



SOMERSEX 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 2017
at 11.00am**

Present:

Janet Robson, Angela Webber, Claire Biggs, Janis Lawrence, Deirdre Wheaden, Annya Patten and Shirley Gooding Isle of Wedmore, Carol Robinson Enmore, Sue Hockey, Erica Klim, Jenny Davis and Rose Hallett, Wells, Ros Chidgey and Kay Lockett Minehead, Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Joan Kendall Woodspring, Judith Rowsell Wheathill, Maureen Charlton, Pauline Young, Kay Clarke and Rosi Brown Farrington Park, Alison Lee Clevedon, Dee Garnsworthy The Mendip, Lesley Matthews, Stephanie Moorfoot, Louise Buxton, Deborah McArdle, and Linda Hill Bath, Sue Reading, Liz Biddle and Pauline Thorogood Burnham & Berrow, Carol Lake, M Williams, Chris Harris, Lesley Organ, Mary Dolman, Jane Russett and Janis Dall Saltford, Anne Kirk and Patricia Pitt Orchardleigh, Joyce Forrester, Carol Nolens and Linda Hobbs Tall Pines, Mel Rossi and Wendy Homer Weston, Connie Stolworthy and Caroline Lumley-Frank Long Sutton, Gill Prophet, Claire Walker, Virginia Suttle, Chris Leaney and Ruth Wilson Mendip Spring, Patricia Brown, Oake Manor, Susan Tarry, Sue Kinon, Pam Jarvis and Janet Jamieson Worlebury Rosa Atkinson, Jill Paul and Patsy Morgan Taunton & Pickeridge, Martin Higgs England Golf and Janet Fear Handicap Advisor

Past Presidents: Eileen Binding, Sally Irlam, Margaret Gliddon and Jenny Hobbs

Executive Committee: Ellie Harper President, Cathy Olive County Captain, Alysia Rees County Vice Captain, Sue Hockley Hon Treasurer, Sandra Ford County Competitions Secretary, Carole Paterson EG SW regional Committee Rep, Jane Pitcher Assistant Competitions Secretary and Margaret Allen Hon Sec

There was a two minute silence for Chris Tottle of Mendip Spring who had died during the last twelve months

1. Presidents Address

President welcomed everyone to the 2017 AGM and explained how during the last year time had been spent renewing and making new friends. The time has come to hand over the Presidency to Amanda Mayne.

The Executive Committee were thanked for all their hard work and support over the past two years as were Sally Irlam for her work with the Junior Committee and County referees Didi Ager and Janet Fear. The website closely follows the activities of the County and thanks were given to Eileen Binding for her work which will now be carried on by a website team.

The CJO Carole Pope and Acting CJO Beryl Richards resigned during the year and thanks were expressed for their work with the Juniors. Their work will be carried on by the Junior Committee.

Sandra Ford and Jane Pitcher were thanked for successfully running the County competitions. Jane is due to go in for surgery and it is hoped that she will return to take on her role as County Competitions Secretary. Margaret Allen is to continue as Hon Secretary to support the incoming President and was thanked for her efficiency. Cathy Olive and Fran Davies, County Captains, were thanked for involving the President in County and Junior golf.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to watch the talent of our County Golfers. Many congratulations to Hannah Grant Woodley on becoming our County Champion again, to one of Gill Brown on becoming our 50+ Champion and to our Junior Champion Patience Rhodes. There is great talent in Somerset and teams of which we should be proud.

Ladies Captains and Delegates were thanked for their support and their help when events were organized at their clubs. Past Presidents were thanked for the opportunity to take on the role as President.

The Honorary Secretary convened the meeting for 2017

2. Apologies for Absence: Liz Sweeney and June Smith Wedmore, Jo Espley The Mendip, Didi Ager Burnham & Berrow, Joan Cumming Past President, Val Russell Vivary Park, Susie Gibbins SS Assessor

3. Minutes of the Annual General meeting 2016

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Proposed by: Sally Irlam Seconded by Lesley Organ

Matters Arising: None

4. Finance. Hon Treasurer: Sue Hockley.

The reorganization carried out last year on the accounts has been consolidated making the year on year comparisons easier to understand.

