

CHESHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held at the Racecourse, Chester

on Monday, 9th November 2009 at 11.00 a.m.

Present:- Mrs Julia Leary (Captain) in the Chair, President Mrs Jean Hughes, and 157 ladies.

1. A minutes silence was observed for Alison Royal from Bramhall GC.
2. **Apologies had been received from:** Past Captains: Mrs Sue Graveley, Mrs Liz Pook, Mrs Ruth Whitehead, Mrs Sue Barrett, Mrs Liz Wilson, Mrs Barbara Knowles, Mrs Carol Comboy, Mrs Ursula Langmead, Mrs Pam Shennan and Mrs Doreen Turner and 4 Ladies

Notice: The Notice convening the meeting was read.

3. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the last AGM (excluding reports and Election of Officers) were read, approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. **Treasurers Report:** Mrs Carole Legge

I have much pleasure in presenting the accounts for the year ending 31st July 2009 and am pleased to state that again the County accounts are looking healthy.

I would like to express my thanks to Rhona Bowler for auditing the accounts and for her work as auditor over the past 3 years.

This has been a very busy & interesting year with Cheshire hosting County Match Week in June.

So that you can remain alert & focussed on the meeting which is to follow I will try & keep the presentation of the accounts, which can be boring, short & to the point and will take questions at the end.

The deliberate mistake in the published balance sheet is to show Sandiway as the 2009 venue for the Championship, when it was Royal Liverpool; my apologies to RLGC. The website copy has been amended

Income 2008/2009.

We currently have 97 clubs affiliated to the county giving us a membership of 7093; this includes 246 junior girls. As many clubs do not provide the requested breakdown with their subscription, I do not believe that this is a true reflection of the actual number of Cheshire junior girls. I am also pleased to report that all Cheshire clubs are now affiliated to the County. The letter advising clubs that subscriptions are now due have been sent out, there will be no increase in the fee, it will remain at £4 per playing lady member. Regarding subscriptions I can confirm that EWGA have once again offered to collect on our behalf but my recommendation was to stay as we are as I felt that direct collection was better for County cash flow.

Competitions: - The Entries (see Note 1) have been disappointing again & in fact we were forced to cancel the Autumn Meeting & the Comboy Scratch due to lack of support. We have reviewed the format of the competitions for 2010 and hope that you will support them. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those clubs who offered their courses at either courtesy or a competitive rate, for a county event last year and hope that they will continue to do so in the future.

Donations - Another very big thank- you, as always, for your donations, this year we have received £7293.50 in total from various sources for juniors, County Match Week & miscellaneous. The posting of donations on the website is still under review.

Please accept my most grateful thanks to you all for your support of the county

County Club Competitions **As you know we decide to cancel the County competition as all ladies now pay a per capita fee, however I would like to thank those clubs who have continued to run the competition and send the fees to the County.**

Centenary items Finally in this section we come to the sale of our centenary items. We still have a number of books for sale. The book as you should know by now is a limited edition as only 500 were printed I find it astonishing that with 7000 plus members we still have 50 in stock. Collectibles always make an excellent Christmas gift and we have a special promotion today with a reduced price of £11.

This brings our total income for the year to **£46,077.60**

Expenditure for 2008/9

Team expenses were considerably higher as Cheshire hosted County Match Week at Heswall Golf Club; this event was previously hosted by ELGA. It was a bit of an unknown area to us so we allocated a budget of £10000, with grants from EWGA & sponsorship from Collinge & Collinge, Conlan & Sons & The Daily Mail the final reconciliation shows we spent £9657.79. The breakdown of the costs is as shown in Notes 3 & 5, however some of the funding for County Match Week arrived much too late for inclusion in these accounts.

County Meetings costs are slightly lower than last year due to fewer competitions and therefore less expenditure on prizes

Junior costs have increased by **£821.19** mainly due to timing of the receipt of grants and slight reduction in donations

Fixture books - Once again we asked clubs to advise how many books they required, however we know that members still do not collect their copies. We would ask you to make sure that the books are distributed and that your members know that they are eligible for the competitions.

