



SOMERSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on 13th November 2015 at 11.00am

Present:

Wendy Lucas, Angela Webber, Susan Tarry, Beryl Richards, Janis Lawrence and Ann Adams Isle of Wedmore, Sue Hockley and Marilyn Turrell Enmore, Rose Hallett, Erica Klim, Jill Bouquet and Gill Magrath Wells, Kay Lockett, Jenny Holland, and Ingrid Swinburn Minehead, Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Joan Kendall Woodspring, Pam Frith Wheathill, Bobby Appleby and Jean Sage Farrington Park, June Mills and Alison Lee Clevedon, Jo Espley The Mendip, Lesley Mathews and Alison Rushgrove Bath, Sue Reading and Jane Pitcher Burnham & Berrow, Lesley Organ and Carol Lake Saltford, Mary Perrett, Diane Bowerman and Chris Collins Taunton & Pickering, Vron Jefferies Orchardleigh, Joyce Forrester, Barbara House, Linda Hobbs and Jo Dando Tall Pines, Val Russell and Diane Squance Vivary Park, Gill Latham, Melanie Rossi and Reine O'Reilly Weston super Mare, Sue Bamping Wheathill, Connie Stollworthy Long Sutton, Gill Prophet Mendip Spring, Sue Reed, Gill Hadley and Shane Bordier Oake Manor, Millie Parker and Margaret Ruxton Lansdown and Pauline Thorogood Handicap Advisor
Past Presidents: Sally Irlam, Margaret Gliddon, and Jenny Hobbs, Vice President: Amanda Mayne. Ellie Harper
Executive Committee: Eileen Binding, Fran Davies, Karen Dennett, Hilary Weaver, Kate Musgrave-Brown, Sandra Ford, Carole Paterson, Cathy Olive, and Margaret Allen

1. Presidents Address

President welcomed everyone to the 2015 AGM and thanked Wedmore for their hospitality. She thanked the delegates for all their hard work during the year and congratulated Captain Fran Davies, Vice Captain Cathy Olive and County Junior Organiser Karen Dennett for their hard work and dedication. The county 1st Team came 4th in the SW Inter-County Match week which will be held at the Mendip in 2016. The County 2nd Team won the Inter Counties Shield this year, the first time since 2007. Somerset hosted the first SW Inter Counties Girls Championship which was held at Isle of Wedmore in August 2015 and came joint 2nd. Thanks were given to all those who made this event a success. All members of the Somerset teams were great ambassadors for their county.

Congratulations were given to Amanda Mayne who with Jo Shorrocks of Devon, won the Brenda King Foursomes, a national event for EG Seniors over 50, and to Jill Evans who won the best nett in SW Foursomes with Lesley Crossley of Devon.

Congratulations were also extended to Jade cope (Weston super Mare) , County Champion, Amanda Mayne (Saltford) , Seniors Champion and Bella White Junior Champion.

There was a two minute silence for those ladies who had died during the last twelve months

The Honorary Secretary convened the meeting for 2015

2. Apologies for Absence

Janet Jamieson Worlebury, Gwen Clarke Seniors Captain, Patricia Brown and Patricia Frazier Oake Manor, Ros Williams and Sheena Smith Long Sutton and Jan Finan Wheathill

3. Minutes of the Annual General meeting 2014

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Proposed by: Sally Irlam Seconded by Margaret Gliddon

Matters Arising: None

4. Finance. Hon Treasurer: Hilary Weaver.

Presentation of the Accounts for 30th September 2015.

The current account stands at £12,922.15 and the deposit account at £25,000. The actual money available today is £6,871. 55.

The loss for the year was £1,351.71

Overall income has fallen to £19k from £23.8k as membership has dropped from 1858 to 1799 resulting in a fall in income of £1,337. Expenditure has reduced by £1.7k because of disturbance and green fees.

Junior loss increase from £2.4k to £4.2k was due to staging of SW Girls Inter -County Team Championship.

Money in deposit a/c has been placed there again for another 6 months

Proposed by: Ellie Harper

Seconded by: Bobby Appleby

The President thanked the Hon Treasurer for all her hard work over the last three years and presented her with a small gift.

5. Reports

a) County Captain: Fran Davies

The Captain reported that training for the county teams continued at Millfield with Karen Nicholls and Stuart Wells: 8 Juniors being included in the squad. Matches have been played against Millfield 1st Team and County Seniors.