At the year end 30th September 2017, there was £25,000.00 in the deposit account and £10, 138.94 in the current account and the profit for the year was £2355.69. Copies are available of the Year End Analysis, Trial Balance, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. The SLCGA per Capita has increased by £2500 and the County Card income by £500. This is for two reasons. One because we received two lots of fees in one financial year for Farrington Park and Saltford GC as England Golf required affiliation fees to be paid two months in advance of club's renewal dates. This will balance out next year. Two, SGU now require us to pay £1000 rather than 40% of the total income received from County Cards.

The LGU levy will cease on 1.1.18 and the SLCGA levy will increase by £1 to £7. The total fees, therefore for 2018, will be £18.25: EG affiliation fee £8.25 + SLCGA fee £7 + County Card £3.

BACS payments will introduced for competitions in 2018 and will be the preferred method of payment. The surname and competition will be the reference and forms should be emailed to Jane Pitcher.

The post of Hon Treasurer will become vacant at AGM in November 2018 and details are available on the website

Proposed by: Eileen Binding

Seconded by: Margaret Gliddon

The President thanked the Hon Treasurer for all her hard work

5. Reports a. County Captain: Cathy Olive

Coaching: Juniors with a h/c of 12 and below were invited to join the squad coaching making the transition between Ladies and Juniors easier.

Championships: These took place at Burnham & Berrow GC from 5-7 May 2017. Congratulations were given to Hannah Grant Woodley on winning the Scratch Cup and the Championship Cup. Jade Cope was the runner up in the Championship and Harriet Lockley was the runner up for the Scratch Cup. The team for SWICMW was announced: Hannah Grant Woodley, Amanda Mayne, Aimee Sawyer, Lizzie Stevens, Helen Hayward, Jade Cope, Gill Brown, Harriet Lockley, Carys Parker < Patience Rhodes with Kim Parker and Abby Gray as non-travelling reserves

SWICMW: All the team played well and there were some exciting matches. At the end of the week, Somerset gained 3rd winning 2 ½ matches. The overall winners were Gloucestershire.

Congratulations were given to Mimi Rhodes on gaining a place in U18 England squad, Harriet Lockley for being No 1 girl in Europe, playing for Somerset and for representing Wales against Ireland at Rosslare and to Davina Xanh for being selected for SW coaching this year.

The coaching team, Karen Nicholls and Stuart Wells, have resigned as the County Coaches and have been replaced wef 1.19.17 by Terry Williams from Farrington Park.

Thanks were given to Alysia Rees for her help and to Ellie Harper and the Executive Committee for their work over the last year.

The President thanked the Captain for her Captaincy.

b) Vice Captain: Alysia Rees

Friendly matches: vs Dorset at Yeovil resulted in a draw

League Matches: vs Wiltshire at Weston super Mare resulted in a win 7/2, vs Gloucester at The Kendleshire resulted in a loss 2/7

Team: Carys Parker, Abby Gray, Davina Xanh, Kim Parker, Jane Glist, Katherine Loader, Carolyn Staite. Thanks were given to Cathy Olive and the Executive Committee for their help and support.

The President thanked the Vice-Captain for all her work.

c) County Junior Organiser: Junior Committee read by Margaret Allen with input from Eileen Binding and Martin Higgs

Junior County Girls Championship: run in conjunction with the Boys and held at Enmore Park. The winner of the Wilkinson Cup was Patience Rhodes of Burnham & Berrow GC with a gross 77 and she went on to represent Somerset at the Champion of Champions event in September 2017. The Nett Trophy, the Silver Jug, was by Carys Parker of Enmore Park with a nett of 70. The Bronze Lady Golfer for the best stableford score was won by Joanne Champion of Burnham & Berrow GC and U15 June Mannings Cup was won by Davina Xanh of Mendip Spring with a gross score of 81.

The Chivers Cup was won by Abby Gray of Farrington Park at the Spring Meeting held at Wheathill GC with 44 points.

The Courtesy Cup is still to be awarded and the Generation Cups were not competed for this year.

At the County Championship, Harriet Lockley won the Gliddon Vase and 2nd Gross prize and Abby Gray was the winner of the Phillips Trophy.