Insurance – Slight increase on the previous year but we are unable to shop around as it is a rather specialised policy

Bank Charges As you will all know interest rates on savings have gone through the floor. The interest accrued used to cover bank charges; I fear that is something we will not see for a long time, if ever. We will continue to minimise costs wherever possible.

Total of our Expenditure is **£46,916.50**

Leaving us with a deficit of income over expenditure of **£838.90** and as can be seen on the Balance Sheet our accumulated fund now stands at **£28,830.40**

It is essential that we have money in the account to cover any unforeseen situations and as Treasurer I would not wish the accumulated fund to grow uncontrollably, the situation will continue to be closely monitored

As you may know I am about to hand over the role of Treasurer after 3 years. I have enjoyed the challenge & it has kept my "little grey cells active" I would like to thank all the Captains & committee members I have worked alongside, particularly Pam Draper for her support & advice when I took over as Treasurer. This is a wonderful committee, if you have never been part of it you will have no idea how much work is carried on behind the scenes. The executive officers would put most MP's to shame and they do it voluntarily. If there are vacancies in your area I really would encourage you to step up to the plate and give something back to Cheshire ladies golf – you really will enjoy being part of a great organisation, you will meet so many like minded people and make some good friends.

I hope I have made everything clear, but if not and you have any questions, I will do my utmost to answer them.

Thank you for your attention

Mrs Brenda Foster (Eastham Lodge GC) proposed the adoption of the accounts, which were seconded by Mrs Joy Blakley (Dunham Forest GC) The Accounts were then adopted by the meeting.

6. CAPTAINS ANNUAL REPORT:

PAST PRESIDENTS, PRESIDENT OF CHESHIRE, PAST CAPTAINS, HONORARY MEMBERS, LADIES

A year ago I stood here saying what an honour and privilege it was to be elected as Cheshire Captain. Little did I know what that meant and where it would take me. The resume I prepared of what I have done covered no less than 20 pages but don't worry this is the shortened version!

I want to mention a few of the features of my memorable year.

In November I had the pleasant task of being presented with a generous cheque for our juniors at the AGM of The Manchester and District Ladies' Golf Association. Later the same week at the AGM of the Cheshire Seniors we heard Judith Evans the Captain give an account of her year and congratulated Wendy Thexton and Hilary Lyall on their elections.

Throughout 2009 I, along with other members of the executive have attended regular meetings to discuss the possibilities of forming a County Golf Partnership. These are held with representatives from the Cheshire Union, PGA and EWGA.

Following the presentation to clubs throughout the Spring, and having collated the input from the clubs, we are now in the position finalising our plan to take us to 2013 and see the formation of such a partnership. The main

aim of the partnership is to help develop, recruit and maintain membership of our clubs at a time when, nationally we are losing club golfers progressively.

I attended a conference in Woodall Spa in February with Marjorie and Barbara and we were able to see how County Golf Partnerships already formed are benefiting counties and at an award ceremony to hear about the involvement of volunteers at some clubs.

I invited Melanie Fludd our EWGA Regional Development Officer to speak at our delegates meeting in March to inform clubs of the county's plans.

At the AGM of EWGA in January we heard that following a problematic year, the Association were about to appoint 4 new non-executive directors and we wished Ruth Whitehead well after finishing as Chair of The Operational Board.

It was lovely to see so many Past captains and Presidents at our Annual lunch in February. I was able to tell everyone news of the county and my thanks to Sue Wilson for organising such a tasty menu for us all. During the winter months I attended the majority of training sessions run for the Juniors and B squad at Portal and the A squad at Clays near Wrexham. We are very fortunate in having excellent coaches who are so interested in the girls and it is thrilling to watch their progress at all levels.

Our A team played their annual training matches against Derbyshire, Wilmslow Men and The Cheshire Union which this year was held at Royal Liverpool Golf Club. This gives the **girls** an opportunity for match practice at the beginning of the season and gives **us** an opportunity to try out some different pairings in the foursomes.

