



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 12th November 2018 at 11.00am

Present:

Janet Robson, Angela Webber, Claire Biggs, Deirdre Wheaden, Gill Jones, Ann Adams, June James Isle of Wedmore, Carol Robinson Enmore, Sue Hockey, Jenny Davis, Rose Hallett, Kathy Lane Wells, Ros Chidgey and Kay Luckett, Patricia Grinter Minehead, Yvette

Gregg Stockwood Vale, Joan Kendall Woodspring, Judith Rowsell, Sue Harrop, Linda Johnson Wheathill, Pat Roscow Farrington Park, S.P. Tasker Clevedon, Fran Davies, Margaret Allen The Mendip, Stephanie Moorfoot, Sam Robinson, Angela Trenchard, Deborah McArdle, Marilyn Kirby and Linda Hill Bath, Jane Harries, Liz Biddle, Gill Brown, Gillian Barry and Pauline Thorogood Burnham & Berrow, Carol Lake, Chris Harris, Lesley Organ, Mary Dolman, Alison Kerr, Norma Smith, Pat Marshall, Saltford, Joyce Forrester, Linda Hobbs Tall Pines, Mel Rossi, Glenda Latham-Creasy and Zena Balcombe Weston, Connie Stolworthy, Eileen Arundell and Caroline Lumley-Frank Long Sutton, Gill Prophet, Sarah Nancholas Mendip Spring, Patricia Brown and Sheila Brown Oake Manor, Lorna Madvor, Worlebury, Jill Paul and Jacky Ford Taunton & Pickering, Lorraine Taylor Enmore, Martin Higgs England Golf and Janet Fear Handicap Advisor

Past Presidents: Eileen Binding, Sally Irlam, Joan Cumming and Jenny Hobbs

Executive Committee: Amanda Mayne President, Cathy Olive County Captain, Alysia Rees County Vice Captain, Sue Hockley Hon Treasurer, Jane Pitcher County Competitions Secretary, Carole Paterson EG SW regional Committee Rep, and Lesley Matthews Hon Sec

There was a minute's silence for ladies who had died during the last twelve months

1. President's Address

Amanda welcomed everyone to the 2018 AGM.

It doesn't seem a year ago that you elected me as your President, a year that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

The Somerset Ladies County Golf Association is for every lady in the county who is a member of an affiliated golf club, and somehow, we need to get that message out to all the members of our clubs. Please make sure you advertise the events for 2019 in a prominent place in your ladies' room, and report back to your ladies' sections especially when one of your club members does well at an event. It is Everyone's game - everywhere.

This is the first year that we held a "Finals Day" - where the Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate final were held on the same day. Both events had supporters following them and a friendly team tea held afterwards. We will be continuing with the Finals Day even if the same club gets to both the Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate Final, this is in light of the fact that we don't have an Assistant Competition Secretary and all the finalists enjoyed being part of a larger day this year.

As I have just mentioned, we haven't had anyone apply for the role of Assistant Competition Secretary, therefore, to help Jane next year, we are going to ask the Delegate at the club where an event is being held to assist and support Jane - I am positive this system will work well by involving more members of the county

Our county players seem to be playing in more and more national events, and I am forever looking and checking web sites. I have to say that I am now excellent at using WhatsApp - this seems to be the modern way to wish the girls luck and then congratulate them

Recently the Senior Ladies Home Internationals were held at Burnham & Berrow, the club was praised very highly for their helpfulness, and friendly efficiency both by the R&A and also the players. It was an honour to have such a prestigious tournament held in Somerset.

As the playing season comes to a close I would like to congratulate all our prize winners and runners up during the year.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Delegates who have worked hard throughout the year, promoting the county and helping at events when they have been held at your club.

