



## **SUFFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**The Eighty Fifth Annual General Meeting will be held at Kesgrave Memorial Hall/ Community Centre, Kesgrave, Ipswich (IP5 1JF) on Saturday 13 January 2018 at 10.30am**

### **AGENDA**

President's Opening Remarks

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 14 January 2017
3. Matters Arising
4. Report and Accounts for 2016/17
  - a) *County Captain's Report – not attached.*
  - b) *Junior Organiser's Report*
  - c) *Senior Organiser's Report*
  - d) *England Golf Report*
  - e) *Treasurer's Report*
  - f) *Handicap Adviser's Report*
5. Election and Re-Election of Officers and Members of the Governing Body
6. Any Other Business

The 100 Club Draw will take place after Any Other Business

Presentation of:

Joy Winn Salver, Weston Trophy, Plate and Bowl, Silver and Bronze Medals, Birrell Trophy, Junior Golfer of the Year Shield, Team Colours, Junior and Second Team Captains

Di Cunningham  
Hon. Secretary

December 2017

Complimentary coffee will be available

## **Report 4(b) – Junior Organiser's Report (Miss Eloise Aldous)**

### **Junior Organiser's Report 2017**

My first year as County Junior Organiser was a highly successful year with all the girls ready to start training with our new coach Ian Scott at Purdis Health Golf Club. The first team started with an hour of skills based training which followed by another hour on the course, at this time the beginners and improvers also joined them on the course. After they have finished playing the first team was given a debrief and the beginners and improvers had 30 minutes of skills coaching. This allowed the girls to all bond together and make the new girls more comfortable in coming along to the sessions. Fiona Stokes attended County Ladies First team training and represented juniors at County week also being a traveling reserve for the First team Ladies. The Suffolk girls Junior Championship was held at Fynn Valley Golf Club. The Moss Blundell was won by Fiona Stokes and the handicap prize went to Rio Everett. Layla Farthing won the stableford prize with 38 points. The Lady/Junior Foursomes was held at Hintlesham Hall Golf Club this year and won by Rebecca Evans and Juliette Coffey. We combined the Autumn meeting again this year with the High handicap cup, but unfortunately due to lack of interest we had to cancel. The 1st team girls played in a practice match against the Seniors in preparation for the JCMW, they also had a practice round at Colne Valley Golf Club. This year at JCMW the Suffolk team gained three new members; Rio Everett, Jessica Buck and Layla Farthing who joined Molly Newson (Junior Captain), Fiona Stokes, Charlotte Gregory, Megan Bailey and Georgia Parker. Suffolk performed very well and had one halve against Bedfordshire, and a win against Cambridge and Huntingdon, they finished fourth overall. The very young 2nd Team played 3 matches this year unfortunately they lost against Cambs & Hunts, Bedfordshire and Norfolk although all matches were very close and their handicaps were all much higher. Everyone had a great year in cutting their handicaps and gaining CONGU handicaps, well done all. We send our best wishes to Molly Newson who is leaving us at the end of the year. Fiona Stokes will be 2018's Captain and Natasha Gregory will be second team captain – we wish them an enjoyable year. Hermione Scrope (President) and Vanessa Bell (Captain) attended the junior events, their support has been greatly appreciated over the years. I'd also like to say thank you to Claire Aldous and all parents for all your support this year. We are very grateful for the support we received from the SLCGA, SVLGA, our donors and all the clubs that have allowed us to hold events on their courses.

**Eloise Aldous**  
**Junior Organiser**

## **Report 4(c) – Senior Organiser's Report (Mrs Tessa Summers)**

### **Senior Organiser's Report 2017**

2017 has been a successful and enjoyable year for the Suffolk Senior Ladies.

Seven matches in total were played at seven different venues. The teams we played were Norfolk Lady Vets, Suffolk Junior Girls, Bedfordshire Seniors, Cambs and Hunts Seniors, Suffolk Lady Vets, Norfolk Seniors and a new fixture against the SLCGA Committee. This was introduced because of the loss of our fixtures against the Suffolk Senior Men and Essex Ladies. Most matches were played off scratch and resulted in 4 wins, 2 losses (one of which was against the Committee with several Seniors playing for them) and 1 match halved.

A very big thank you to all the host Golf Clubs, Newton Green, Stowmarket, Flempton, Aldeburgh and Halesworth and all the ladies who have participated. They are a lovely group of ladies who have made my job great fun and very easy.

All the matches have been played in a competitive but sporting manner giving us the opportunity of not only playing different courses but meeting and making new friends both in Suffolk and neighbouring Counties. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Seniors' Organiser and wish my successor Anne Archer all the best for 2018.