One of the highlights of my year was to be able to host our County Championship on the links at Hoylake in April. We were blessed with fine, if breezy weather giving all the girls a typical Hoylake challenge. Kate Whitmore from Sandiway became our champion after some hard fought matches and for the second year Natalie Lowe from Prestbury was the runner up. Olivia Briggs from Delamere won the Sir William Bailey Cup after beating Jeanne Bell in the final. I was then able to announce the team that would compete in County Match Week in June. This is always a hard decision for the selectors, this year was no exception as we have many talented players to consider. My thanks go to everyone from Royal Liverpool who supported us so enthusiastically. My **special** thanks go to Sarah Beazley my club captain who was on the tee with me greeting the girls and indeed marked for one of them. Next year we intend to tackle the slow play issue which seems a universal problem and can be so destructive to those affected.

At the beginning of May I enjoyed a delightful 4 days in **Menorca** supporting our junior girls but I will leave Barbara to elaborate on that.

Suffice to say, I discovered why it is such a popular tour.

Our Annual Match against the Delamere men is also a popular event and a chance for our selected team to have some valuable match practice before County Match Week. This year after the morning foursomes we had 2 ½ matches a piece, but I think the girls enjoyed too much pudding at lunchtime and in the afternoon lost by 3 matches to 2.

On a sad note, Marjorie and I attended the funeral of Alison Royle on May 19th. She was a member of Bramhall Park, Cheshire Captain in 1983 and Cheshire President in 1993-1994. I read a very moving and informative tribute written by Liz Pook. It was a beautiful service with many golfing friends in the congregation. Her brother John and daughters Sarah and Anna were all grateful for the County's support and for me it was a privilege to meet them all and hear what a character Alison was. There were many pictures on show of happy times both on and off the golf course.

At the Girls' Championship at Chorlton held during the Whitsun half term I enjoyed my duty acting as starter. I was joined for tea by Liz Pook, always a great supporter of our juniors, and Margaret Walker our former junior organiser.

Soon after seeing Liz she was admitted to hospital to have a hip replacement. Many of us visited her before she was discharged home. She has had a hard few months recuperating and she wanted me to thank you for all your good wishes.

Another highlight was to have the honour of being Captain in the year that Cheshire hosted County Match Week. Margaret Jamieson our Northern Region EWGA representative organised a brilliant week at Heswall and the County are indebted to her for her knowledge and commitment that ensured it was the success it was. My personal thanks go to everyone who helped in its smooth running and to Heswall for being so friendly and helpful to us all. Following our practice round on the Sunday we enjoyed the opening ceremony where our President welcomed all the Counties to Heswall.

The weather was set fair for the week and in fact stayed dry until literally 30 minutes after the closing ceremony when there was an enormous cloud burst. I can't believe how lucky we were. Heswall looked magnificent with its splendid views across the Dee estuary.

On the Monday we played Northumberland which was a good warm up match for us and we won easily 8-1. On Tuesday we played Yorkshire. In the morning foursomes we only managed to win 1 match. However in the

afternoon Cheshire won 4 matches thus a win for the day 5-4. So far so good! On Wednesday we played a strong and experienced team from Durham. We played well winning all the foursomes in the morning and 3 of the singles in the afternoon giving us an overall win of 6-3.

On Thursday we were up against Lancashire who were fielding a very strong and confident team. As against Yorkshire we won 1 of the foursomes in the morning but sadly in the afternoon we were unable to win enough singles. The matches were close and the girls all fought hard. On Friday we beat Cumbria 9-0 finishing on a high note, Thus for a second year we finished as runners up, this time to Lancashire and last year to Yorkshire. Third time lucky Marjorie! We wished Lancashire good luck in their county finals which they were to compete in at Pleasington in September. They went on to win the finals and they are to be congratulated on such a fine achievement.

The summer was spent supporting the girls in their various regional and national competitions. Our B team played 5 matches winning 4 of them - against Lancashire, Welsh Northern Counties, Cheshire Seniors and The Isle of Man and halving against Yorkshire in a very exciting match at Harrogate. Thank you Marjorie for organising them all and for the enthusiasm that you instill in the team.

I have also attended all the junior matches and competitions organised by Barbara Baird and her committee. Thanks to you all and thanks **too** to our Junior Captain Jade Evans who has led the team. I have noticed a great camaraderie this year amongst the junior team which is lovely to see and which I am sure fuels their enthusiasm to play well.