The Honorary Secretary convened the meeting for 2018

2. Apologies for Absence: Sandra Ford Past Captains, Kay Clarke Farrington Park, Margaret Gliddon and Ellie Harper, Past Presidents, Fiona Hodge Burnham & Berrow, Pat Pitt Orchardleigh, Alison Lee Clevedon, Claire Baylis, Angela Bagley, Diana Bowland, Susie Gibbins SS Assessor

3. Minutes of the Annual General meeting 2017

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Proposed by: Sally Irlam Seconded by Fran Davies

Matters Arising: None

4. Finance. Hon Treasurer: Sue Hockley.

- I have now completed my final year as treasurer, the accounts have been audited and everything is ready to hand over to the incoming treasurer. The last three years have given me a greater insight into the involvement of the SLCGA and I have thoroughly enjoyed my role.
- As at the year end, 30th September 2018, there was £25,000.00 in the deposit account and £8,315.36 in the current account. Unfortunately, this year we made a loss of £2,454.06 which was mainly due to the purchase of new golf bags for the county team and an increase of our donation to the junior girls coaching fund of £1,000.00. The latter is necessary due to the reduction in funding from England Golf which, I understand, will disappear completely in 2020. You should each have copies of the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet which show both this year's and last year's figures. I have made some notes at the end of the Profit & Loss sheet which also explains other additional costs.
- I think we are all aware that several golf clubs are struggling to maintain their current levels of membership so, for those of you who are interested in statistics, this is the state of affairs for Somerset Ladies and Junior Girls.

Totals for 31 clubs (Lansdown excluded for 2016)

2016	Ladies	1686	Junior Girls	70	Total: 1756	
2017	Ladies	1661	Junior Girls	79	Total: 1740	= minus 25 ladies but plus 9 girls
2018	Ladies	1704	Junior Girls	77	Total: 1781	= plus 43 ladies but minus 2 girls

Net overall gain since 2016 = 18 ladies and 7 junior girls

- Finally, I would like to thank the Weston Super Mare ladies who raised £80 in a raffle for the junior girls earlier in the year. This money will be used for special projects for the girls during the 2019 season as will the kind donation of £100 received from the Somerset Senior Ladies today.

Proposed by: Gill Jones IOW

Seconded by: Alison Dodkin IOW

The President thanked the Hon Treasurer for all her hard work

5. Reports

a) County Captain: Cathy Olive

I am amazed at how fast these past four years have gone – and I've enjoyed it all, so many memories made, and so many new friends. I will now try to succinctly put to you the events and first team progress over this past year.

Coaching

Terry Williams is a great coach for us – he has been very proactive, involved, a good communicator – always ready and happy to give the team or individuals his full attention.

We had a great session early in the season with Lawrence Farmer – PGA tour player and coach. Much about the short game was learned and the team went away with plenty to work on.

Terry was with us for the whole of match week – giving invaluable advice and support as we went through the days.

Championships

Weston-Super-Mare at the beginning of May. This week-end was great, with some wonderful golf played.

It was so good to see our best Somerset lady golfers playing their socks off! both with the stroke play on the Friday, followed match play over the next two days – all vying for either the Phillips trophy or the Championship.

Hannah Woodley won through – beating Aimee Sawyer 2/1, a fantastic game to watch, and so tight.

A rising star in our team is Jess Haines – she won the Phillips trophy, and is certainly one to watch in the coming months and years!

Match week

At St Enodoc, Cornwall this year – we couldn't wish for a better setting! Or better weather as the sun continued to shine every day. Our team – Hannah, Amanda, Jade, Lizzie, Gill, Aimee, Harriet, Davina, Carys and Abby – our coach Terry, my vice Alysia, Fran (Chief Cook) and me - all went down the day before to settle in. It was a fantastic week – the whole team did Somerset proud!

Matches were won and lost along the way – the outcome being that we came 4th with a very creditable 2.5 points – but such a close run week. Our winning days were played against Wiltshire and Dorset, with a great ½ against Devon – who fielded, much to everyone's surprise, a much stronger team this year.

We had great support from Somerset Ladies making the trip down (including a group of my lovely friends from Wedmore)

It really does make a huge difference to the team to see green shirts supporting them, especially when not on home turf! I urge you to take a trip down to Woodbury Park next year (first week in July) – you will not be disappointed, the standard of golf you will see our girls play is out wonderful! And it's free!

At this point I would like to let you know what some of the individuals of our team have achieved this year:

Hannah Woodley won the Somerset Ladies Championships, and then went on to win Champion of Champions at Frillford Heath GC. Jade Cope played at Royal Troon, and also made the cut at the English Amature Stroke play at Coventry GC after not long recovering from a serious knee injury.

Amanda won Somerset Senior Championships and came a very commendable 5th in the Champion of Championships.

