

CHESHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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

on Monday, 14th November 2011 at 11.00 a.m.

Present:- Ms Win Heath (Captain) in the Chair, President Mrs Sue Graveley and 132 ladies.

1. A minutes silence was observed for Mrs Barbara Knowles and Kendra Agnew

2 **Apologies had been received from:** Past Captains:, Mrs Julia Leary, Mrs Di Weston and Mrs Margaret Nathanson, Doreen Turner and Audrey Briggs

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:** Ms Sarah Funnell

Firstly I would like to apologise for not being present this day to give my report in person. This was my last year as Honary Treasurer and it has been a great experience for me and a chance for me to give something back to the County. My thanks go to County Captain Win, Past County Captain Marjorie and County Vice Captain Hilary and all the other Executives for their support and friendship over the past two years.

Now down to business. The County Accounts has produced a deficit of £678.40 for the year to 31st July 2011.

I would like to thank Mike Melia for Auditing the accounts.

Income for the year was £46,945.72

We have 98 clubs affiliated to the county with a membership of 6633. This is a reduction of 211 to the previous year. We have 192 Junior girls a reduction of 6 compared with last year. Unfortunately there are still some clubs which do not attach a list of their members with their affiliation fees and therefore we can not be 100 percent that the number of Junior girls is correct. Please can you ensure that this breakdown is attached with the fees when you send them in.

The letters advising clubs that the subscriptions are due have been sent out and once again there has not been an increase in the fee, it will remain at £4 per playing lady/girl member.

Ewga have again asked if we would like them to collect these monies on our behalf, we have declined as we still believe that it is better for our cashflow to collect it ourselves.

Competitions (See note 1)

Competition income of £13,059 is £2000 less than the previous year despite the resurrection of the Comboy Scratch competition at Bromborough. The Westminster Shield Bronze Division competition at Prenton was cancelled due to lack of entries.

I would like to thank all the clubs that 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 (See note 2)

I wish to thank you for your donations for the Juniors, county match week and for the receipts for county competitions. This is £1,485. The County appreciates your continued support in these difficult times.

Expenditure for 2010/11 - £47,624.12

Team expenses were higher last year compared to the previous year mainly due to extra training costs. The cost of CMW last year was £8,055.39, the breakdown of the costs are as shown in notes 3.

- **County Meetings** – costs are lower this year due to less competitions/entries, green fees and prizes.
- **Junior Costs** – These have decreased by £1108.45. This was mainly due to a increase of grants by £1,193.

Fixture books – May I remind everyone that of the importance to filling in the number of books required on the Subscription form. Please can you also ensure that when you receive the books that they are distributed to your members. Costs continue to rise for the printing and at present we are looking for new printers due to the current printers going out of business.

Insurance

Insurance for the year was £679.50 a slight increase of £9.77 on the previous year.

Northern Foursomes

We were delighted to be able to send EWGA a cheque for £277.40, which was the profit made on the event. Our thanks go to Margaret Jamieson and her team.

Bank charges/Interest

Interest rates have continued to be low and therefore do not cover the bank charges. The net charge to the accounts was £344.93.

The deficit of income over expenditure is £678.40. The Accumulated Funds now stands at £26,211.40.

That concludes the presentation of the accounts, thank you for your attention.

6. CAPTAINS ANNUAL REPORT 2011:

President, Past Captains, Honorary members, Members.

I thought playing and coaching hockey at national and international level was one of the major highlights of my working and playing career and then Cheshire Golf appeared on the horizon and ultimately proved to be the icing on the cake and a part of my life that will forever bring me the most happiest of memories.

I can honestly say that I have never worked or played with such an honest, pleasant and professional group of people in all my life.

I therefore thank you all for supporting me with such kindness and enthusiasm as first your Cheshire Training Officer for 5 years and latterly - as Vice Captain and ultimately as Captain of Cheshire Ladies.

I know most of my predecessors have found that the end of year report is quite a challenging task especially as it becomes imperative to ensure that we do not miss any one individual or any one significant event that needs to be recalled and celebrated.

