

## MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES' MEETING

HELD AT RINGWAY GOLF CLUB on TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2013

1. **Present:** County President, Mrs. Elisabeth Wilson,  
County Captain, Mrs. Luci Foster,  
England Golf Representative, Mrs. Marjorie Griffiths and  
IPC, Mrs. Hilary McNeil.  
Delegates/Officers from 28 Clubs attended and Apologies were  
received from ? clubs.
2. **The Lady Captain of Ringway Golf Club, Mrs. Gilwyn Gibson,  
introduced the County Captain, Mrs. Luci Foster.**
- 3, **The Captain welcomed everyone to the Meeting**  
Luci advised the ladies of the result of the County Championship, held last  
week at Bramhall Golf Club. Emma Goddard (Royal Liverpool Golf Club)  
played Gemma Clews (Delamere Forest Golf Club) and won on the 18<sup>th</sup> – a  
very exciting Final.
4. **County Match Week**

Luci informed the ladies of the Team for County Match Week as follows:

Megan Briggs	-	Bramall Park.
Gemma Clews	-	Delamere Forest.
Abbie Cowlard	-	Stockport.
Poppy Finlay	-	Vicars Cross.
Claire Fry	-	Royal Liverpool.
Emma Goddard ( <i>Champion</i> )	-	Royal Liverpool.
Charlotte Leathem	-	Styal.
<u>Reserves</u>		
Jae Bowers	-	Presthbury.
Ella McLintock	-	Delamere.

CMW is at Bishop Auckland from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21 June and spectators are  
always welcome. The County very much appreciate the assistance of the  
Trolley Pullers for this event.

This year Bronte Law is not able to join the Team as she has other  
commitments but we all wish her well for the future.

### 5. **COUNTY COMPETITIONS**

The Captain advised that we have recently had to cancel the Bronze  
4BBB due to lack of support and this is obviously very disappointing and  
numbers for competitions are reducing every year. Next year this event has  
been changed to a Team event for three in the hope that ladies will enter.  
Luci asked for ideas for the future and Liz Millington, Knutsford Golf Club,  
pointed out that often Clubs now have two Open Days per annum and this is a

very good source of income. Dates are often available for the following year and ladies will then complete the formalities. Even if our County books were available earlier, therefore, this would not improve the situation.

Some ladies do feel that they are unable to enter the competitions due to their standard of golf so this perception must be addressed.

In order to assist the Business ladies, County will be considering a weekend competition or perhaps one to commence at say 4.00 p.m. mid-week. Rhian Jones (Portal), a business lady thought this a good idea, and also suggested that we e-mail the Delegates to encourage their lady members to enter the County Competitions.

Another suggestion was to list the dates for the Competitions and the Delegates could put them on their notice boards – any suggestions would be welcome.

Only 24 entered the County Championships at Bramhall and again this is very disappointing.

## **6. JUNIOR FUNDING/FINDING A JUNIOR ORGANISER**

Mrs. Barbara Baird, the County Junior Organiser, brought the ladies up-to-date with the current situation. She explained that we have lost over £2,000 in funding from England Golf. The only funding which comes direct to us is from the EWGA Trust, which will be approximately £250 and this will be the last year we receive these funds. We do have generous donations from clubs, the Manchester & District Association, Manchester & District Past Captains and the Society of West Cheshire Past Captains.

Barbara asked the Delegates to return to their Clubs and ask if they would consider donating the proceeds of one of their Competitions to the County Juniors.

Sport England has decided that money should be used for 14-25 year olds, thus there is not any funding for beginners. Our beginners' coaching next year is being considered but there is some support available to the County Golf Partnership Academy so we will probably use their Coaches. A meeting has been arranged to discuss this situation.

The Captain asked for volunteers to assist with the beginners' coaching at Adlington on the 11 May and 15 June between 2 – 4 p.m. and, following the meeting, one of the Delegates has offered to help.

There are two ladies who may be interested in taking over the role of the Junior Organiser and Assistant but we do need ladies to join the Junior Committee or even assist with the coaching sessions. Anyone interested, please e-mail or telephone Barbara.

## **7. SCRATCH SCORE ASSESSING - PRESIDENT, MRS. LIS WILSON**

**Course Rating** - Ten years ago England Ladies adopted the USGA system of course rating for SS. Since then the team leaders in Cheshire have rated most of the courses in the county. Most SS have stayed the same, a few have changed.

England Golf have now adopted the system for all the tees and are training both men and women team leaders with a view to rating all the courses over the next ten years.

Lis pointed out that training sessions are currently taking place at Woodhall Spa and the Vice Captain, Mrs. Pauline Clegg, and two other ladies cannot attend this meeting for this reason.

**8. NORTH REGION & ENGLAND GOLF REPORT – Mrs. Marjorie Griffiths**

- a) Since last meeting: 2 x EG meetings (AGM & Voting Members) at Woodhall Spa. One Northern meeting at Leeds GC.
- b) Few major changes from EG—questionnaire re CMW & possible proposals for the future. All six N'thern County Assocs agree that they prefer to keep the present system. Officials & players, past & present, have been consulted re this questionnaire, which has now been returned to EG & circulated to all County Associations.
- c) EG are to improve the efficiency and accuracy of both the CDH and the collection of National Affiliation Fees.
- d) CRB checks are to be easier to complete; for those who have completed Child Protection Courses, it is aimed that refresher/top up data can be accessed on line.
- e) All LCs can enrol to be members of the Captains' Society(EG website).Benefits outlined on website.
- f) 2013 EG Handbook now out—check at your GC.
- g) EG looking into present system of double affiln fees for golfers who are members of more than one GC.
- h) Sport England awarded grant of £13,000,000 to Golf.CGPs instrumental in distribution of this money. Sport Eng impose certain restrictions on the use of---only used for coaching of 14-25 yr old golfers—this is a problem for County Associations, who work with very young girl golfers.
- i) New CEO for EG—David Joy. Took over 22/04/13
- j) Merger of County Unions/Associations recommended by EG—so far only Northampton have shown an interest.

k) Members' Benefit Card—EG state that can be used in place of H'cap Certificate. CDH No. used to verify H'cap. Organisers of Opens etc encouraged to request a player's CDH no on entry forms.

### Northern Counties

i) N'thern Foursomes Comp was held early April at Alwoodley. Cheshire represented by 9 pairs: J.Hesketh and S Dye(Delamere GC) reached the quarter finals. Won by G Nutter & C Seddon (Formby Ladies). Next year this will be held at Ringway GC—entry forms on websites around end of December 2013.

ii) Northern Medal Final—May 23<sup>rd</sup> Eaton GC. Thank you to Eaton who are great supporters of the CCLGA

iii) N'thern Ladies Champs—July 9-11<sup>th</sup>—Tytherington GC. Disappointing entry at the moment for the main Champs—H'cap limit 20. On the 11<sup>th</sup> there is a Tri Am (team of 3) for club golfers—£30/ team. Entry form on EG & CCLGA websites. **PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS TO ENTER.**

iv) Northern Girls' Champs—Haydock Park GC—Aug 14th

v) English County Finals—Wilmslow GC 16-20 Sept.

9. AOB - None.

Hilary McNeil  
IPC