She also was part of the winning Southern Seniors team @ Hexham GC to beat both Midlands and Scottish teams.

Harriet has SO many accomplishments – here are some!

She is very proud to say that she was part of Somerset first team and gained her colours.

She won the Welsh girls Strokeplay – 1 over gross after 36 holes.

She won both the Somerset girls, B&B girls and ladies Championships.

Obtained World European Golf Ranking Status – about 2000 in the world!

Is International Schools Golfing Ass' Girls National Champion, and European number one for her age group.

She also shot x5 under gross @ Wedmore!

These results are very grand, and show how good are team are – but I would like to underline what amazing girls we have – they all work together, their relationship both on and off the course is wonderful to see, they are all good friends and the team spirit is amazing – I have been so proud to be part of it all these past four years.

Thank you to all the committee - what a good team to be working with, I'll miss your friendship, help and camaraderie, but hopefully won't lose contact.

And now I am handing the reins over to my Vice, and good friend Alysia – she will make a great Captain – she loves the job, and the girls love her!

The next two years will be so exciting with our very strong band of juniors coming up the ranks so fast

I wish you and our Somerset Ladies Team team all the VERY best – I'll be on the sidelines cheering!

The President thanked the Captain for her Captaincy.

b) Vice Captain: Alysia Rees

My two years as Vice Captain has flown by and working with Cathy has been a pleasure. Coaching started my year off and managing to secure two dates for the second team, before our inter county week. April 29th was our first match at Exeter against Devon, where we lost to a very good side 6/3, then on May 27th we played host to Cornwall at Weston Super Mare and had a very good half. I would like to thank the following players who were selected for our second team, Carys Parker from Saltford, Davina Xahn Mendip Spring, Abby Gray Farrington, Charlotte Millington Clevedon, Jess Haines, Burnham Heather Kerr Wilbur Mendip Spring, Kim Parker Saltford, and Carolyn Stait Burnham. It is always a great pleasure in taking part in the organising and running of our first team at county week and this year was no exception, a lot of hard work and some difficult decision making this year, but as Cathy reported we proved that we are moving closer to those at the top.

In August I helped out with the CJO role at the Junior intercounty competition, this was a great honour and I was very inspired by our juniors coming through, Somerset again proved that we will be very soon knocking at top spot.

This being my last year as Vice Captain meant that I had to think about my Vice Captain. With the backing of the committee and the fact that we all came to the same conclusion, I was able to ask Gill Brown from Burnham, to take on the job. Gill has been an excellent member of our Somerset squad, playing for the second team and gaining her 1st team colours. Gill is also very proactive in her club, playing off six, she is a valuable member of their Alliance team. Last year Gill joined the junior committee and was a regular over at Farrington and Burnham, helping where she could. Her passion for her game and those of her team mates, helped us with our selection for Vice. Gill has told me she is excited to be on board and can't wait to get started with her second team, especially as we have some new young talent coming through. Ellen Reeks from the Mendip and we have asked Evie Brimfield from Mendip Spring to join us too as she is now down to 11 handicap.

Cathy, two years has flown by. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this honour, you have given us four years of your time and passion, team Somerset has benefitted greatly. Gill and I are so excited with the talent we have on paper, I really hope we can have them for selection as competing with south west matches and playing for England and Wales can always prove difficult. I feel sure we are going to have some fantastic results for Somerset going forward and I can't wait.

The President thanked the Vice Captain for all her work.

c) Junior Report – Eileen Binding

1. Background

This year the Juniors have been run by a Junior committee in the absence of a CJO. The Committee has been chaired and led by Eileen Binding who has been supported by committee members Carole Paterson (Welfare), Alysia Rees, Cathy Olive, Gill Brown, Dave Owen and Margaret Allen (admin).