I enjoyed supporting the girls at Workington in Cumbria with Marjorie where the Northern Ladies Competition was held in July. We had 11 entrants, Charlotte Wild from Mere Golf Club was the leading qualifier after 2 rounds of stroke play, Rachael Goodall of Heswall was the overall winner and Bronte Law from Bramall Golf Club won the Millennium Trophy.

Charlotte followed this by becoming the English Stroke play Champion at Enmore in Somerset and then by being top qualifier in The Mid Amateur at Denham with Laura Jones of Royal Liverpool Ladies in 2nd place. Charlotte has enjoyed a very successful season and through her diligence and commitment was rewarded with the opportunity to play for England. We are very proud of all she has achieved and wish her well for her future.

Bronte too has had an excellent season reducing her handicap, at the tender age of 14, to Plus 1. Amongst many successes she won the Under 16 's Pannal trophy at Heswall where we watched her compete in the winning England team against Spain and then win the stroke play tournament of 4 rounds. This is a mixed event and Bronte is the first girl to win it. We are extremely proud of her and look forward to watching her for many years to come.

September seems to be the month of finals. I was pleased to be able to attend the semi finals and finals of The Percival trophy and on a very wet and blustery day Heswall were the winners. I also was invited to attend the shield finals in both the East and West held at Houldsworth and Frodsham. At the East /West finals held at the end of September at Warrington, the East won both matches, Sale won the A and Bramall the B. Congratulations to the East.

The final of The Lis Wilson knock out was held in October at Sale and was a local Derby between Royal Liverpool Ladies and Heswall. This time the team from Royal Liverpool were the winners. Thank you Sue for organising the competition this year.

Our first County competition was held in May and our last in September. I was able to enjoy them all and thank **you** for supporting them. I do not intend to mention each competition individually but I do want to encourage more of you to enter. The results are now all displayed on the web and the entry forms will also be available there to download for next season. The county books will be distributed in the first week of January which is a month earlier than usual. Varying numbers apply to our competitions which seems largely to depend on the format so we have decided to make **both** The Westminster Shields **team** events, the details of which are on the entry forms.

We decided to hold our Junior presentation at the end of the season so we held 2 this year. My thanks go to Barbara and her team for organising such a fun and happy day. It was lovely to see so many juniors attending and receiving prizes.

Our 2nd delegates meeting was held at Sandiway in October After the business we welcomed Joanne Morley who gave us an interesting talk on aspects of her career including her experience in America as Vice Captain of the Solheim Cup European team..

Recently I was delighted to accept an invitation to attend the AGM of The Manchester and District Society of Past Lady Captains where I was presented with another generous cheque for the juniors. We heard Maureen Madill give a very interesting talk on her experiences as a commentator. In my thanks I was able to outline some of the successes that Lancashire and Cheshire juniors have enjoyed this year and outline some of the training opportunities that we are able to give them.

Last week I was privileged to be a guest at Ringway's Centenary dinner. Rachael Heyhoe Flint was a most entertaining speaker and the whole evening very enjoyable. My congratulations to Liz Brook their Lady Captain and her committee for their superb organisation and for holding it in my last week of office!

And now, very importantly, my thank you's.

We are losing a few members from the committee this year, Our treasurer Carole-thank you for doing such a difficult job so ably and patiently and always with a sense of humour! To Win who has been our training officer for 5 years, I am sure she was looking forward to a well deserved rest but now she is, I suspect, about to find herself in the position of vice captain. Well one never knows what's round the corner! Anne Wise, one of our selectors, has finished her term of office too. Anne's commitment is evident and she has been a great asset to our selection committee. Thank you Anne for giving up so much of your time. In your place we welcome Sybra Eardley from Wilmslow who I am sure will enjoy the challenge. Although Marion Scowcroft is finishing on the executive committee she has agreed to continue supporting Barbara with the juniors. Thank you for **all** your hard, I don't think Marion ever says No to anything and she, with the help of her husband, had the unenviable task of organising all the trolley pullers for County Match Week. Never an easy task but they always had a smile. Caroline Marron is to be our new training officer. She is full of ideas and enthusiasm and I wish her well. Caroline also continues to play an excellent game of golf winning the Northern Seniors this year from a field of 98 players. My congratulations and thanks to you Caroline.