A fundraising day in April raised a total of £1731 for new kit and thanks were given to The Mendip and to all the clubs who contributed to this event

County Championship was won by Jade cope of Weston super Mare: Gill Brown of The Mendip was runner up. The Phillips Trophy was won by Jane Errington of Enmore: Fran Davies of The Mendip was runner up.

2015 SW Inter County-Match Week, held at Minchinhampton, was won by Gloucestershire: Somerset came 4th. 1st

team colours were awarded to Jade Cope (Weston), Megan Dennett (Enmore) and Charlotte Humphries (Burnham & Berrow)

The Captain thanked Vice Captain Cathy Olive for all her help and support.

The President thanked the Captain for all her hard work, commitment and enthusiasm over the last year and wished her good luck for the next year.

b) Vice Captain: Cathy Olive

Vice Captain Cathy Olive thanked Fran Davies, County Captain, for all her help and support over the last year. She reported that the County Second Team which consisted of 8 players and 7 reserves had played several friendly matches against Somerset clubs. Thanks were given to the clubs that had hosted and fielded teams.

The team qualified for the South West League match finals which they won 7-2 against Gloucestershire.

The Committee were thanked for support over the last year. The Vice Captain wished the President a happy retirement.

The President thanked the Vice Captain for all her work over the last year and for her commitment to her role as Vice Captain

c) County Junior Organiser: Karen Dennett

The winner of the Chivers Trophy at the Spring Meeting was Becky from Wells. Somerset hosted two friendly matches: one against Gloucestershire (loss) and one against Devon (win).

Somerset hosted the SW Girls Inter-County Team Championship at Isle of Wedmore in August. Thanks were given to the club for hosting this event and to all those who contributed to its success. Somerset came joint 2nd

County Junior Championship, which was run at Weston super Mare, was won by Arabella of Lansdown.

8 Junior girls are now training with the county squad and Amelia and Arabella have been selected to train with U16 SW squad.

Harriet from Isle of Wedmore has been selected to train with Wales U16 squad

Funding from EG has led to a restructuring of training. There are now 3 squads:

Futures squad coached by Terry Williams: 15 girls with no Congu handicap

Development squad coached by Nick and Carole Pope: 9 girls with mid handicap

Performance squad also coached by Nick and Carole Pope: 11 girls with a low handicap

Thanks were given to Junior Committee members and to the girls.

The President thanked the County Junior Organiser for her work with the Juniors and for organising the SW Inter Counties Girls Championship

d) England Golf SW Regional Committee Representative and Voting Member: Carole Paterson

David Joy, chief executive of EG, has resigned w.e.f. 31.12.15.

Focus for EG has been on "Raising Your Game" and getting people into golf. Rate of decrease in golf club membership has declined and numbers are not increasing. SLCGA numbers have reduced by 90 this year.

David Joy reported that "on-line" golf events have attracted the independent golfer and are growing in numbers. At the most recent regional EG meeting, emphasis was on retaining existing members. At the next meeting in December, the proposed changes will be completed and these include reduction of Voting Members meetings, alterations to the Board, registration of independent golfers and the initiative to get all golfers linked on-line to EG.

In conclusion, there is a reduction in golf club memberships and a need to make clubs more attractive. There is a focus on the social golfer but the game still needs to support the elite golfer to represent England. SW have some very good girls and ladies who are part of this. All SW events are listed on website. The EGSW rep wished the President a happy retirement.

The President thanked the EGSW rep for all her work over the last year.

e) County Competitions Secretary: Kate Musgrave-Brown

The Competition Secretary thanked the golf clubs who hosted the County competitions in 2015, the Lady Captains, County delegates and their committees for their help. Special thanks were given to Lansdown who stepped in when Taunton Vale closed only for the event to be cancelled because of fog. All 2016 competition dates and venues can be found on the County web-site. They are good fun and allow ladies to play a variety of courses for considerably less than the county Card rates. They are not just for the elite golfer. Thanks were given to the Executive Committee, the delegates and Sandra for her assistance over the last year. Immediately after the AGM, the draw for the Centenary Plate and the Rogers Cup would take place.