SW Girls Inter Counties Competition was held at Exeter GC in August. All the girls played well in some very close matches. They achieved 1 ½ points and came last.

In addition to the achievements already stated, Mimi Rhodes won U16 Trophy at the Scottish Girls Championship, was selected for U16 GB & Ireland Team and reached 3rd round of the British Girls Open. Bella White made the cut at the English Girls Championship and has been training with U18 England squad. Harriet Lockley came 5th in Scottish Girls U16 Championship and won the Plate Final at the Welsh Girls Championship.

Coaching: Eileen Binding reported that the funding was covered approximately 1/3 by each by SLCGA, EG and the girls. There are 42 girls in the coaching squads: 12 in Performance, 12 in Development and 18 in the Futures squads. Nick Pope has resigned as Lead Coach and this position has been advertised.

Junior Pilot Project: Martin Higgs reported that this project is supported by SLCGA, SGU and EG. There is to be a Junior Forum on 30.1.18 at Burnham & Berrow GC where information on this project will be available to anyone interested in the development of Junior Golf in Somerset. He will forward further information to the Hon Secretary for distribution to the Delegates

The President thanked the County Junior Organiser and the Acting CJO for their work during the year

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

Carole Paterson has served as EGSW rep for 5 years and will leave her post at AGM in November 2018. Anyone interested in taking on this position should contact her.

The two members of SW Committee, Somerset and Dorset reps, are now the longest serving members with representatives from Wiltshire and Gloucestershire having resigned. This has left the Committee with two counties having interim arrangements. Eileen Binding has again taken over the administration of the SW website for which she is thanked.

Apologies were given for the late updating of the SW website with details of the year's results.

Australian Spoons final was held at Long Sutton GC and won by Beverly Smith and Chris Mitchell who went onto win the national event at South Cerly GC in Wiltshire. SW Championship was abandoned due to bad weather. SW Bowmaker was held at Lyme Regis on 2.9.17 and was won by Lynn Thornton, Jan Scott and Ros Thompson of Kingsdown GC. SW Foursomes was held on 4.10.17 at the Bristol and was won Jo Terry and Jane Southcombe of Yeovil GC.

2018 dairy will be available by end of November. So far the dates are: Australian Spoons 11.7.18 at Cumberwell Park, SW Foursomes 4.10.18 at Weston super Mare GC and SW Championships will be held at Lansdown GC.

Congratulations were given to Amanda Mayne and Joanne Shorrocks who won Brenda King National Foursomes for 3rd time by 7 clear shots.

EG meetings at Woodhall Spa have been focused on changing the structure of the Board to comply with the requirements of Sports England. Numbers needed to be reduced from 14 to 12 and the new Board was set up last year. The final vote for change will take place on 29.11.17 and if this change is not achieved, EG will lose £8million of funding from Sports England.

The shift of EG's interest is towards the social golfer hence the raising of the maximum handicap, 9 hole events and the easing of golfing rules. EG are keen to attract these golfers into clubs and affiliation to EG. The review of all EG championships and golf events is still subject to an ongoing review

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

e) County Competitions Secretary: Sandra Ford

During the year, 326 ladies have taken part in County Competitions and almost all the Clubs in Somerset have been represented. Information about the winners is on the web-site.

Congratulations to SLCGA Champions: Hannah Grant Woodley, County Champion, Gill Brown 50+ Champion and Patience Rhodes Junior Champion. Hannah and Patience played in the new England Golf Champion of Champions competition at Woodhall Spa

coming in 12th and 19th respectively. The County Championship did not have a full field and it is hoped that 2018 event will attract the full quota of 36 competitors.

All the Clubs used in 2017 were thanked, as were their County Delegates and committees for their help, the ladies in Somerset who supported the events, Eileen Binding for updating the website quickly and efficiently and, finally, the Executive Committee and particularly Jane.

The President thanked the Competitions Secretary and her assistant for their work over the last year

f) Handicap Adviser: Janet Fear

It was reported that several meetings had been held for Handicap Secretaries in February. Some problems have arisen when Ladies change clubs and this can be helped if Handicap Secretaries were to check their data base list of the EG website.

