



DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

**County Delegates Meeting
Dorchester Bowls Club
Friday 15th February 2019**

1. Present – There were 27 Delgates present and 7 Executive	
2. Apologies – There were 10 apologies.	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting –Proposed by Fiona Langridge (Bournemouth and Merick Park GC). Seconded by Ruth Thrussel (Ferndown GC). These were accepted signed and as a true and accurate record.	
4. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising	
5. Correspondence – there was no correspondence	
11. Presentation from Ben Martin SW Regional Manager and Natalie McColl Club Support Officer. See attached.	
6. Captain's Report – Tracy Bryant Most of you may know this already, but it is with great sadness that I report the death of Eleanor Morris (Yeovil GC) who passed away on Christmas Day at the age of 87. Eleanor served the County as the 2nd team Captain from 1978 - 1980, as President from 1989 - 1992, and was Handicap Secretary for 8 years. As you know one of our trophies was donated by her and is presented in her name. She was made an Honorary Life Member of Dorset Ladies County Association in 2009. Ann Talbot (Handicap Advisor) and Grace Burke (President) represented the county by attending her funeral at the beginning of January. I also wish to give you an update on Tessa Ross Steen for whom we had been searching in order that she may attend the R & A celebratory dinner for all past British Girls' Championship winners. Ann Talbot informed me that she received a telephone call from her son Max in NY. He told Ann that she sadly passed away at the beginning of December. He was going through her papers and decided to Google her and found Ann's article in the Dorset Echo with her telephone number. He told Ann that sadly his Mum had been suffering from Alzheimer's for some time. I have some very good news regarding one of our young players. Georgina Wrixon has been named as one of the finalists of England Golf's Young Ambassador of the Year	

Award.

She promotes golf as captain of the Tournament Golf College, as a member of Ashley Wood Golf Club, as a Dorset player – and by presenting a trophy to her former school for services to golf. It's intended for the person who does the most to promote the game and make it accessible to the whole school, not for the biggest winner or lowest handicapper. Georgina has set up a Facebook page and an Instagram page to show there's more to golf than hitting a ball. She's also doing her bit to get youngsters in the game and helped to organise and position the junior tees at Ashley Wood.

The winner will be announced in London on 21st March. (Presented by Dan Walker) We wish her the best of luck.

I have now completed the DLPGA Diary for the year 2019. It can be found on the website.

The fixtures list for the first and second teams are now complete, though we may add some extras if we can fit them into our busy schedule. Amanda and I had a very productive meeting with Ben Christey-Clover in which he outlined how he wishes to take the teams forwards and outlined his approach to teaching. This will include slight changes to the format of training days including a more fun and competitive way of skills training. We have now received almost all of the availability sheets from the players and are looking forward to our first training day with Golf Psychologist Jon Adler in March.

7. Officers Reports

a) Vice Captain - Amanda Walker– nothing to report

b) Treasurer's Report - Lindsay Beaumont

Good morning, ladies.

Our bank balances at the end of January were:

Current account	1,409
Deposit account	<u>27,036</u>
Total	<u><u>28,445</u></u>

All bills submitted to date have been paid and, since the beginning of February I have also paid £1,014 insurance premium.

The balance compares well with the same time last year when the total balance was £28,701.

c) SW Regional Representative Report - Jane Southcombe

Competition dates for 2019.

28th April – Club team event – High Post GC.

5th May – regional medal final – Bridport GC.

22nd May – 26th May – Womens amateur – Saunton GC west course.

18th June – 20th June – English senior women’s strokeplay – St Enodoc GC.

1st July – regional Australian Spoons final – Launceston GC.

23rd – 24th July – Senior series and Captains event – Isle of Purbeck GC.

24th – 27 July – European ladies – Parkstone GC.

1st September – SW championships at Filton GC.

20th September – Regional bowmaker – Isle of Wedmore GC.

3rd October – SW foursomes at Chippenham GC.