**Tessa Summers**  
**Senior Organiser**

## **Report 4(d) – England Golf Report (Mrs Rebecca Evans)**

### **England Golf Report 2017**

This year has been a relatively quiet one for me. I would normally have the pleasure of organising an East Region championship fixture along with the East Region Seniors Championship at Haverhill. It was agreed 2 years ago that the Seniors Championship should be part of the East Region rota and as such it was the pleasure of Bedfordshire to organise this. The day was reasonably well supported but the journey to Beds might have put a few of our girls off! This year it was Suffolk's opportunity to host the Medal final and this took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> May at Rookery Park. The day was a massive success with thanks to the lady's section at the club. It is not an easy task hosting an event of this size and England Golf's thanks go to all the ladies who helped.

The delegates meeting has been a great success this year, it's fair to say they promote a lively debate and I believe we have instigated some positive changes to the county. I would encourage all clubs to support the delegates meeting and to endeavour to send a representative to our quarterly meetings. My thanks go to all who have participated. It really is a pleasure to work with you all.

This is Hermione's final year as President and Vanessa's first year as captain and what a year they have experienced together! Winning the East Region County Match Week Championships and making it to the National Finals at Felixstowe. An achievement that Suffolk haven't seen since 1994! Well done to all our ladies who made contributions whether it was as a player, caddy or just generally helping. In 2018 it's Suffolk's turn to host County Match Week. The event is being held at Woodbridge GC which is also the host of the County Championship, shameless plug here!

**Rebecca Evans**  
**England Golf Representative**

## **Report 4(e) – Treasurer's Report (Miss Hermione Scrope)**

### **Treasurer's Report 2017**

This year the Association has incurred an excess of expenditure over income of £4,623.. Our main source of revenue is from the affiliation fees that our members pay. 2017 was the first year that the fees were collected in “real time”. This has given us a more accurate figure as to how many members we actually have but as expected has resulted in a slight decrease in numbers.

The inter-club competitions continue to be popular with members and fund themselves. The County Championship and the Divisional meetings have shown a decline in the number of members entering them, a situation we are trying to address. The Suffolk Golf Day continues to be a valuable source of income as well as being very popular with our members and this year raised £1,166.

Membership of the 100 Club continues to grow and this year raised £1,115. As in previous years we have asked the members, through the Delegates, to tell us how they wish the money to be spent.

This year we continued the system of training vouchers for the teams which has proved successful as is reflected in the results that the team has had this year. The County team won the regional County Week at Hunstanton and qualified for the National Finals. These were held at Felixstowe and the team came third. These two events account for the increase in the cost of the Team expenses this year. We continue to constantly monitor our expenditure and this year again managed to reduce our administration costs.

During the year we fully integrated the Junior Funds into the accounts so that the Juniors are now a fully funded part of the Association. This year the net cost of running the Junior Section was £827.

**Hermione C. Scrope FCA CTA**  
**Hon. Treasurer**

## **Report 4(f) – Handicap Adviser's Report (Mrs Eunice Gray)**

### **Handicap Advisor's Report 2017**

There has been a few changes from CONGU this year:

The recording of Non-Qualifying Scores in competitive golf in non-qualifying competitions away from the players home club in order to assist handicap committees with handicap reviews. Individual score must be returned in all singles, Am-Am, and 4BBB with the exception of Texas Scrambles, Foursomes and Greensomes competitions. Clubs are required to return the top five scores from Open Days to the relevant clubs This, to my knowledge, has not been carried out by the majority of players or clubs. This is probably because players forget, or simply do not realise they are required to return these score. It is worth noting that the CONGU wording is “must” which means it has to be carried out.

Retirement of Club and Disability Handicaps as of January 2018. This has been replaced with a new Cat 5 for men and Cat 6 for women and men providing a maximum handicap of 54.0 for all golfers. Players will be able to maintain a Competition Handicap in all categories. After January 1st 2018 h/c committees can increase handicaps above the current limits of 28 for men and 36 for women.

Unlimited supplementary score card submissions per year and the removal of the one a week restriction. The restriction on Cat 1 players will remain unchanged.

Mixed Tee Competitions-There will be a single CSS Adjustment Calculation for two or more competitions which will give a more equitable value when one of the competitions has a low number of players. In order to overcome the IT issues all scores will be entered into a single competition and the system will have a facility within the software to allow the results to be separated for each group of competitors.

Cards submitted for initial handicap allocation are to be included in qualifying scores for handicap purpose.

Introduction of the option of 9 hole Medal competitions and 9 hole Open competitions. For handicap purposes the 9 hole medal scores will be converted to Stableford and will appear as Stableford on the players H/C record.

I am sure we will see more changes from CONGU over the months leading up to what will be an International Scoring System. The exact date of this is not yet finalised but I will endeavour to keep you all updated as they appear.

**Eunice Gray**  
**Handicap Advisor**