The President thanked the Competitions Secretary for all her hard work over the last two years and presented her with a small gift.

f) Handicap Adviser: Pauline Thorogood

The Handicap Adviser reported that there is no definite news about the return to a calendar year for the handicap year and the delayed publication of a new CONGU manual. The latest information is that training seminars for clubs in SW may not happen until January at the earliest but Handicap Advisors will be kept informed.

It is intended to run handicap meetings next year as and when more information is available. Thanks were given to those clubs that had offered to host these events; there should be 3 meetings next year.

The new "Rules of Golf" questions book has been published and is available from clubs now.

Erica Klim has been appointed as the assistant Handicap Adviser and congratulations were paid to her in respect of her appointment as the Club Captain for Wells, the first lady Captain in Somerset.

The Handicap Adviser thanked The Competitions Secretary and the President who had given unstintingly of their time to golf in Somerset and to all the Handicap Secretaries.

The President thanked the Handicap Adviser for all her work in the last year

g) Representative of the Senior Ladies' Association: Vice Captain Jean Sage

Current membership is 500 ladies and they have supported all the matches and competitions organized. The great achievement this year was the winning the County Shield for the first time since 2010. Thanks were given to all those who played and to Caroline Lumley Frank and her helpers who organized the two SW Field days. Next year these will be at China Fleet and Long Sutton. Details are on the website. Good luck to the incoming Captain.

h) Honorary Secretary: Margaret Allen

The on Secretary thanked all the delegates who had worked so hard over the last year. Thanks were given to the retiring delegates and a welcome was made to the new delegates joining SLCGA this year.

The Delegates Pack will be on the website by the first week of December when all the county forms can be downloaded. A draft Delegates Contact booklet will be emailed to delegates by the end of December and then a final version issued by mid January. Forms are still o/s from Lansdown, Bath, Enmore, Clevedon, Minehead and Mendip Spring. Delegates will be notified when draft minutes are available on the website.

The Hon Sec wished the president a happy and restful retirement.

The President thanked the Hon Sec for her work over the last year

i) Representative of the Ladies' Past Captain' Society: Sandra Ford

The Rep thanked the golf clubs who hosted the County competitions in 2015. The winners and dates for next year are on the website. The format for the Spring Event changed to a cocktail of 4BBB, greensomes and foursomes and his new format will be retained for the Spring event in 2016.

Next year the Summer Meeting will be held at Orchardleigh on July 21st and will be followed by the AGM.

The Autumn Meeting will be held next year at Saltford on 29th September.

This year was the 9th year of our Team Event , 36 holes played over 2 days, and next year the event will again be at Donnington Valley on May 8th /9th

In our Inter County Match games, we won four, lost two and halved one. Thanks were expressed to the committee for all their hard work in organizing these events. Three of the committee retired this year: Jenny Hobbs, Jill Edwards and Faye Galley to be replaced by Gwen Cavill, Sally Dymock, Theresa Munns and Susie Gibbons.

j) Standard Scratch Assessor: Kate Musgrave-Brown

The job of course rating with SGU was started this year. Bath, Clevedon, Mendip Spring, Lakeside and Weston super Mare were all completed and all but Weston have been approved by EG and their SS re-issued. Weston's results have been submitted and are due to be confirmed. Next year, it is planned to rate another seven courses: Enmore, Both Burnham & Berrow courses, Isle of Wedmore, Wells, Stockwood Vale and Cannington. All ratings are dependent on the weather. Thanks were given to the team of Susie Gibbons, Gill Prophet and Di Yates.

k) Somerset Golf Development Group (formerly SGP): Eileen Binding

£1 levy collected during 2015 to cover shortfall in funding of CDO was covered by EG until 2017. This money was ring fenced. In 2016, there is now no need to collect this levy and so invoices will be readjusted and a letter sent to clubs to inform them of this decision.

SGDG has been reformed with two representatives from SLCGA, SGU and Pros: reps from SLCGA are Carole Paterson and Eileen Binding. The aim of the reformed group is to develop strategies to help clubs deal with declining membership and attracting new golfers.