So – here goes – at my attempt to capture the highlights of the past twelve months.

I attended 2 Manchester and District meetings, the AGM in November 2010 and the Past Lady Captains lunch in October 2011. At the end of both occasions I received a very generous donation for the development of Junior golf. The County has also received a donation from the West Past Captain's Association. Indeed throughout the year there have been other donations, including those from individual golf clubs.

On behalf of the County I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to all those who have given their support and interest in our Juniors. They are of course, our future at Club and County.

On behalf of the County I have attended meetings throughout the year including EWGA regarding the Merger, EWGA - AGM, EGU/EWGA meeting at Woodall Spar, Cheshire Partnership and Academy and our own Delegates meetings.

In most of the meetings the Merger has been the focus of attention. Much has been discussed regarding this issue and we look forward to a positive result in a week's time. Cheshire Ladies have given a positive yes for the merger. As an Association we have a good link with the Seniors Ladies with many of us playing in their competitions.

This year witnessed Lis Wilson taking the Chair as Captain for 2011. Our congratulations to Lisa and her team for retaining the Richardson Trophy after a nail biting finish. Congratulations must also go to Caroline Marron in winning the Seniors Championship and to Sue Dye for winning the English Seniors title. Both Caroline and Sue were selected for the English Seniors Team.

The Cheshire Partnership has had a busy year. We welcomed a new CDO in Craig Thomas who has a wealth of experience particularly in golf for those of us with specific disabilities. He has been very busy supporting clubs in developing Golf Mark and helping clubs to draw in more Ladies and in particular girls from 16-21.

The Golf Academy completed their first year with 4 competitions and a final competition at Eaton Golf. The second year of the Academy coaching programme has now begun in earnest and this year we have 25% girls attending. This is an important development as we are able to monitor the group and assess their potential to feed into the Cheshire system.

Our first Cheshire competition for 2011 was the Comboy Scratch in April at Bromborough Golf Club. I am really pleased that this competition has been re-instated as it is a good test for the girls after the winter training. The winner was Gemma Clews and the runner up was Emma Goddard.

This was followed by the Northern Foursomes held at Eaton Golf Club. It was organised by Margaret Jamieson in her usual efficient manner and ably supported by Mary Henry and Janet Robinson. It was great to present the winners' trophy to our own Cheshire girls Rachael Goodall and Gemma Clews.

As this was Margaret's last Cheshire function a small presentation took place in order to thank her for her long service to Cheshire golf. Many thanks Margaret for your energy and enthusiasm.

The Championship was played at Ringway Golf Club in April.

The weather was ideal for golf throughout the 3 days. The course was immaculate. The green staff had done a great job with the greens and the new bunkers were looking very inviting!

Sadly, the entry this year was very disappointing but those that played gave us some exciting golf.

The winner was Natalie Lowe Prestbury Golf Club with Olivia Lowe Delamere being the runner up. The Sir William Bailey was won by Cath Rawthore, Sale Golf Club beating Claire Fry, Royal Liverpool.

The team for County match week was subsequently announced: Gemma Clews, Poppy Finlay, Claire Fry, Emma Goddard, Rachael Goodall, Bronte Law, Natalie Lowe, Olivia Lowe and Cath Rathore. The selectors decided to take 9 players as Poppy, Gemma and Bronte had GCSE's and would not be there for the whole week.

The Lady Captain and members of Ringway were absolutely tremendous and the secretary Fiona, could not have done enough for me. I would like to thank Sue Walton for all her organisation before and during the Championship ably supported by Mary Henry. I would also like to thank the selectors, Paula Latham and Sybra Eardley for all the

support throughout the Championship, during the winter training and the pre season matches; the Officials, President, Vice Captain, Immediate Captain, for all their interest and valuable feedback. Paula retires from selecting and I thank her very much for her commitment and interest. She will be ably replaced by Jan Bell.

