practice to mark the ball position first, especially as player’s may lift the ball and walk away to clean it before preferring their lie, or placing another ball, and the exact reference point is no longer known and a player must estimate.’</i></b> This final paragraph is recommended also by DLPGA.</p> <p><b>Liz Walker</b> (Secretary) – Regarding the Bowmaker at Came Down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to some damage to the course ‘preferred lies’ will be allowed.</li> <li>• As it is such a big field can those playing after midday have their meal before playing.</li> <li>• Any dietary requirements should be sent to Liz ASAP.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have had batteries stolen from the buggies but should be replaced for Wednesday.</li> </ul> <p><b>Karen Gray</b> (Communications Officer). Please could she have photographs of all Club Champions. These will be put on the website but will also be included in the archives.</p> <p><b>Ruth Thrussell</b> (Ferndown). Regarding players whose handicap is on the cusp between Silver and Bronze divisions could we change the ruling to allow players to play in the Johnstone cup even if their hcp has gone up to 20.5 since entering. Some players are finding that following the closing date of a competition they are no-longer eligible because their hcp has altered. They are then too late to enter the Bronze comp.</p> <p>The Exec have discussed it at their last committee meeting and had advice from our Handicap Advisor. Whilst they can understand the frustration we will all be playing under WHS rules in the fairly near future and this may mean we do not have so many changes in Hcp. The Association will also have to change rules to reflect this so at the moment we are staying with the status quo.</p> <p><b>Val Ford</b> – Just a reminder that the European Amateur Ladies Open will be at Parkstone between 24th – 27<sup>th</sup> July. The last time it was held in this country was at Formby in 1994. There are 140 competitors from around the world including Australia and China. Please come and support but be aware there will be no parking at the club-house. More information is on the DLCCA website.</p> <p><b>AS there was no other AOB the meeting closed at 12.15hrs</b></p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, 10.30 am, at Dorchester Bowls Club</b></p>	

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