2. Annual Results

- a. Winner of the Spring meeting and Chivers Trophy was Lizzie Bryant of Orchardleigh with 43 points
- b. Junior Championship which this year was over 18 holes (8 entrants including one girl playing her first 18 hole competition) and 36 holes (12 entrants) at the request of the girls themselves

36 hole event

- a. Junior Champion Harriet Lockley with a gross of 153
- b. U15 winner was Davina Xanh of Mendip Spring with gross 159
- c. Best stableford Leah Bowden of Burnham & Berrow with 77 points
- d. Best Nett Frankie Dezis of Farrington Park with a gross of 142

18 hole event

- e. Best gross and winner of Harper Rose Bowl which was presented and donated by Ellie Harper (Past President) Jo Champion of Burnham & Berrow with a gross 92 and nett 60
- f. Best nett was Alex Champion of Burnham & Berrow with a nett 65
- g. Best stableford Evie Williams of Wedmore with nett 72

3. SW Inter County Girls event at Brickhampton

The girls were accompanied and looked after by Alysia Rees, Gill Brown and Cathy Olive. The girls were a credit to Somerset and came a creditable third after Dorset and Gloucestershire. Amelia Matthews, the Junior Captain, led the girls by example: they all gave their best and showed excellent team spirit. The future looks very rosy.

4. Achievements:

Three young girls have achieved great results in their golf.

Mimi Rhodes Burnham & Berrow, Patience Rhodes (Burnham & Berrow) and Harriet Lockley (Isle of Wedmore) . Their successes are all listed on EG website as well as SLCGA

We wish all the girls well for the future which may mean that they will in the future compete at national rather than county level

5. Coaching Programme

This year has seen a huge increase in the number of young girls who want to be in coaching programmes and we have increased the number of squads to 5 to accommodate them.

Performance squad with 14 girls based at Burnham & Berrow

Development squad with 14 girls based at Burnham & Berrow

Futures North with 23 girls based at Farrington Park

Futures South a new squad based at Taunton & Pickeridge with 9 girls

And Future Futures squad a new group with 9 girls based at Saltford.

This gives us a total of 69 girls receiving Junior coaching across the county. Eileen has done a brilliant job organising coaches, squads, funding, dealing with EG and all the admin that is involved when working with Juniors.

Funding from EG has been reduced over the last few years and there is no funding for 2019/20. We will need to carefully consider the funding of these squads to secure the future of girls' golf in Somerset.

6. Future Plans

Dates for next year have been set and the Junior Committee will continue to run the Juniors. We are also setting up 9 hole competitions for the higher handicaps and together with SGU and we are running the Mini tour for boys and girls with h'caps higher than 28/36 respectively. Dave Owen from Saltford has taken over the organisation of the Mini tour and the 9 hole comps.

We do however really need a CJO to lead the Junior section and to represent us on the Executive Committee and regional meetings and to be the face of Somerset Juniors at County events.

7. Website

The website somersetgolf.org is currently being over hauled and will be renamed to broadcast and celebrate the achievements and all that is happening in Junior golf in Somerset for both boys and girls. There are already associated Twitter and Facebook accounts

linked to the website which has had over 300 hits in the past month. We aim for this to be accessible and to be used by Juniors, their Coaches and parents.

8. Junior Pilot

Martin Higgs reported that this project is supported by SLCGA, SGU and EG. In the first 14 months the number of girls involved has risen from 25 to 67. Two projects are being pioneered in the County – Golf Access, which has five clubs piloting it, and Golf Park, which is to be launched at Mendip in January 2019.

The President thanked the Junior Committee and Martin for their work during the year

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

As I look back over the 5 years that I have been the County's Voting member, I remember some great moments and memories. My final SW event was at WSM GC SW this October Foursomes, the Ladies Captain Zena Balcombe and her wonderful Committee made my last event very successful and enjoyable. I must also mention Jane Pitcher who worked tirelessly to ensure we were on track. Thank you. The overall winners of the Foursomes were Jane Southcombe hcp 4 and Harriet Heversham hcp 2, Yeovil GC who came in with a gross 74. We tried to share the prizes down in this event as far as we could. I think I over complicated things by adding a Stableford onto Gross & Nett. The County is looking to ask the clubs to help run the County events, this should work really well if my experience of clubs is anything to go by.

Woodall Spa and England Golf Meetings. I shall not miss the 10 hours on a good day round trip.

I usually travelled with Nigel Long from the SGU, who has also finished his tenure as SW rep. The main agenda throughout my time with EG has been "Improving the game, getting more people into golf. Has it worked, I don't think so. My focus has tried to be, retain the players we have and support women's golf, then encourage new players. The World Wide Handicapping system and the new rules is aimed at making the game easier and encouraging new players with handicaps up to 54 .