Prior to County match week we had practice matches and we are indebted to Wilmslow men and Delamere men for their continued support and interest in our County team. Our Match against the Union is always a special event and we were suitably entertained by the Union President, Roger Fielding at Ringway Golf Club. There is always discussion deciding stroke allowance and we always have a great deal of banter to finally agree but I think the ladies usually win!

As County match week at St Anne's Old Links was looming we had organised a practice day as many of the team had never played the course. What a day it was! It blew a gale and poured with rain - in fact we seemed to have everything except snow. The conditions were not conducive for golf but in true Cheshire fashion we made the best of it.

June heralded County Match week. The new girls, Poppy and Claire, were excited and Gill Mellor our first reserve came into the team as Bronte had been selected for the Great Britain and Ireland team to play the Europeans at Porthcall. It was Gill's first County match week.

County match was not easy for team selection as we had Gemma and Poppy taking GCSE's during the week and our County Champion could only be with us for the first 3 days due to work commitment. However, the girls coped extremely well with all the coming and goings. Prior to going to St Annes I had a phone call from Olivia to say that she was pregnant - great news but consideration had to be made that she was not overplayed. We look forward to the new arrival in January!

I would personally like to thank the team for the wonderful spirit they showed throughout the week. They were a pleasure to be with and in all the matches played they fought very hard.

The team were grateful to Hilary, our Vice captain, for organising the trolley pullers so efficiently and to the officials for making the time to travel up to St Anne's to support the girls. I personally would like to thank our President Sue, IPC Marjorie, Vice Captain Hilary and Ann our Secretary for all the support before and during the week. The winning County was Lancashire.

In July, Barbara, Junior Organiser, and myself went to the English Girls' Championship at Mentmore and Ellesborough to support our girls in the 3 day competitions. Bronte came 3rd and Gemma won the best gross. Some of our competitions have been well supported particularly the team ones. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Bronze Westminster Division Team event this year. I would like to thank all the clubs who have supported the County in offering their clubs for our competitions. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and having tea with Lady Captain' and officials plus playing in all the competitions

After long discussions with your executive committee and response from club members it has been agreed for next year to allow DMD in all competitions except the County and Junior Championships. We have also found that presentations at the end of the competition days have been difficult so trophies will be presented at the AGM. The winners will receive their vouchers through the post. These ideas will be trialled for one year and then reviewed. The Junior presentation in September is always an enjoyable event. Unfortunately we were unable to play golf last year but this year conditions were suitable. Barbara managed to mix the girls, so that the older girls could play with the younger ones and enable them all to develop their understanding of rules and etiquette. It is a celebration of the whole year for the girls, parents, grandparents and officials. This year Judy Statham presented the prizes and gave a resume of her career which was well reserved.

Bronte has had a fantastic year. She played in the European Girls' team in Sardinia and the team won the silver medal. She played in the Girls' International team and was the most successful performer with 5 wins out of 6. Bronte along with Charlotte Wilde were selected for the Home Internationals and again performed well. Congratulations to Charlotte in winning the Royal Birkdale Scratch Trophy and runner up in the English Stroke Play, losing semi-finalist in the English Women's Amateur Championship and finally being selected for the English team for the Home Internationals.

Congratulations also go to Rachael Goodall for being selected for the English elite squad training. Well deserved Rachael.

We have had 2 delegates meeting this year; the first one to cover the merger and the final one in November to cover the new Congu regulations. This meeting proved to be very difficult as an accident closed the M56 from both directions causing long delays for the delegates to arrive. We are very grateful indeed to Wendy Taylor for doing the presentation twice and for being so patient on such a difficult evening.

Considering the problem it was a very good turn out by Cheshire Ladies.

I would like to congratulate Sandiway on winning the Lis Wilson Trophy, to Warrington for winning the Bell Cup for the first time, and to Astbury from the East for beating Runcorn from the West in the A final at Crewe golf club; to Warrington beating Vicars Cross in the B final. Both matches were played in a happy atmosphere and I thoroughly enjoyed linking up with players from both sides of the County.

I have tried to cover the main activities of the year - if I have left any one or an important activity out - please accept my apologies.

