



**DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**County Delegates Meeting  
Dorchester Bowls Club**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

<p><b>1. Apologies</b> – there were four apologies.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018.</b> – These were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising.</b> Re No 8 Interclub rules. Kate sent out the questionnaire in August to clubs via their delegate. The results were sent to the delegates in October. Not all replied. 12 clubs voted to remain at 7 players. 7 clubs would prefer to go to 5 players (of those answering 2 are not in the interclub) but only one club said they would withdraw. (NB some courses are 9 hole and therefore the clubs cannot compete). The results of the questionnaire were sent to the delegates in October. We will therefore be keeping the team sizes at 7.</p>	
<p><b>4. Correspondence</b> – none</p>	
<p><b>5. Captain's Report</b> – Tracy Bryant</p> <p>This will be a fairly short report as it is only a month since the AGM. The minutes of the AGM will be found on the County website soon.</p> <p>I would like to welcome Amanda on to the Executive Committee. She has been thrown straight in at the deep end and is already doing a fantastic job as our new County Vice Captain.</p> <p>I would also like to wish Cathy MacFarlane-Thompson, of Broadstone, the best of luck in her new position as she takes over from Margaret Swift as our new Interclub and Knockout Secretary. I am confident that she will do a great job.</p> <p>With regard to the County teams, we have some interesting and potentially exciting news.</p> <p>We were sorry to lose our Ladies' County Coach, Scott Godfrey, this year due to</p>	

increasing work and family commitments. I would like to thank Scott for all the years of excellent coaching and support that he has given the teams.

We are thrilled to have secured the services of Ben Christey-Clover as our Head Coach and look forward to further developing the quality, passion and winning mentality within the Dorset Ladies Team.

Ben Christey-Clover, a PGA Professional, is the Head Teaching Professional at Rushmore Golf Club. In addition to running the academy at Rushmore, Ben directs the academy at Salisbury Golf Centre and is head golf instructor at schools such as Port Regis, Hazlegrove & Sandroyd.

Ben is passionate about developing players of all abilities and works with many established county players and experienced club players. Ben is proud to have assisted many of his pupils in reaching their goal of becoming a PGA Professional or playing on the Professional Tours. Amanda and I met with him this week to discuss ideas and we are very much looking forward to working with him to take the team to the next level.

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

As last year, we would like delegates to send Karen Gray photos of their club champion with the trophy. The photos will not only be going on to the website, but will be kept in a photo archive for years to come.

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

Karen Gray – could delegates send her photographs of their Club Champion? So far she has only received 11 photographs . Also when they are sent could they be in, at the most, medium size. Karen’s email is – [mail.karenggray@gmail.com](mailto:mail.karenggray@gmail.com) NB. You do need to include ‘mail’ at the beginning of the email.

## **6. Reports from other officers**

### **a) Vice Captain- Amanda Walker**

Amanda began by saying that she had only been in post for 4 weeks so didn’t have a great deal to say but would give us a bit of her history. She originates from Sheffield and took up golf in 2005. She started at Dudsbury, which she loved but then moved to Ferndown. She has represented both her Club and County and really enjoys her golf and is looking forward to her time in office.

**b) Treasurer – Lindsay Beaumont**  
**Good morning, ladies.**

Our bank balances as at 1 November 2018 were:

Current account	3,679.24
Deposit account	<u>22,521.02</u>
Total	<u>26,200.26</u>

There has not been much activity on the account since the AGM but the income has been mainly for the Juniors – coaching and competition entries – and the expenditure is mainly made up of travel expenses, Junior coaching expenses and outstanding meeting expenses from last season.

Since 1 November I have received £2,420 in affiliation fees for 2018.

**c) SW Representative – Jane Southcombe**

England Golf Championship's review.

All men's events run by England golf have waiting lists.

The Women's golf has a lot of entries but not full to capacity.

Girls golf under 18's and under 16's and under 14's are all well subscribed and there is a waiting list.

The women's seniors' events, the main city main championship is well subscribed, but this year the stroke play struggled with only 50-ish entries – England golf are going to look at this event and pull probably make some minor changes to it to try to get entries up. I suggested more nett prizes.

The handicap events, especially the Bridgestone sponsored metal finals are well subscribed, and the numbers are good. The past captains and senior series are well subscribed by the men, but less so for the women.

So, can I bring to your attention the EG fixture list and highlight the Team event at High Post and the 2 day of events at The Isle of Purbeck. Also, the senior women's stroke play at St Enodoc.