I have been the Secretary of the SW Committee for the past 3 years. There will be a number of personnel changes in 2019. Jane Southcombe, Chair from Dorset will remain for another year making that 6 years to give some continuity, I am attending the 28th November meeting to introduce my replacement and prepare next year's competitions posters ready to go out to all clubs in the South West. I am delighted that Sandra Ford with all her County and golf experience is taking over from me. I know she will be a great ambassador for Somerset.

Finally my thank you's , Eileen Binding has been available for advice and giving a helping hand through my years on County. The various Presidents and Secretaries I have worked with but most importantly you the delegates, you are a precious link to the golf clubs in Somerset.

I will remain as Count Welfare Officer until such time as another experienced Social Worker comes along.

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

e) County Competitions Secretary

Report from Erica Klim – read by Jane Pitcher

It has been a very busy, but enjoyable experience helping organise the county competitions for 2018.

I apologise for mistakes made. Entries came thick and fast via email and post, monies via BACS and cheques and some not always accompanied by an entry form. In one case it was just a post-it note with name and competition to enter! It was a steep learning curve matching it all up and I was surprised that the monies all tallied at the end but the treasurer may tell you different.

The weather remained good for most of the events but it wouldn't be golf be without a bit of wind, rain and fog. The latter especially delayed the start final day of the County Championships at Weston-Super-Mare; annoying when 100 yards inland it was brilliant sunshine.

Congratulations to all the winners of the events, too numerous to mention by name.

I must thank all the Ladies Captains, county delegates and their sections who helped to make the events run smoothly on the day. The flower displays that graced the prize tables and refreshments provided at half way houses were most appreciated.

I am sorry not to be able to take on the role of Competitions secretary but have commitments at my own club next year. I am looking forward to being able to play in as many of the County events as possible and would encourage all ladies of all abilities to enter them and have a fun day out.

Report from Jane Pitcher

Firstly, I would like to thank Erica Klim for acting as Competition Secretary for the County during 2018.

Secondly, I would like express my dismay that no one has come forward to be my Assistant in 2019 – where that leaves competitions in years to come is in your hands. I shall be requesting extra help from the Clubs that are hosting competitions and I shall contact the relevant Ladies Captain and Delegate approximately 1 month before the competition to discuss what assistance I require.

I have a few announcements to make regarding next year's competitions.

1. The Executive Committee have decided to award money instead of balls for 2's in all our competitions.
2. We will now award "Allforone" vouchers in place of Marks and Spencers. This will give our successful participants greater choice of where to spend their winnings. England Golf vouchers will continue to be awarded to the successful participants at the County Championship.

In 2019, for a trial of one year, the County Championship will be the usual 36 holes of stroke play on day 1, with the top 24 Gross scores being divided into three 8 player knock out match play groups. This will make for a slightly shorter event as it will conclude at Sunday lunchtime. If successful, Amanda Mayne has generously offered to buy a trophy for the new middle group, which will be named the Presidents Trophy.

Chris Harris has been working tirelessly on producing a "downloadable" form for entrants to fill in and email to both the Treasurer and Competition Secretary if paying by BACS or to fill in and then print out and send to the Competition Secretary with a cheque. This will be available for entry to next year's competitions starting in January.

Looking to 2020, we have decided to amalgamate the Bronze and Silver Meetings and to rename them the "Category Championships". Category 1 & 2 will be a medal, Category 3, 4 & 5 will be a stableford and will include the Dickinson and Barlow qualifiers. We also intend to introduce a 9 hole stableford for Category 6 to be run on the measured 9 hole course at the same Club, on the same day, to encourage our high handicappers, who may be new to golf, or EG favourite "declining golfers" to participate in County events. We are suggesting that we use the Grass Roots Trophy, and no longer run the Medal competition for handicap 30-36 in July and August and are asking that Clubs run a 9 hole competition in conjunction with the Barlow and Dickinson qualifiers in May.

The Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate competitions have been drawn. It was performed by utilising the Handicapmaster software and will be uploaded to the website later today.

In future, I am going to have the invoices sent to the Delegates after the AGM with payment due by 31 December of the current year. The draw will be available at the Delegates meeting in January.....still giving you almost 3 months to organise your first match instead of the current 4 1/2months!!