Finally there are many ladies I would like to thank in supporting me and the county throughout this year. We are all volunteers and you all give your time willingly to support the county and I am indebted to you all for all your commitment and dedication. We are losing the following members; Janet Robinson who has kept the record book up to date - I wish her a happy and successful year as Eaton's Lady Captain; to Val Garrett who has made sure we have up to date CRB checks; to Gill Anderton who has been responsible for the trophies; to Yvonne Mann for

organising the Lis Wilson competition to Maureen Cubbley who has only been on one year but has been so supportive on our Junior committee.

Running the website is a big job but Pam Draper is always on top of it with the results and relevant information always available. Thank you Pam!

Our handicap advisors Wendy Taylor and Pam Shennan - thank you both in particular Pam who has decided to stand down. Pam has given great service to the County and we thank her for all her commitment and dedication. Wendy Simm, from Caldys Golf Club, is to take Pam's place.

Being a County secretary is almost a full time job and Ann always has a calm way of dealing with any issues. She just smiles and gets on with them. Many thanks Ann.

We are losing our treasurer, Sarah Funnell, who has kept our accounts in an orderly and efficient way. Also, Mary Henry who has been our competition secretary for 5 years - many thanks Mary you always welcome ladies with a smile and ensure that the competitions are run efficiently.

Finally, I would like to convey my very sincere thanks to all of you, your clubs, and our Cheshire coaches who have contributed in making my year such an enjoyable year. To my friends and Lady Captain from my club Hale - what can I say, you have been so generous, supportive and always interested in what I have been doing in the county - and especially in being magnificent hosts to the Junior Championship. One of the main highlights for me and icing on the cake for us all - was Hale winning the Doris Chambers at Delamere.

To complete my report I would like to thank President - Sue, IPC - Marjorie and VC - Hilary for all their support throughout the year. We have travelled a few miles and seen a great deal of good golf together. Many thanks for your friendship and tolerance. It has been a pleasure working with you all. To Marjorie, it is not a well earned rest as you have taken on the EWGA representative - many thanks for taking on this role.

I wish Hilary a very happy year as Captain and I know you will all support her during her year of office.

To all of you here today I wish you all good health and lots of exciting golf in the year to come. I hope you feel that as Captain of Cheshire Ladies I did the best that I could for everyone for most of the time.

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: Withington GC Division 3: High Legh GC, Division 4: Prestbury GC.

8. E.W.G.A.(Northern Regional) REPORT: by Marjorie Griffiths

As always the six Counties of the North Region have had a busy & well supported calendar of events. As most of you are aware each County has to host & organise at least one Northern event each year, with the events moving in rotation.

This year Cheshire hosted the Northern Foursomes Championship at Eaton GC. This Competition is only run in this format in the North, it being a 3 day matchplay competition—all other Regions opt for a 1 day 36 hole strokeplay event. The event was organised by Margaret Jamieson & a team of Cheshire officials who were supported by the staff & members of Eaton GC. The event was a great success—Margaret as always did an excellent job & Eaton GC was outstanding in ensuring that players, organisers & officials had an enjoyable experience. The main Championship had a full entry plus a waiting list & both subsidiary competitions were very well supported. The icing on the cake was that Rachael Goodall (Heswall GC) & Gemma Clews (Delamere Forest GC) were the eventual winners, after a tight match against the very experienced Mother & daughter team of Amanda & Heather Bromilow (Haydock Pk GC); the match going to the 19th.

Next year the Northern Foursomes are to be hosted by Lancs at Hesketh GC on 17-19th April.

CMW was hosted by Lancs at St. Annes Old Links—a challenging course at best, but coupled with some gusty wet weather it demanded stoic performances by players, officials, trolley pullers & supporters! The last day was set up for a battle of the roses & the home County, Lancs came out on top. They represented the North at the National County Finals which were held at Thorndon Pk GC, Essex & were runners up to Lincs who won for the first time. Two of the Lincs players were ex Cheshire players—Sophie Beardsall & Emma Tipping—congratulations to them & their County.