These events are on the relevant websites and in our Yellow Fixtures Book

Match Week - July 1st – 5th (Woodbury Park GC)

Dorset play Cornwall – Monday.

Somerset – Tuesday.

Devon – Wednesday.

Gloucestershire – Thursday.

Wiltshire – Friday.

The players would appreciate as many spectators as possible coming to support them.

d) County Junior Organiser’s Report – Sheila Davidge

I am sorry that I cannot be with you today.

I am very pleased to advise delegates that the number of girls playing golf is still increasing. We have four squads that attend training. Fifteen girls in Dorset 1, thirteen girls in Dorset 2, fourteen girls in Academy 1 and fifteen girls in Academy 2. Due to the increase in numbers we have two new coaches. Mike Dodd and Fern Grimshaw are running the two Dorset squads and Mike Dodd, Charlie Pilinger and Alice Davis run the Academy groups.

I am sure that some of you will remember Fern and Alice when they both played for the County, Alice was also Junior Captain.

We have had to increase the parent’s contributions due to having more coaches and they were happy to pay the increase. We provide eight two hours sessions for the main squads and six two-hour sessions for the Academy (they continue to pay the previous amount of £60). We also receive a contribution from DLCCA to help towards the cost of training.

Our new Junior Captain is Lauren Purchase (Dudsbury GC) and our vice-captain is Hermione Christey-Clover (Ashley Wood GC. I would like to thank Alex Cornell for all the work she put into being Junior Captain and I wish her well for her future. The Vice-Captain is chosen by the Junior Committee.

We have three Dorset girls in the SW England squad, which is no longer U16 but U18. The squad consists of eight girls U18 from across the South West Region. The girls are: Louise Burke (Broadstone GC), Scarlett Williams and Alice Webb (Parkstone GC). The other girls are from Gloucestershire, Somerset.

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

As you may be aware the clubs are running Girls Golf Rocks this year and the clubs that will be running GGR are: Sturminster Marshall GC, Dudsbury GC, Broadstone GC and Bulbury Woods GC. We as a County will be helping to co-ordinate any events but I am waiting for further details from Natalie McColl.

This year we are running three new competitions:

Pukka Pads Trophy – Match play knock out for handicaps 0 – 10.

Dame Laura Davies Trophy – Match play knockout for handicaps 11- 21. Dame Laura has given her permission for us to name the trophy after her and wishes to be kept in touch.

The Georgia Hall Trophy – Georgia has also given her permission to name the Trophy after her and if available will attend on finals day. This competition is similar to the Peter Alliss, a stableford competition held over the winter with four rounds and then a knock out final in Easter break. This will be for higher handicaps 18 -36. The Peter Alliss will be for handicaps 0 - 18. This is to provide more competitions for new girls who are striving to reduce their handicaps and play more competitive golf.

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 and practice on their course.

This year we hope to retain the South West Inter Counties Championship. This is being hosted by Dorset at Dudsbury Golf Club. Dudsbury have been extremely helpful and co-operative in providing us with the facility to play matches and friendlies at the club. This will ensure that the girls build up their knowledge of the course. I would like to thank Dudsbury GC and members for their help and co-operation.

e) County Handicap Advisor Report – Ann Talbot

I held a Handicap Meeting last week at which 37 ladies attended representing 20 Dorset Clubs. My thanks to Dawn Ley who ably assisted and to all the Handicap Secretaries for their input.

We discussed the New Rules of Golf which brought up some interesting questions. We also covered some of the important factors regarding the World Handicap System to be introduced in January 2020. Handicap Secretaries have been sent comprehensive

documents covering both subjects which I am sure they will share with your Ladies' Committee and members.

The Rules Modernisation for 2019 has meant a few minor changes to the Association's Rules governing the Conditions of Play for County Competitions. Most of these have resulted in an amendment to Rule numbers and alternative text.