England golf have suggested that any person winning either the main regional championship, under 18's, under 16's and under 14's will be given exemption (ie will not be balloted out) to the national competitions and this exemption will coming from 2020, as I understand it, but will check that.

Revised format of the women's County finals – England golf are going to go a 2 and half format from 2021. This will mean that the intercounty match week will follow suit.

Carol Alford, a board member for England golf is a setting up a committee to review regional women's golf.

The rules of golf.

Workshops are currently going on and they are being well received.

The England golf hard card for 2019, is currently being printed and there will be certain changes due to the rule's changes within golf.

England golf have a code of conduct template and I would suggest that we get this both at regional level and at County level.

The England golf events for 2019 and 2020 all now on the website. The website is still due to be updated.

England golf are always looking for new venues, so if anybody has a suggestion, they will be grateful for this, to celebrate anniversary. They would be happy to look at these courses.

**NB** All England Golf competitions can be booked on-line through the England Golf website.

Competition dates for 2019.

28<sup>th</sup> April – Club team event – High Post GC.

5<sup>th</sup> May – regional medal final – Bridport GC.

22<sup>nd</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> May – Women's amateur – Saunton GC west course.

18<sup>th</sup> June – 20<sup>th</sup> June – English seniors women's stroke play – St Enodoc GC.

1<sup>st</sup> July – regional Australian spoons final – Launceston GC.

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July – Senior series and captains' event – Isle of Purbeck GC.

24<sup>th</sup> – 27 July – European ladies – Parkstone GC.

20<sup>th</sup> September – Regional bowmaker – Isle of Wedmore GC.

Tbc the SW championships and the SW foursomes.

**d) Handicap Advisor** – Ann Talbot.

Since the AGM there have been several World Handicap System Workshops run by England Golf. I hope that you and your Club have attended them. I will report more fully in the New Year and will be holding a Handicap Meeting in January or February 2019.

A more pressing event for us all, is the introduction of the Rules Modernisation from USGA & R&A on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Ann presented a video, at the Delegates Meeting, of some of the rules changes and hopes that we will find them helpful. If we have any further questions, the Executive or Ann will endeavour to answer them.

If you log onto **expertgolf.com** the new rules can be seen on line. Also if you register then you will get emails with the rules explained. (Rules guru)

**NB** Some queries are still going to Ann's old email address, please note Ann's new

one: [juantab46@gmail.com](mailto:juantab46@gmail.com)

Ann was thanked for her presentation.

**e) County Junior Advisor** – Sheila Davidge – Sheila sent her apologies. She is on holiday in New Zealand.

**f) Veteran's Captain** – Rosemary Shepherd.

At our County AGM Julia Norman was thanked the excellent work she had done during her time as Vet's Ladies Captain. I should like to add my own personal thanks to her for helping me take on this role. I am pleased to report that Janie Dowling from Bridport has agreed to be my Vice Captain and is with us today.

Julia and I attended The South West Veterans AGM at Teignmouth on 29th October. The County Shield was awarded to Devon who had a narrow win over Cornwall by the number of individual away games won, proving once again that every individual's match result is important. Dorset had missed out to Cornwall the previous year – so all to play for in the coming season, Ladies. Next year we have away matches at Bude and Weston-Super-Mare and a home match at Weymouth.

At the AGM there was a lengthy debate about Handicap restrictions for Matches and Meetings – very similar to discussions we have had here. It was suggested that maybe alternative County competitions might be arranged for the higher handicappers of 36 and above.

For next year the SW Vets Spring Field Day will be held at Yeovil Golf Club on 4<sup>th</sup> April and Autumn Field Day at Teign Valley on 26<sup>th</sup> September. These are Stableford, non-qualifying competitions in three divisions so attractive to all. Posters with more details and entry forms are in the delegates envelopes.

Our own Spring meeting will be held at Bridport on 10<sup>th</sup> April and the Autumn Meeting at Rushmore on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Posters and entry forms are in the delegates envelopes together with details of 2018 matches and sign up sheet. The layout of this sheet is slightly altered to allow space for ladies to include their email address, if they wish. There are spaces on both sides of the sheet. The details of matches are on a separate A5 sheet. Please encourage your 60+ ladies to sign up for the matches as they are an excellent way to play some interesting courses for just the price of the meal.