CMW in 2012 will be hosted by Yorks—June 11-15th, at Ganton GC—a wonderful Championship course—well worth a visit—Hilary will need all the yellow she can muster to counteract the Yorks "mean green machine" which will be there in full force! The draw is on the EWGA noticeboard.

The Northern Ladies Championship was hosted by Yorks at Huddersfield GC—a new course record was set by Ellie Robinson, Yorks & the new Champion was Alison Knowles, Hickleton GC. Emma Goddard RLLGC, was runner up in the Slazenger Trophy. The Subsidiary Triam competition had a full entry & was a great success. These subsidiary team comps are becoming very successful & are held to offset the high cost of running Northern Champs, but they also give the Club golfer an opportunity to play competitive golf on some of the best courses in the North. Next year this will be held at Hexham in Northumberland—18-20th July.

The Northern Girls Championship was hosted by Durham County at Durham City GC. The event had a full entry & Cheshire was well represented. Barbara will give details of the Cheshire performances.

This event is to be held in Cheshire next year & Bromborough GC have very kindly agreed to host the event on Wed August 15th—make a note of this date in your diary & come along to see some of the best girl golfers in the North & in some cases in England.

The English Girls Champs are to be held in Cheshire next year.

The Abraham Trophy will be held on Sun 29th July at Delamere Forest GC & the U13 & U15 Champs will follow on 31st July-Aug 2nd at Delamere & the U18 will be played at Sandiway GC. This will be a great opportunity to see some of the best players in the English Ladies Amateur game—give it your support—particularly our own girls. Australian Spoons regional final was played at Westerhope GC, Northumberland & the winning pair from Cumbria went onto the national final played just before the National County finals. The Northern representatives were said to have not won—but had the time of their lives! This event next year will be held at Garforth in Yorks on the 4th July.

The Northern EWGA medal finals were played at Kirby Lonsdale GC in May with a very large entry—a very successful event. Next year this will be held at York GC 23rd May.

In 2013 Cheshire are hosting two Northern events:

Northern ladies Champs—Tytherington GC (July dates TBC)

Northern EWGA medal Final—Eaton GC (May date TBC)

As you are all aware voting takes place on Wed Nov 16th by all the English Counties—Unions & Associations ---for the merger of golf's two National bodies—the EGU & EWGA. Each County Union & Assocn have 1 vote each. Cheshire has 104 clubs & so we (CCLGA) need to have at least 53 votes in favour of the merger. At the last Northern Counties meeting it was looking very much like all six Northern Ladies Assocns were taking yes votes to the EGM in Birmingham---as you can imagine---the same cannot be said for the Six Northern Unions. EWGA & EGU voting will take place simultaneously, but in different venues & results will be exchanged immediately the results are known; a 75% vote in favour is required by both organisations and should the merger go ahead our joint National body will be known as Golf England & it will come into action on January 1st 2012, with an interim period of "sorting out" until 1st April.

I understand that should the overall result be negative, then work will continue to resolve the issues that are preventing the merger---in other words it isn't going to go away.

Finally I would like to make an appeal---please seriously consider enrolling with EWGA to receive their regular Newsletter. It is very interesting & it keeps you up to date with competitions, results & issues relating to ladies golf— it is well worth reading. Visit the EWGA website & register, they guarantee that your details will not be passed on to other organisations. It might be a good idea to do this today or tomorrow before you look on the website on Wed afternoon to see the outcome on the merger.

Finally I would like to pass on sincere thanks from the North Region Executive to Margaret Jamieson who retired from this position in March of this year after so successfully running the Northern Foursomes & completing well over 3 years on the North Executive. Well done & thank you for all your hard work.

9. JUNIOR ORGANISERS REPORT. Mrs Barbara Baird

County President, County Captain, Ladies it is my pleasure to present the junior report for 2011.

The first competition of the season was the Mixed team event held at Helsby Golf club on Sunday April 17th. The winners with 80 points were our Junior Captain Catherine Bedford from Davenport playing with her dad and Lauren Littler from Warrington. 2nd with 78 points was Rian Moores from Sandiway playing with her dad and a friend from Antrobus. 3rd with 77 points was Sophie Jamieson from Heswall GC playing with her mum & dad.