EG has helped finance a joint coaching committee between SLCGA and SGU. Girls and boys are coached separately but they do meet for matches and shared events. There are 34 girls in the squads which includes 15 very young girls who do not have a Congu handicap. There will be annual assessment day to find new talent within the county. Together with SLCGA contribution to junior coaching and £50 from each girl, the coaching pot is approx £5000 most of which comes from EG.

l) Welfare Officer: Carole Paterson

The Welfare Officer is always available to answer questions or give advice: contact can be made through SLCGA website. If there are any concerns, contact should be made with Welfare Officer or the Club Manager. It is the role of the County Junior Organiser in conjunction with the Welfare Officer to ensure the duty of care is good and that the interests of the girls are paramount. Juniors are the future of golf and should be encouraged. The lead person working with Juniors needs to be either the Club Pro or the Junior Organiser. Disclosure checks are only required if people are frequently with or alone with youngsters and need to be renewed every three years. New policies will be issued by EG. Golf Mark has become too complicated for some clubs. EG encourages each club to have its own Welfare Officer.

From the floor: Taunton & Pickeridge have been rated as a "high achiever" and offered to advise/help any club that wanted to achieve Golf Mark

m) Merchandise: Carol Lake

Thanks were given to those who had supported the County by buying merchandise. After 10 years, sales have slowly declined and most are made to new ladies becoming involved in the County.

Shirts, jumpers, slippers, Aspen headbands, fleeces, fleecy gilets and woolly hats are kept in stock can be ordered as single items but other items have to have a minimum order of 9. All the merchandise is displayed on the website and can be delivered to clubs if necessary.

The President thanked all those who have worked so hard for the SLCGA and reminded those present that these people were all volunteers who gave their time and energy freely and without them there wouldn't be a county organisation.

6. The Election of Officers To confirm the Election of Officers duly nominated for vacant positions "With no amendments and with your approval these can be taken 'en bloc' "

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Proposer	Secunder
Jane Pitcher	Assistant County Competitions Secretary	Burnham & Berrow	The Mendip
Sue Hockley	Hon Treasurer	Enmore Park	Long Sutton
Linda Hill	Vice President	Past Presidents	

Proposed by Beryl Richards

Seconded by Millie Parker

7. Competition Results 2014

The 2015 SLCGA Competition Results had been circulated to all Club Delegates for display on Ladies' Notice Boards. Delegates would be notified when Fixture Lists for 2016 were available from the SLCGA website.

8. Presentations

The President, assisted by the Competitions Secretary presented the following trophies and photographs were taken for the website.

Grass Roots Trophy	Winner	Chris Collins Taunton & Pickering
	Runner-up	Gill Hadley Oake Manor
Centenary Plate	Winners	Enmore Park
	Runners up	Minehead & West Somerset
Rogers Cup	Winners	Lansdown GC
	Runners up	Oake Manor

9. Presentation of Badges

The Hon Treasurer's badge was presented by Hilary Weaver to Sue Hockley

The County Competition's Secretary badge was presented by Kate Musgrave-Brown to Sandra Ford

The Vice President's badge was presented by Ellie Harper to Amanda Mayne

The President's badge was presented by Eileen Binding to Ellie Harper

The Past President's badge was presented to Eileen Binding by Ellie Harper

After the exchange of badges, the incoming President thanked the outgoing President for all her hard work over the past 6 years in bringing the SLCGA up to date, for setting up both the website and the Newsletters and for her unstinting work on behalf of SLCGA.

President's comments and closure of the meeting

The President thanked everyone for their support and welcomed the new committee members: Sue Hockley and Jane Pitcher and the new Vice President Linda Hill.

The delegates were thanked for attending the meetings, passing on the information to their club committees and for giving unfailing and invaluable help when any event is being held at their club.

Winning SW Match week in 2016 would be a real achievement!. The President wished everyone a successful 2016

The meeting closed at 12.15 and the draw made for the Rogers Cup and the Centenary Plate. Details are on the SLCGA website

Date of next General Committee Meeting: Monday 11th January 2016 11:00 Burnham & Berrow GC

Meetings 2016:

Executive Committee Meetings		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
23 rd Nov (2013)	10:00	The Mendip
4 th March	10:00 & 11:00	Championship & Executive Meetings Bath
16 th May	10:00	Weston super Mare
11 th July	10:00	Saltford
26 th Sept	10.00	Long Sutton
31 st October	10.00	Mendip Spring

General Committee Meetings		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
11 th January	11:00	Burnham & Berrow GC
16 th May	11:00	Weston super Mare
26 th September	11:00	Long Sutton Including 9 holes golf and meal
AGM 2016: Monday 14 th November 11:00 Isle of Wedmore GC		

Signed

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