And finally thank you to you **all**: committee, players, juniors, parents, my own club and friends. In whatever capacity you have taken part I thank you all most sincerely for supporting me during my year. Ann our secretary has had such a busy year, not only helping us but also being Lady Captain of Disley. Nothing is ever too much trouble for **you** Ann, thank you for everything you have done.

To Marjorie my vice, Sue Wilson our Immediate past captain and Jean Hughes our President I thank all 3 of you for guiding me when needed, supporting me all the way and last but not least for making my year such a happy one. To think I knew none of you 2 years ago!

I am now looking forward to being a grannie whilst I leave the county in the most capable hands of Marjorie. I am in no doubt that she will continue to guide us through the exciting and challenging times ahead and am sure that she will enjoy the experience as much as I have.

Thank you all

Rachael Goodall read out a vote of thanks to the Captain on behalf of County Champion Kate Whitmore and Olivia Briggs seconded the vote of thanks

7. Presentation of the Scratch League Shields and Trophy.

The Captain presented the Shields to the winning Clubs. Division 1: Royal Liverpool Ladies GC, Division 2: Bramhall GC Division 3: Tytherington, Division 4: Romiley GC.

8. E.W.G.A.(Northern Regional) REPORT: by Margaret Jamieson

County President, County Captain, past captains, honorary members, members, Northern region competitions were very successful this year. As you know the regional competitions are now run by the county in which they are held. It is a big ask for the Counties but they all seem to be fairly happy with the situation. We do not want to lose the competitions and if we did not organise them they would not happen, so ladies keep supporting these comps.

The Northern Foursomes was held at Formby and we were fortunate with weather. the main competition of foursomes was fully subscribed, the 2nd day stable ford and the 3rd day team stable ford were both very well supported and proving to be more popular each year. The winners of the foursomes were Elaine Clark and Karen Clayton from Manchester Golf Club.

As you have heard from the County Captain CMW at Heswall was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sub committee for all their hard work during the previous year in organising the event, it was a big commitment and nothing was left to chance. C.C .Imm P.C, V.C..secretary,treasurer,all worked very hard Hilary McNeill was secretary of the sub committee and was a tower of strength in sorting out everything at Heswall as well as everything else. Marion Scowcroft was in charge of trolley pullers which were a massive job Karen Schneider arranged all the referees Sue Day had the catering working like clockwork, A big thank you to all of them for their hard work and cheerfulness even when things went slightly wrong it was sorted in no time at all. I think the success of the week spoke for itself, they were a great team, and thank you all who helped during the week and to the supporters.

The Ladies championship was held at Workington in Cumbria.

We did very well Rachael Goodall from Heswall is champion, Nikki Foster from Pleasington the runnerup. The millennium bowl was won by Bronte Law, Bramhall runner up Clare Fry of Royal Liverpool and the best gross was won by Charlotte Wild Mere Cheshire did very well.

Yorkshire won both the gross and handicap team prizes but we were 2nd in both.

The Australian spoons were held at Windermere and were won by C Barron and J Gorst from Windermere.

this is a foursomes stableford competition run for the bronze division 21-36 handicaps it was be good to see more interest from the clubs in this competition. Do encourage your ladies to take part. The Regional Final is in Cheshire next year

The girls championship was held at Moortown it is a 36 hole event and the Clement Bowl was won by Bronte Law Bramhall. Chairmans trophy was won by Jenna Birch, Royal Lytham & St Annes, Kilburn Trophy by Sophie Godley Lindrick and The Liverpool Society of Lady Captains' was won by Ellie Goodall Selby. The scratch and handicap team trophies were both won by Yorkshire.

Bronte was also the runner up in the under 15 EWGA Championship. and many other things which the captain has covered.

Cheshire has done very well this year in all the Northern Region events. congratulations to all of you. we are very proud.

County match week is in Cumbria in 2010 at Carlisle golf club at a later date of Monday 27th June to Friday 2nd July please put the dates in your diary and supports your County Captain.