A New trophy was presented by Mrs Doreen Turner from Sandiway GC and this was played for at the Spring Meeting which was held on April 28th at Pryors Hayes GC. The winner with 39 points was Sophie Jamieson from Heswall GC, 2nd was Hannah Burford (Eastham Lodge) with 37 points and 3rd with 36 points was Lucy Jamieson from Heswall GC.

The Rabbit's jamboree was held at Chirk on Saturday May 7th. This is for girls under the age of 13 without handicaps. There were 36 girls participating – 12 from each of Cheshire, Shropshire & Denbigh & flints. The winner of the Cheshire cat was Victoria Turner from Sandiway GC and the winner of the new putting trophy was Katie Roberts from Wilmslow GC.

The Junior Championship was held at Hale GC on June 3rd. Bronte Law from Bramhall GC won the championship with a gross 73 on a CPO from Gemma Clews. Bronte also won the U16 scratch trophy. The U14 scratch trophy was won by Rian Moores from Sandiway GC with a gross 83. The Liz Pook handicap trophy was won by Gemma Clews with a net 70 on a CPO from Georgina Rowley from Alsager GC. The 6 hole competition was won by Freya Johnson (RLGC) with 21 points.

The Wheatsheaf Competition was held at Davenport GC on Friday July 22nd. The winners were Hannah Li (Tytherington GC) and IPC Marjorie Griffiths (Ringway GC) with 41 pts this was on a CPO from Rachel Woods & Dilys Dodds (Bromborough GC) 3rd was Ella & Cath Rawthore (Sale GC)

The last competition of the year was the Stella Watson trophy held at Macclesfield GC on Friday August 19th. The winner of the trophy was Abi Goodier (Sandiway GC) with a net 72, second was Hannah Li (Tytherington) 73 and 3rd Emily McBurney (R. Liverpool) 75. The gross prize was won by Abbie Cowlard (Reddish Vale) 79. The 6 hole competition was won by Emily Fearn – Nicol (Wirral Ladies) with 19 pts.

My sincere thanks go to Marian Scowcroft for the efficient way she organises these competitions and all the support she provides throughout the year.

We are greatly indebted to all the Clubs who grant us courtesy of their courses for our junior competitions and matches.

The Northern Jamboree was held at Furness GC Barrow on Aug 3rd/4th. County Captain –Win, County Vice Captain Hilary and myself accompanied the team comprising Emma Vallantine (Werneth Low), Hannah Burford (Eastham

Lodge), Rayhanneh Saboonpaz (VX), Hattie Dufton (Mere), Victoria Turner (Sandiway), Elsha Rushe (Delamere). We had some very young players in this team but they all performed well and were a delight to be with and they will all gain from the experience. The winners were Lancashire.

Marjorie, Hilary, Marian & myself travelled to Durham on August 16th to support the girls who were taking part in the Northern Girls Championship at Durham City Golf Club. We had 8 girls from Cheshire participating in this and Gemma Clews won the Chairman's prize for the 16-18 age group. Sana Ahmed had a hole in one in the first round. In our annual junior inter county matches we won 3 and halved 2. We halved our matches v Cheshire B and Cheshire Senior ladies but sadly we lost to the Cheshire Boys 5 matches to 3. – another good season for our Cheshire girls.

For the beginners we held a 6 week session of coaching/playing at two venues Portal and Adlington. These were very well attended and the format proved popular. Our thanks go to the coaches Danny & Jamie at Adlington, and Judy at Portal.

Two of our girls have been invited for England training- **Bronte Law** (Bramhall) who Win has reported on, is in the elite squad and **Hannah Li** (Tytherington) is in the Midlands birdie squad.

Two others **Gemma Clews** (Delamere Forest) & **Poppy Finlay** (Vicars Cross) have been accepted on the England Futures Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence training programme which is overseen by the EGU and EWGA.