Finally, the competition secretary has a new SLCGA email address....it is

Mail2compsec@somersetladiesgolf.org.uk

Thank you, and I look forward to meeting many of you at the 2019 competitions.

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

f) Handicap Adviser: Janet Fear

The year started with two well attended handicap meetings, with discussions about handicap reviews, the new category six and 9 hole competitions among other things.

As I have had very few questions about those following the meeting, it looks like we managed to cover most of the issues.

Category six, seems to have slotted in well, some Ladies being given the extra shots and others naturally moving into it by playing competitions. As we get used to this new category, I am sure clubs will arrange their competitions to suit this group of Ladies.

There is lots of work going on to promote golf to new ladies and hopefully increasing the handicaps will help.

9 Hole golf is a growing part of golf, not everyone has the time or energy to play 18 holes. This year saw the first 9 hole Champion of Champions Competition run by the Somerset Golf Union, on the Channel course at Burnham, open to Men, Ladies & Senior Men & Ladies.

For its first year it had a really good entrance, however the weather was not too kind and I think everyone was relieved that it was a 9 hole competition. It would be nice to see more clubs run a 9 hole championship and hopefully see this competition grow.

Most of the talk this year has been about the new rules for 2019 and the new handicap system coming in 2020.

The new rule books are out, and information is being published all the time, Clubs have been sent a training package and hopefully most clubs will do some kind of training session for their members. The referees training by England Golf has not yet been sorted but hopefully we can arrange some training before competitions next year.

More information is coming out about the new handicaps, our courses are being measured for the slope system which is part of the World Wide Handicapping System. The second workshop has just taken place, this explained how the handicaps will be worked out and used and added a few more details. There will be a capping system to stop players going up too quickly in 12 months. Exceptional Score Report will move to rounds 7 under handicap instead of 4. The Spring should see the final bits of information coming out.

I will then run handicap meetings for your handicap secretaries when we have the final details. This year I will put together a circular instead as I expect to be running meetings in the Spring.

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

g) Representative of the Senior Ladies' Association: Captain Kay Lockett

It has been a pleasure to have been Captain of Somerset Senior Ladies in 2018. All matches were played in a friendly and competitive spirit, our ladies were a credit to Somerset Senior Ladies. The match results are as follows:-

Shield Matches

Somerset v Dorset Away	2-5 loss
Somerset v Cornwall Home	5-2 Win
Somerset v Devon Home	2.5- 4.5 Loss

Friendly Matches

Somerset v Hampshire	Cancelled
Somerset v Gloucestershire	4.5-3.5 Win
Somerset v Wiltshire Away	6-1 Win

The inter county shield matches were very closely contested this year, with Devon being awarded the Shield after a count back of the number of individual matches won by each County.

SWVLGA Report

Another year has passed which has seen a further increase in the number of Somerset Senior Ladies entering the two Field Days in what has been the 50th Jubilee for the SWVLGA, hosted by Cornwall for their second year.

The Spring Field Day was held at the Isle of Wedmore at the end of March in remarkably good weather. Somerset ladies took 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Silver. In Bronze Division 1, 1st, 3rd and 4th. And 1st in Bronze Division 2.

The Autumn Field Day was held at Trevoze at the end of September, seventeen Senior ladies entered from Somerset. In Silver Division we took 2nd and 4th. Also 2nd in Bronze Division 2.

The AGM of the SWVLGA was held at Teignmouth GC on 29th October. Several ladies from Somerset attended.

Devon will be running the Field Days for the next two years, I do hope that Somerset Senior Ladies will continue to support these competitions like they have done this year. All Posters and Entry Forms have been given to the Senior Delegates and will be on the Website shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for all the support they given me through the year, and to wish Carole Paterson the present Captain every success for 2019.

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

h) Honorary Secretary: Lesley Matthews

Many thanks to Margaret Allen for facilitating the handover to me in May of this year. Thanks to the delegates for their support.

I shall soon be asking for your Club details for next year in order to update the Contacts list. Please use the website for information and contact me with any queries.

The President thanked the Hon Sec for her work

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

It gives me great pleasure to deliver a short report on behalf of the Somerset Ladies Past Captains Society. Our aim as a committee is to match our members' expectations and to run events where golf, fun and camaraderie are all equal whatever the weather throws at us! Thank you to all the delegates who do such a splendid job of promoting the Society, events and matches.