9. JUNIOR ORGANISERS REPORT. Mrs Barbara Baird

County President, County Captain, Ladies.

It is my pleasure to present my junior report.

The Junior Presentation for 2008 was held at Portal Premier Golf Club on Saturday January 17th. Bronte Law was the most improved player and Gemma Clews was runner up. The first competition of the season was held at Congleton G.C. on April 16th. The winner was Flossie Logan from Delamere Forest with a net 68. The best gross was won by our Junior Captain Jade Evans from Bramhall with a gross 81. The 9 hole competition for beginners was won by Hannah Burford from Eastham Lodge. On April 19th we held our mixed team event at Runcorn G.C. the weather was sunny and warm and the course was in excellent condition. There was a good entry and the winners were Fiona Statham from Helsby playing with her brother and uncle 80 pts, 2nd were the Blackwell family from Mere 79 pts and 3rd The Saboonpaz family from VX 73pts.

Over the May day Bank Holiday I had the privilege, along with County Captain Julia Leary and Immediate past Captain Sue Wilson, of accompanying the Cheshire team of 5 boys and 5 girls to Menorca to compete in the annual match v The Balearics for the Matthew Brown Cup. The girls representing Cheshire were Bronte Law, Gemma Clews, Charlotte Leatham, Abbie Cowlard and Poppy Finlay. At the end of the first day we were level at 9 points each, so all to play for in the singles on the Sunday. The standard of golf was very high and it went to the last 2 matches to decide the result. Cheshire won the Matthew Brown Trophy for the first time by 22 points to 16. We are indebted to Hugh Brown for sponsoring and organising this competition and giving our youngsters the opportunity to compete abroad.

The Annual Rabbits Day at Chirk was also the same weekend and Marian Scawcroft took a team of 12 youngsters all under 13 to compete in this. The winner of the Cheshire cat was Molly Hetherington from Davenport G C. The Junior Championship was held later this year on May 28th at Chorlton cum Hardy GC. Once again the weather was kind to us. Bronte Law from Bramhall won the Championship with a gross 76, she also won the under 16 and under 14 Scratch Cups. The Liz Pook Handicap trophy was won by Georgina Sudderick (R.Liverpool) with a net 74. The 9 hole competition was won by 7 year old Abi Goodier with 27 points.

The day after the championship Bronte Law, Gemma Clews, Charlotte Leatham, & Abbie Cowlard represented Cheshire in the Northern schools Championship at Seacroft GC. Cheshire won the team event and Bronte won the individual event.

The Wheatsheaf Competition was held at Withington G C on July 28th The winners were IPC Mrs Sue Wilson (Sandiway) & Gabby Bohajzuck (Mellor&Townsccliffe) 42pts, 2nd Emma Graham & mum Karen (Marple) 36pts, 3rd CC. Mrs Julia Leary (RLGC) & Junior Captain Jade Evans (Bramhall) 34pts.

The last competition of the year The Stella Watson Trophy was held at Heaton Moor GC on Aug 21st. The winner of the trophy was Rayhanne Saboonpaz (VX) 38pts The gross prize was won by Bronte with a gross 72. The 9 hole Competition was again won by Abi Goodier – a name to look for in the future. It was lovely that Stephanie Burrows – Stella's daughter was able to come and present the prizes which she and her Aunt so kindly donated. All the competitions have been organised by Marian Scawcroft and my sincere thanks go to her for all of her hard work

In our Annual County matches we won 1, halved 1 and lost 2. The matches v Staffs and Derbyshire did not take place. We lost our match v the Senior Ladies and also v the boys.

In August The Northern Counties Jamboree was held at Leyland GC. I along with CC Julia, IPC Sue & VC Marjorie took 6 young girls to compete in this- Catherine Bedford, Georgina Sudderick, Erin Kirkby, Emily Andrew, Fiona Statham, Rayhanne Saboonpaz. Cumbria won and we came 2nd. The girls all enjoyed the experience and made new friends.