Both Gemma & Poppy were members of the full Cheshire County team which competed in County Match week at St Anne's Old Links in June.

Gemma has had a very good season : winner with Rachael Goodall of Northern Foursomes at Eaton GC; winner of Comboy Scratch trophy; runner up in millenium Cup at the English Ladies Northern championships; winner of net trophy at English Girls Championship; winner of Chairman's trophy for 16-18 age group at Northern girls championship

Congratulations to Gemma and all these youngsters for their dedication and commitment to their golfing ambitions. The Annual Junior Presentation was held at Portal Premier Golf Club on Oct 2nd it began with a 9 hole greensome competition on the Arderne course at Portal and this was followed by a buffet and presentation. The prizes and certificates were presented by our coach Judy Statham who also gave a very amusing and interesting talk to the girls about her life in golf. The most improved player in the silver division was Charlotte Leathem from Styal GC and the runner up was Gemma Clews from Delamere Forest GC. In the bronze division the most improved player was Freya Johnson from Royal Liverpool GC and the runner up was Victoria Turner from Sandiway. Our new junior captain was announced- Gemma Clews. We wish her a happy and successful year.

It was great to see Bronte at the presentation, she has had a very busy and successful year but she always attends Cheshire Junior events when she is able to and I would like to add my congratulations to her on all of her achievements.

The last event of the year was over the weekend of Oct 21st – Oct 24th when once again I had the privilege along with county Captain Win to accompany a team of 2boys and 2girls to Menorca. The girls representing Cheshire were Charlotte Leathem & Poppy Finlay. The team was competing in the 5th annual match for the Matthew Brown Cup, but as individuals they were also competing in the 2nd Menorcan u16 Open Tournament. We retained the Matthew Brown Cup and Charlotte won the overall girls prize, The outright winner of the tournament was also one of the Cheshire team- Cameron Massey (chorlton). Congratulations to all of the players. Our thanks must also go to Hugh Brown for sponsoring the event.

All Clubs should have received a list of the names of girls who according to my records are members of your clubs. Please will you ensure that these updated and are returned to me ASAP so that all girls can receive the junior information for 2012.

My thanks must go to County Captain Win, County Vice Captain Hilary, IPC Marjorie and Marian Scowcroft for all their help, support and comradeship throughout the past year. To the County executive and to the members of the junior committee who are always willing to help and finally to all the parents, & grandparents who do all the transporting of the girls and who are always so supportive.

I look forward to working with them all again in 2012.

Thank you very much.

10 .TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT. Mrs Caroline Marron presented the Training Officer's Report.

A Squad Training

At the end of the Winter training the A Squad were asked which sessions they found most beneficial the group ones at Adlington or the individual lessons at Clays. Most players liked both so we kept both.

Adlington

At Adlington Daniel Haughian, Jamie Goodall and Ben Trappe worked with the girls on their putting technique using the Sam Puttlab, distance control with their wedges and videoed their swings giving feedback to the players own coaches. The players also played the 9 hole short course where all the holes are about 100 yards or less to work on their short game skills. The sessions were held once a month however attendance was poor and some had to be cancelled due to the harsh winter so we are only holding two sessions this winter.

Clays Golf Centre

Maureen Madill worked with each squad member individually on punch shots as county match week was at St Annes Old Links where these shots are invaluable given the strong wind. She also did a session on deep bunkers which are in plentiful supply at St Annes. Working one to one enabled her to teach according to the players needs

as some had a much better understanding of punch shots than others. Maureen challenged the players understanding of how to play different shots and then sharpened their technique.

Karl Morris

Following the successful evening last year we decided that the A Squad would benefit from a more practical based session with Karl. Two sessions were held at Portal. The first one concentrated on the short game introducing pressure situations. The Eliminator Game bringing the best out of the players putting skills. The second session was a foursomes match play game and Karl walked around with the matches. He pointed out that the girls may benefit from seeing their pre-shot routines on video and so we followed this up at a match against the seniors at Wallasey. I got Adrian Hill to comment on the players and passed on the suggestions to them.