Once again, we held our Spring Cocktail, Summer Four Ball Better Ball followed by the Agm and our Autumn four ball better ball with the Past Club Captains. Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you to Weston Super Mare, Cricket St Thomas and Mendip Spring Golf Clubs for hosting us and making the events run so smoothly.

The team event had its second year at Meon Valley this year and congratulations to all who participated in a very enjoyable two days masterminded by Susie Gibbins. The new venue for the next two years is Woodbury Park which I am sure will be very popular.

Our Inter County Matches continue to be played in great spirit. Four wins, 3 losses and 2 halved matches was an excellent performance. I would particularly like to thank the committee and other ladies who turned out at very short notice. Thank you to Burnham and Berrow for the invitation match against their Lady Past Captains. As usual I used this match for committee members as a thank you for all their hard work in providing an enjoyable season for you.

I would like to thank Chris Harris for all her hard work in continuing to improve our web-site. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let us know.

I encourage all past Lady Captains to join our group and have some fun after your hard work as 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 Lesley Matthews

The weather has been kind to us this year and 8 courses have been completed by the rating team. Currently we are still waiting for a Measurement Certificate from one club before the information can be sent to England Golf.

This leaves us with 10 clubs to be finished next year to comply with the requirement for all clubs in the County to be rated by the end of 2019. This will be a large task for the teams but we are confident that this can be achieved.

I would like to thank this very dedicated and committed team for all their enthusiasm and hard work over the year.

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

l) Welfare Officer: Carole Paterson

I shall remain as the SGLGA Welfare Officer, although I shall not be on the County Executive but I will attend Executive meetings as and when a need arises, e.g. changes in Safe Guarding Procedure. I am also the advisor for the Junior Committee.

All my contact details are on the County website and I do respond quickly to calls / emails. Please feel you can contact me, however small a concern may be, we can talk it through and I am sure we will find a resolution.

I remain involved with England Golf through their safeguarding department and I can assure you this is one area that England Golf have much expertise. I have direct links to the PGA Safeguarding lead and to the England Golf lead. I also keep my knowledge up to date. I do need to go through our procedures and tweak some areas.

I hope I am easy to talk to and I do listen.

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 taken 'en bloc'.

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconder
Gill Brown	County Vice Captain	Burnham & Berrow	The Mendip
Stephanie Moorfoot	Hon Treasurer	Bath	Saltford
Sandra Ford	SW Regional Representative	Long Sutton	Mendip Spring

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

President welcomed the new officers and expressed thanks to the Committee and retiring officers. She then presented badges and retiring gifts.

Captain's badge was passed by Cathy Olive to Alysia Rees

Vice Captain's badge was passed by Alysia Rees to Gill Brown

Hon Treasurer's badge was passed by Sue Hockley to Stephanie Moorfoot

President presented Cathy Olive, Sue Hockley, Carole Paterson and Erica Klim with retiring gifts.

President then presented Eileen Binding with an Hon Life Membership Award.

This was in recognition of all the work she has done for the County over the years as Hon Treasurer and President. She has also served as Treasurer for the Ladies SW Committee, managed both the County and the SW websites for several years and chaired the Development Group committee. She is currently working on the Somerset Junior Pilot Project and on the Junior Coaching Committee. Thank you, Eileen.

7. Competition Results 2018

The 2018 SLCGA Competition Results have been circulated to all Club Delegates for display on Ladies’ Notice Boards.

Fixture lists for 2019 will be posted on the website in December/January.

8. Presentations

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

The Grass Roots Winner: Mary Lock – Orchardleigh Runner-up: Lorraine Taylor - Enmore

The Centenary Plate Winners: Worlebury GC Runners up: Farrington Park GC

The Rogers Cup Winners: Saltford GC Runners up: Clevedon GC

9. AOB

10. The President thanked Isle of Wedmore for hosting the AGM. She also thanked everyone for their support and help during the year. The Somerset Ladies County Golf Association AGM 2018 was declared closed at 12. 15.

The next AGM will be on Monday 18th November 2019 at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club.

Date of next General Committee meeting: Monday 14th January 2019 at 11:00 at Burnham & Berrow GC.

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