Throughout the Spring and Summer, coaching for beginners has been organised at Caldby, Prenton, Portal, Didsbury and Styal. There have also been 9 hole competitions at Styal and Portal on Saturday afternoons. Throughout the year we have received grants from EWGA, EWGA Trust, Golf Foundation and various Golf Clubs and individuals, this amounted to approx £4000 and has enabled us to provide coaching and competitions for the girls.

Two of our girls have been invited for England coaching – Bronte Law (Bramhall) is in the National u 18 squad and Charlotte Leatham (Wilmslow) is in the Super birdies north squad. Well done to both of these girls I am really pleased to make special mention of Bronte's wonderful achievements this year. She won the following championships:

Daily Express Andalucian Junior Open

Northern English Schools u18

Northern Girls

British Girls u14

English Women's Open Strokeplay u18

Northern Counties Ladies 2nd flight

North of England u16 & u14 trophies

A fantastic year - WELL DONE.

The last event of the year was the Annual Presentation which was held at Portal on Oct 4th. We decided that it would be better to hold this at the end of the season rather than in January. We organised a 9 hole greensome competition with a high/low draw which was played on the Arderne course and in order to ensure that everyone finished at the same time we had a shot gun start. This was followed by a buffet lunch and then the presentation. The format seemed to be popular and was well attended. The winners of the greensome competition were Emily Andrew & Georgina Rowley 23pts, r/u were Emma Graham & Rachel Wood 21pts. The most improved golfer was again Bronte Law and the runner up Gemma Clews. The prizes were presented by Adrian Hill the professional at Portal who is involved in the Cheshire coaching scheme. We intend to make this an annual event on the first Sunday in October.

In order to maintain our records and to monitor the girls progress throughout the season I would be grateful if Clubs' junior organisers or delegates could keep me informed of any new members, competition successes, handicap changes or other pieces of information that may be of use to myself and the junior committee.

I have very much enjoyed my first year as junior organiser and my sincere thanks go to County Captain Julia and all on the County Executive who have guided me through the year and to the members of the junior Committee who have always been willing to help.

I look forward to working with them all again in 2010.

Thank you very much.

10 .TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT. Miss Win Heath presented the Training Officer's Report.

It has been another busy year on the coaching front with each coach meticulously planning and delivering appropriate training activities for each individuals and groups in each squad.

As Maureen Madill is based at Clays Golf Centre near Wrexham all the A Squad sessions took place there. She focussed on individual coaching covering 3 areas of the game; putting, chipping and shaping the ball. The putting session took place on the indoor putting area where each girl was assessed by using video feedback on their technique, posture and the consistency of their putting action. The girls found this very useful as they had immediate feedback.

As the Northern County Championship was at Heswall we were fortunate that Maureen was able to be with the team for the first session. She focussed on the importance of course management. It was in the afternoon session that the girls worked in small groups over 6 holes and making full notes. These were discussed and reviewed before the end of the afternoon session.

Prior to the last practice session at Heswall the detailed course notes for each hole were collated in a booklet form. Our thanks go to Gina Brown for producing them. The girls referred to them during the County Week and found them very useful.

This year we welcomed a new professional for the 'B' and Junior Squads:
Adrian Hill.

He is based at Portal Academy and works closely with Judy Statham. Both the girls and officials have been impressed with his approach and how he has involved the girls in observing each other and giving feedback. He has focussed on a set routine before each shot and the importance of practising. He has covered downhill and up hill shots plus the shape of the clubface when hitting a draw and a fade. In his last session the focus was on putting with particular attention on a set routine, body position and pace of the putt. He has made his sessions fun, simple and relevant. A great asset to the team! Judy continues to do great work with the girls; always organised and very passionate about her coaching particularly on the short game. She has covered for example, pitching with distance control, low pitch into the wind and when and how to use the lob wedge.

Karl Morris and Christine Whitely- how fortunate to have these 2 well known professionals within Cheshire! Chris has continued to focus on fitness and diet. With the 'B' squad she did individual posture

assessment. She was able to give feedback about any problems to the girls and how they could improve them.

Karl continued his invaluable work with the 'B' and Junior Squads focussing on the 'Thinking Zone' and the 'Playing Zone'

A plenary session followed all coaching sessions so that girls could make notes on the sessions and ask any questions.