Mentoring Junior Players

I would like to thank the A Squad players who came to Portal to play golf with the juniors. The girls played a very competitive Texas Scramble.

Course Management at Wallasey

Adrian Hill covered punch shots and shaping shots with some of the A Squad before playing some holes with the girls. The day was a great success but the topic is difficult to cover cost effectively and the format is being changed this year.

B Squad and Junior Squads

Portal Academy

The B Squad and Junior Squads received their training at Portal Academy.

Judy Statham concentrated on the Short Game Skills. Her sessions are well prepared with clear demonstrations on how to play the various shots and she always ends with a skills test which the girls enjoyed. She issued a booklet at the end of the course to remind the girls how to play the shots and work on their skills.

Adrian Hill covered the set up, yardages and course management. He has a great sense of humour and the girls always have great fun even when the weather is foul.

Christine Whitely covered fitness giving the girls a circuit with exercises they could do at home without going to the gym to improve their flexibility, balance and strength. She discussed nutrition with the girls and the importance of keeping hydrated during a round to maintain their concentration.

Karl Morris only worked with the B squad. He emphasized the need to be aware of the importance of the flight of the ball on short shorts which complemented the work that Judy had done.

This year I ran an Order of Merit based on the girls skills tests and their stableford scores on the Ardene course. Congratulations to Ella McLintock, the winner and Rian Moores the runner up of the B Squad and to Lauren Littler the winner and to Hannah Burford the runner up of the Junior Squad.

Junior Birdie Squad

A small squad of players without handicaps received some basic tuition with Judy Statham at Portal. The girls really enjoyed their lessons.

Thank you

Finally on behalf of all the girls in the squads I would like to thank the coaches for their time and effort. The girls really enjoy the coaching and leave feeling motivated to work on their game.

11. Election of Officers for 2011

Captain Mrs Hilary McNeil (Heswall GC)

Proposed by Mrs Marjorie Griffiths, Seconded by Ms Win Heath.

Vice Captain Mrs Lucinda Foster (Bramall G.C.)

Proposed by Ms Win Heath, Seconded by Mrs Marjorie Griffiths.

Hon Treasurer Mrs Rhona Bowler (Portal Premier GC)

Proposed by Mrs Hazel Sexton (Portal Premier GC), seconded by Mrs Carole legge (Portal Premier GC)

Officers Proposed by the Executive Committee:

Hon. Secretary MRS ANN McCORMICK (Disley GC)

Hon. Competition Secretaries

MRS SUE WALTON (Astbury G.C.)

MRS JACKIE HESKETH (Delamere G.C.)

Hon. Fixture Secretary MRS Dorothy Sandham (Davenport G.C.)

Hon Membership Secretary Mrs Sue Walton (Astbury GC)

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 Marjorie Griffiths (Ringway G.C.)

13. RETIRING CLUB REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs Yvonne Mann, Mrs Gill Anderton, Mrs Maureen Cubley, Mrs Janet Robinson and Mrs Val Garratt
NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

North-East Cheshire:

Mrs Sheila Cowlard (Reddish Vale GC)

One vacancy for three years.

One vacancy for two years

Mid Cheshire:

Mrs Laura McNair (Prestbury GC)

One vacancy for three years.

One vacancy for one year.

West Cheshire:

One vacancy for three years

14. **Vote of thanks to the Officials and Retiring Members of the Executive Committee** was proposed by Mrs Vera Hale Lady Captain from Ringway GC and seconded by Mrs Maureen Blackwell Lady Captain from Heswall GC

16. **Any Other Business.**

There being no other business the Immediate Past Captain Ms Win Heath presented Mrs Hilary McNeil with her Captain's Brooch and wished her a successful year. Captain Mrs Hilary McNeil presented Immediate Past Captain Ms Win Heath with her Past Captain's Brooch. Then the present County Captain Mrs Hilary McNeil presented County Vice Captain Mrs Lucinda Foster with her incoming badge and before closing the meeting did a short speech of how much she was looking forward to her year.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm

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