Handicap reviews: a guideline for the Continuous Handicap Review was produced earlier this year. The non-qualifying competition report was also produced to give handicap committees more evidence to use at the Annual Review.

Handicap changes for 2018: Disability and club handicaps are to be discontinued and will be replaced by a Ladies Category 6 for handicaps 37-54. The Men will have two new categories 5 and 6. These will come into effect on 1.1.18 and will automatically start as 36 handicaps play outside their buffer zone. Supplementary scores, except for Category 1, will be unlimited. Nine hole qualifying competitions are to be extended to include medals and Open Competitions.

Competition Scratch Score: the calculation when a club has more than one competition running is being amended so that an overall Competition Scratch adjustment for the day will be calculated rather than two separate ones. Further information on how this will work is awaited.

The Handicap Secretaries are having a meeting to discuss the annual revision before the year end to help with the changes in 2018.

The President thanked the Handicap Adviser for all her work for the past year

g) Representative of the Senior Ladies' Association: Captain Yvette Gregg

Although the Senior Ladies won a friendly match vs Wiltshire, two of the Shield matches were very close with two going to 18th hole. Thanks were given to all the players who had represented the section throughout the year.

Anita Butcher, The Mendip, is taking over from Judith Rowsell as Competition Secretary and June Mills, Clevedon, has taken over as Treasurer for one year.

The Senior Ladies Section have donated £100 to Somerset Juniors.

The outgoing Seniors Captain wished her successor Kay Luckett a successful year in 2018

The President thanked the Seniors Ladies' Captain for her work throughout the year.

h) Honorary Secretary: Margaret Allen

Correspondence:

- (i) EG have updated all their phone numbers wef 1.4.17
- (ii) EG have been conducting an audit of affiliation fees with clubs chosen at random to check the system is working correctly
- (iii) CONGU press release with details of changes wef 1.1.18
- (iv) EG publications "Growing the Game of Golf" and "Golf Impact Foundation Impact Report" are available in the clubs

Jenny Hobbs, Bath GC, was awarded an EG lifetime Service Award

The Delegates Contact Booklet will be updated for 2018 and a first draft will be issued in January for 2018 for Delegates to check the details for their club. A final version will be issued in March 2018

Finally all the Delegates were thanked for their hard work this year. With their help, the SLCGA is more accessible, transparent and all members are kept as informed as possible.

The Hon Secretary will retire from post in May 2018 when the new Secretary will take over the position

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

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

The year was very successful with the usual mixture of matches and events. Thanks were given to Long Sutton, Wells and Isle of Wedmore Golf Clubs for hosting events. And for enabling the events to run smoothly.

The 2017 Team Event was held at Meon Valley, a popular venue, and has been rebooked for 2018: it is now full and a waiting list is in place.

Thanks were given to two Committee members who have retired this year: Eliza Vail for organizing team events and Ros Gait as Secretary. Linda Johnson from Wheathill GC was welcomed onto the Committee.

All matches were played in a great spirit and thanks were given to the ladies who had turned out at short notice to play.

The match against the Men was changed to total stableford points from match play. Burnham & Berrow GC were thanked for hosting the match against their Ladies' Past Captain where the team were selected from the Committee as a thank you for their work over the year. All Past Captains were encouraged to join the section and have fun after their time as Ladies Captains.

The President thanked the Past Captains Representative and her Committee for their work throughout the year.

j) Standard Scratch Assessor: Susie Gibbins read by Margaret Allen

Susie Gibbons took from Kate Musgrave-Brown as SS Assessor. The team now has four members: Gill Prophet, Di Yates, Lesley Wicking and Susie Gibbins. Two ladies have expressed an interest in joining the team and will take part in training next year and this will take the team up to 6. Only two courses were rated in 2017 due to inclement weather so a vigorous rating program is planned for 2018 by the two Team Leaders, Nigel Long and Susie Gibbins. Three clubs, who were unable to be rated in 2017, have been identified as needing to be rated and will be contacted to arrange convenient dates. After that, the list of remaining clubs to be rated by 2020, will be worked through.