However, one important change that players should be aware of, is the introduction of a Local Rule E5 at some Golf Clubs:

If a Local Rule E5: Alternative to Stroke & Distance for Ball Lost or Ball Out of Bounds exists at a Golf Club, such relief is NOT permitted in any County Competition. General Penalty under Rule 14.7a for Playing Ball from a *Wrong Place* (Stroke Play – 2 strokes: Match Play – Loss of Hole). **If you have played from a *Wrong Place* in Stroke Play, you must correct the mistake by playing out the hole from the right place. If you do not correct the mistake, you are Disqualified. Rule 14.7b.**

England Golf has confirmed that this would be a 'serious breach' of the rules.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM – January 2020

A player's **Handicap Index** will be calculated over the average of the best 8 scores returned from 20. If a player doesn't have 20 scores, the calculation will be done over a lesser number of scores at approximately one-third average. Until a player has the required number of twenty scores, their returns will not be included in any **Course Conditions Assessment**.

The CCA will be calculated at midnight every day. All scores returned on the day (competition, supplementary, pre-registered) by all players with a Handicap Index 36.0 or lower and who have a fully developed handicap record, will be included. Minimum number of scores 8.

SLOPE RATING:

If your Club has been rated, you will receive a Slope Certificate in the Spring of 2019. If your course has not been rated by the 1st January 2020, England Golf will allocate a Temporary Slope Rating.

When visiting another Club, your Handicap Index will be adjusted by the Slope Rating of the course/tees you are playing. This will be your **Course Handicap** for the competition.

The Dorset Ladies CGA will be making these adjustments to your Handicap Index for all County events. Your **Handicap Index** will be the benchmark for entry to County Competitions. The Club that you are visiting will have a Calculation Chart available for quick adjustment to **Course Handicap**, which could go up or down.

Kate asked for confirmation re Interclub competitions. A player's hcp index is 20.4 so she is eligible to play in the interclub. When she goes to the course her playing hcp could be 22. Presumably the difference in the two players hcp will be off 22 not 20.

Ann – YES

Q. How will we know what our Course Handicap is prior to competing in competition, or for matches such as Interclubs, Beales, Legg Bowl and Friendlies?

A. The Club you are visiting will have a Conversion Chart readily available for the conversion.

Q. If a Club normally uses one or two Bronze Division players for Interclub matches, what handicap will be used to convert to the Course Handicap?

A. The Handicap Index for Bronze players, playing in Interclub matches (Silver Division) will be reduced to the benchmark of 20.4 and the Course Handicap calculated from that index. The Team Sheet will be in Course Handicap Order.

Q. Course Conditions Assessment – If a player is due to play the following day and has submitted a card the previous day, how will they know what their revised Handicap Index is?

A. The Course Conditions Assessment (= CSS today) will be calculated at midnight every day. EG hope that every Club will have the facility for members to input their scores. Also, every player will have access via the EG website to check their Handicap Index the following day. A Club with a small membership and limited resources may apply to EG for a grant, up to 75% to help fund this.

Q. Are handicaps adjusted for friendly matches?

A. When a player visits another Club to play a friendly or an Open, their Handicap Index will be amended to a Course Handicap.

Jane – the Course Conditions Assessment (CCA) is based on all competitions played on that day and is assessed at midnight. All scores go through CDH (Central Data Base of Handicaps). Ben confirmed that the data base is being completely redeveloped.

Ros Doughty (Queen's Park) commented that their scores are not entered on the day therefore the CCA could not be assessed. Ann reminded the delegates that it is the responsibility of all players to ensure they are playing off the correct hcp. **Natalie** informed the delegates that clubs are being encouraged to put in equipment that enables players to enter their own scores on the day.

f) Veteran's Captain's Report – Rosemary Shepherd

Good Morning, Ladies.

I had hoped that my report would be extremely brief – just updating you on the entries for the Spring Meeting.

Unfortunately, there have had to be two changes to the matches for this year.

The match against Devon will now take place at Lyme Regis on Monday, 5th August. The match against Somerset at Weston-super- Mare will be on 12th September.