As this is my last A.G.M. report I would like to convey my sincere thanks to many people. First of all the coaches who have worked so professionally with the girls; it has been a pleasure to see many of the girls improving each year and gaining success in their golf. I have been impressed with all the squads in their commitment and a will to develop and improve their golf. To County Captain, many thanks for a most enjoyable and happy year, to our President who is always supportive and interested in how the girls are progressing in their golf, and to all past Captains and Presidents that I have had the pleasure in working with.

I have learnt so much from my experience as training officer and one which I have enjoyed so much.

I know that you could not have a more knowledgeable person than Caroline Marron to take on this role. She has an excellent background, having played for Cheshire for a number of years.

I wish her a very happy and successful time.

11. The CCLGA Junior Policy

In recent years increasing attention and concern for the welfare of 'young persons' has developed nationally and golf, just like other sports has had to address these issues. We as a county have now approved guidance on this topic which is directed towards both County organisations and individual clubs. This document 'Safeguarding Children in Golf' is produced by the EGU and EWGA. Cheshire has accepted the general principles of the publication and as a result we have produced our own policy.

A copy has been sent to every club in Cheshire and at our recent Delegate's meeting we had enough votes to cast in favour of adopting the policy.

Today I therefore need to have approval and ratification of the new policy so it can be implemented this year.

Could I ask for a show of hands that they be adopted?

Those in favour?

I declare the motion carried.

12. Election of Officers for 2009

Captain MRS Marjorie Griffiths (Ringway GC)

Proposed by Mrs Sue Wilson, Seconded by Mrs Julia Leary.

Vice Captain Miss Win Heath (Hale G.C.)

Proposed by Mrs Julia Leary, Seconded by Mrs Sue Wilson.

Hon Treasurer Miss Sarah Funnell (Tytherington GC)

Proposed by Mrs Sue Wilson, Seconded by Mrs Julia Leary

Officers Proposed by the Executive Committee:

Hon. Secretary MRS ANN McCORMICK (Disley GC)

Hon. Competition Secretaries

MRS SUE WALTON (Mellor and Townscliffe G.C.)

MRS MARY HENRY (Eaton G.C.)

Hon. Fixture Secretary MRS ELIZABETH PAYNE (Sandiway G.C.)

Hon. Membership Secretary MRS MARY HENRY (Eaton G.C.)

Junior Organiser MRS BARBARA BAIRD (Vicars Cross G.C.)

County Training Officer MRS CAROLINE MARRON (Bromborough G.C.)

N.E.W.G.A. (Northern Regional) Representative MRS MARGARET JAMIESON (Ringway G.C.)

13. RETIRING CLUB REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Win Heath, Marian Scowcroft and Carole Legge

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

North-East Cheshire:

One vacancy for three years.

One vacancy for one year

The nominations are Mrs Gill James (Ringway GC) and Mrs Dorothy Sandham (Davenport GC)

Mid Cheshire:

One vacancy for three years.

One vacancy for two years.

The nominations are Mrs Gill Anderton (Mere GC), and Mrs Yvonne Mann (Birchwood GC)

West Cheshire:

One vacancy for three years Mrs Janet Robinson (Eaton GC).

One vacancy for two years

One vacancy for one year

14. To Elect Auditor: Mr Mike Melia

Proposed by Mrs Carole Legge and seconded by Mrs Marjorie Griffiths

15. Vote of thanks to the Officials and Retiring Members of the Executive Committee was

proposed by Mrs Sarah Beazley (Royal Liverpool Ladies G.C.) and seconded by Mrs Didi Clegg (Delamere Forest GC)

16. Any Other Business.

Secretary asked for any delegates and lady club captains to follow up a letter that they all should have received from EWGA regarding a resolution which needed a county vote at the EWGA AGM in January containing amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of EWGA.

There being no other business the Immediate Past Captain Mrs Julia Leary presented Mrs Marjorie Griffiths with her Captain's Brooch and wished her a successful year. Captain Mrs Marjorie?? presented Immediate Past Captain Mrs Sue Wilson with her Past Captain's Brooch and before closing the meeting did a short speech of how much she was looking forward to her year.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm

ANN McCORMICK

Hon. Secretary

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