Finally, at the end of the SWVA AGM the Captaincy was handed over from Cornwall to Devon for 2019 and 2020. It will be Dorset's turn again in 2021/22

We chatted to the other Counties at the AGM and of course they all have far bigger County Associations. All of them seem to have a Vets delegate either in every club or in regions so that is their committee and they recommend and appoint the SW officers for the 2 years. As Dorset does not have a Vets Committee, I think our delegates meeting has to be the vehicle for this selection. Cornwall ran it with just 2 people – a Chair and a Secretary/Treasurer, Devon will run it with 3 splitting up the Sec and treasurer role. Their role is to organise the Spring and Autumn Field days, collate the SW Trophy results, keep the accounts and run/supervise the SW AGM at Teignmouth.

My charity will be 'Whizz Kids'. The charity aims to transform the lives of disabled children by providing the equipment, support and life skills they need, when they

<p>need them – giving them the chance to develop their full potential.</p> <p>Thank you, Ladies. That concludes my report.</p>	
<p><b>7. Delegates Pack</b> – Liz Walker (Secretary).</p> <p>Liz gave all the delegates their packs. This contains competition dates and application forms for County Events. She asked them to check that everything was present as identified on the contents sheet. Vets sheets were also included. All the information will be going to Karen to be included on the DLPGA website.</p>	
<p><b>8. Interclub Draw</b> – Cathy MacFarlane-Thompson (Interclub Secretary)</p> <p>At this point Val Tucker from Moors Valley gave us an update regarding Moors Valley Golf Course. She was very pleased to tell us that East Dorset District Council will be taking over the running of the course. Consequently Moors Valley Golf Course is now open. This means Moors Valley ladies will be able to take part in the Interclub. This good news was received very positively from all the ladies present.</p> <p>Unfortunately Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club have withdrawn from the 2019 Interclub competition. The Captains of the teams in their group will be informed by Bridport Ladies Captain.</p> <p>We now have 16 teams entered in 2019 and 2020. If teams would like to re-enter/withdraw Cathy would need to be informed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>The draw was made democratically drawing teams and groups out of separate beer mugs! Results will be sent to all delegates to give to their Captains but are as follows –</p> <p><b>Group A</b> - Weymouth, Broadstone, Ferndown, Yeovil. <b>Group B</b> - Crane Valley, Dudsbury, Wareham, Moors Valley. <b>Group C</b> – Ashley Wood, Came Down, Parkstone, Dorset Golf and Country Club. <b>Group D</b> – Lyme Regis, Sherborne, Knighton Heath, Remedy Oak.</p> <p>The Finals will be drawn from the bottom half of the groups.</p>	<p>C MFT</p>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a) Cindy Brown</b> – (Sherborne). At the Interclub finals one of the opposing team used a caddie from the hosting club. Sherborne didn't think it fair and wondered whether something could be included in the rules to say that caddies from neutral venues (ie Semi finals and finals) should not be used.</p> <p><b>Tracy Bryant</b> (Captain) – although she appreciates their concerns and there are circumstances when the use or not, of caddies is stipulated ie juniors cannot have parents caddying for them, we do have rules that states caddies can be used. Perhaps its more about players' understanding of the use of caddies and that they could be</p>	

from anywhere.

**Ann Talbot** (Handicap Advisor) – nowadays players move between clubs quite frequently so it would be difficult to get someone completely neutral.

**Karen Gray** – (Dudsbury) – doesn't think caddies should be used at all.

**Cathy MacFarlane-Thompson** (Interclub Secretary) – said it was more about what a caddie can or cannot do and players understanding of that. They are not trolley pullers.

**Ruth Thrussell** - (Ferndown) – perhaps we ought to make players more aware of the role of the caddie and what they can/cannot do?

Following this general discussion Tracy suggested that Cathy include information regarding the role and use of a caddie when she sends out the draw. The Ladies Captains/Delegates can then make their team players aware for example that caddies can be used from anywhere so preventing any surprises on the day.

**This was met with general approval including Cindy.**

**b) Penny Hunt (Weymouth)** – Regarding the DLCCA AGM and Prizegiving. Ladies receive their trophies and rightly should be applauded for their achievements.

However is it necessary to give out individual vouchers when this might go to 11<sup>th</sup> place? The Weymouth Ladies' committee, suggest the vouchers be given en bloc to the club representative. This will help to speed up the AGM.

**Tracy** – A suggestion would be to present the first 3 winners with their vouchers and subsequent winners would be presented en bloc.

The AGM format is something the Executive has been considering and will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

There was no more AOB.

**10. The next meeting will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 at Dorchester Bowls Club.**

Tracy closed the meeting by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And safe journey home.

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