I have re-issued the notice and the sign-up sheets, if you need them. I would be grateful if you would explain the changes to any of your ladies who have already signed up for either of these matches.

Back to the Spring Meeting at Bridport on Weds 10th April– I have received 24 entries to date from mainly 4 clubs. I am hoping that this number will increase once you go

back to your Clubs and remind ladies about this event. It is a Greensomes Competition so no pressure and every possibility of a good day out. It would be great to have at least one pair from all the Clubs represented here today. The closing date for entries is 11th March so still plenty of time to find a partner.

Please would you remind everyone that cheques need to be written out in full to Dorset Ladies County Golf Association. Unfortunately, my proof readers and I both missed an error on one half of the Entry Sheet which still reads DLPGA. I have received some cheques to DLPGA. I doubt that the bank will accept them. I will bring them along to Bridport for ladies to correct them.

Thank you for all that you do and I hope to see many of you at the Vets Meetings and/or matches in the coming year.

Veterans Dates 2019 - Matches and Meetings

Spring Meeting will be held at **Bridport & WD Golf Club** on Wed, 10th April

Monday, 17th June, 2019 vs Cornwall* Bude GC

Monday, 15th July vs Hampshire Skylark GC, Whitely

Monday, 5th August vs Devon* Lyme Regis GC

Thursday 12th September vs Somerset* Weston-super-Mare GC

Monday, 9th September vs Wiltshire The Ashley Wood GC

Autumn Meeting will be held at **Rushmore Golf Club** on Mon, 23rd September

(*indicates Matches for the South West Trophy)

8. Delegates Pack - Liz Walker

Everyone should have their Yellow Fixture Books to give to their Ladies. Please could you check for errors and let Liz or Kate know by email. Unfortunately not all corrections could be done before the book went for printing.

The pack contains details of 2020 fixtures and posters and entry forms for interclub foursomes, Autumn Meeting, Bowmaker and over 70s as well as entry forms for the Humphrey's Bowl and Parkin cup.

Please can you ensure the entry forms and posters are either displayed and /or given to the relevant people.

If you didn't attend the Secretaries Meeting you may find extra details such as the coffee mornings, in your packs.

Post Meeting note - the email address for Val Stevens (Crane Valley) should be valrstevens@hotmail.co.uk

9. England Golf Hard Card (see attached)

Until our rules have been updated (at the AGM in October), we will be using the England Golf Hard Card. The Hard Card replaces all local rules (eg stroke and distance for OOB) but all other rules of golf are the same, and will be used to prevent confusion. However, please be aware that **DLCGA do not allow caddies who are professional golfers.**

10. County Treasurer – Vacancy

Tracy - In October Lindsay will be coming to the end of her term of office as Treasurer. We will therefore, need someone to step into her shoes. She has and is doing a great job and we'll miss her.

Lindsay - 'The role of Treasurer is not too onerous. As I am sure you are all aware the role is one of looking after the DLCGA finances. On a day-to-day basis this means paying the bills, paying in checks and cash from competitions and raffles, reconciling the book with the bank account, attending the executive and delegates committee meetings, preparing the end of Year accounts and attending the AGM.

At the busiest times - which tend to be the 2nd to 3rd quarter - this can take a couple of hours a week but at other times only 2-3 hours every 2-4 weeks.

There are ad hoc tasks such as confirming insurance cover but none of these causes a huge amount of work.

I hope someone will put themselves forward as the committee carries out some very worthwhile work and the committee members are fun to work with.'

Tracy – Please could you encourage any of your ladies with mathematical/accounting skills to put their name forward. It is an interesting job and we are fun to work with.

11. AOB – there was no AOB. Tracy closed the meeting thanking all the delegates for their commitment, giving of their time and attending the meeting. It was very much appreciated.

**The meeting finished at 11.45hrs
The next meeting will be at Dorchester Bowls Club
Friday July 12th at 10.30hrs.**

Signed -

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