The President thanked SS Assessor for her report and all her work.

k) Somerset Golf Development Group (SGDG) and Website: Eileen Binding

SGDG has now folded as the monies from EG have ceased and the County Support Officers are now full time and paid by EG. The money left in the accounts was contributed by SGU so that was paid back to them and the surplus County Academy money, £2019, has been split between SGU and SLCGA and ring fenced for the Junior Pilot Project which Somerset have been chosen to participate in. Martin Higgs is Somerset's County Support Officer and is available to help any club.

Website: the running of the SLCGA website and Social media has been taken over by Chris Harris, Margaret Allen and Janet Fear. Contact details are on the website and will be on the Contact details on the Fixtures List. Maureen Charlton will continue to edit the senior's pages and Sally Dymock the Past Captains who were thanked for their work. Pictures are needed of SLCGA events so please send them in for publication

The President thanked Eileen for setting up and maintaining the website and her work on SGDG

l) Welfare Officer: Carole Paterson

The Welfare Office, who has worked as a Social Worker, Child Protection Officer and a Lead Manager for Children's Social Care, reminded Delegates that she can be contacted through email or by phone and is available to listen or give guidance. Contact details on the web-site. Safeguarding is mostly common sense and any concerns that arise are well worth checking out through her as a first point of contact by parents, players or club officials. As a County, Somerset are keen to follow national standards.

The President thanked the Welfare Officer for her work throughout the year.

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

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconder
Alysia Rees	County Vice Captain	Burnham & Berrow	Weston super Mare
Carole Pope	County Junior Organiser	Executive Committee	Isle of Wedmore
Janet Fear	Handicap Advisor	Worlebury	

Term of Office ended

Name	Position
Margaret Allen	Hon Secretary to be extended for one year.

The meeting voted in favour of the election of the above officers

President welcomed the new officers and presented badges and retiring gifts.

President’s badge was awarded by Ellie Harper to Amanda Mayne
Vice President’s badge was awarded by Amanda Mayne to Linda Hill
President presented Sandra Ford, County Competitions Secretary with SLCGA balls
Past President’s badge was awarded and flowers presented by Amanda Mayne to Ellie Harper

Amanda Mayne thanked the President for her enthusiasm and hard work over the last two years and is looking forward to working with the Executive Committee and the incoming Vice President. County Competitions will be run by Erica Klim, Wells GC, for the next year when Jane Pitcher will return as Competitions Secretary subject to her successful recovery from her back operation. Whilst the post of CJO is still vacant, the Juniors Section will be run by the Junior Committee but anyone interested should contact Amanda. Amanda stated that the ethos of Somerset is to enjoy golf and if things need to change, contact should be made with a representative of the Executive Committee.

7. Competition Results 2017

The 2017 SLCGA Competition Results have been circulated to all Club Delegates for display on Ladies’ Notice Boards. Delegates would be notified when Fixture Lists for 2018 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 web-site.

The Grass Roots	Winner: Dee Garnsworthy The Mendip	Runner-up: Liz Sweeney Isle of Wedmore
The Centenary Plate	Winners: Farrington Park GC	Runners up: Mendip Spring GC
The Rogers Cup	Winners: Mendip Spring GC	Runners up: Worlebury GC

9. AOB

10. The President thanked Isle of Wedmore for allowing us to hold the AGM. She also thanked everyone for their support and to those who attended the meeting. The Somerset Ladies County Golf Association AGM 2017 was declared closed at 12. 30

The next AGM will be on Monday 12th November 2018 at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club.

Rogers Cup and Centenary Trophy Draw then took place

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th January 2018 at 11:00 at Burnham & Berrow GC.

Meetings 2018

Executive Committee Meetings		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
26 th November (2017)	10.00	Saltford GC

8th January	10.00	Burnham & Berrow GC
9th March	10:00 11:00	Championship & Executive Meetings Weston super Mare GC
21st May	10:00	Isle of Wedmore GC
9th July	10:00	Weston super Mare GC
10th September	10.00	Burnham & Berrow GC
15th October	10:00	Weston super Mare GC

General Committee Meetings		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
8th January	11:00	Burnham & Berrow GC
21st May	11:00	Isle of Wedmore GC
10th September	11:00	Burnham & Berrow GC Including 9 holes golf on the Channel course and a meal
AGM 2017: Monday 12th November 11:00 Isle of Wedmore GC		

Signed

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