

# CHESHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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

on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 11.00 a.m.

**Present:-** Mrs Luci Foster (Captain) in the Chair, President Mrs Lis Wilson and 120 ladies.

A 2 minutes silence was observed for remembrance day and also a minutes silence for Mrs Carol Comboy and Mrs Liz Pook

Lis Wilson read a history of the two ladies and how successful and how dedicated to the county they had been.

**1. Apologies had been received from:** Past Captains: Mrs Sue Barrett and Mrs Wendy Taylor

**Notice:** The Notice convening the meeting was read.

**2. Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the last AGM (excluding reports and Election of Officers) were read, approved and signed.

**3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4. Treasurers Report:** Mrs Rhona Bowler Good Morning everyone

As Treasurer of CCLGA I am here to present the County's financial accounts for the year ended 31 July 2013.

We started the year, in recognising we have a fixed and potentially reducing income, we had to tighten our belts and cut back on expenditure where ever we could.

I am pleased to report that we have met those aims. Whilst making a small loss for the year of £134 this is lower than the previous year's loss of £902.

Lets take a closer look at some of the key components of the financial performance.

Total income has fallen by just under £2,500 to £39,403, predominantly with a 20% fall in completion entries.

Falling interest culminated in one competition being cancelled due to inadequate entry numbers, the Bronze 4BB at High Legh Park in May.

Whilst on the face of it, levy income looks similar to last year this is slight masked by £500 better recovery on overdue fees for last year. Player numbers have actually fallen by 106 or 2% to 6,260

We did have a very welcome increase in donations for our Junior Section, to just over £2,300. Such donations will be even more important going forward due to the cessation of grant funding. I would like to thank the generosity of all those who made those donations.

Lets now turn our attention to the expenditure.

Our total expenditure for the year was reduced by £2,600 or 6% to £39,403.

We have worked hard to tackle key activities to seek to reduce spend including

- a) Training costs
- b) Competition prizes
- c) Fixture book printing volumes
- d) Insurance (whilst approving coverage via a new broker)
- e) General expenses

We did find sufficient savings to allow us to invest in some much needed new uniform for A Team, and to write off some old memorabilia stocks.

We managed to hold green fees at a fairly constant £8,000 and I would like to thank the clubs for either providing the course at courtesy or at very minimal rate.

Junior expenditure was unavoidably £1,700 due to the cessation of grant subsidies in 2012.

County Match Week costs are always significant but we managed to hold them at approximately last years level at just over £7,500.

Bank charges have been disappointingly high despite switching to mainly cheaper electronic payments. Bank accounts have been opened with another Bank, to use in the year ahead at lower payment costs . Seeking better interest bearing accounts in the current economic conditions for c£20,000 has proven a challenge but I will still endeavour to address this in 2014

So what funds does this leave for the County going forward?

The net assets of the County remain stable at just over £25,000, three quarters of which is funds in the bank. It also includes approximately £3,000 worth uniforms.

So to recap, despite continual slippage in income we have managed to contain our costs to within these funds, curbing certain activities for now, retaining a relatively stable £25,000 of future reserves.

The accounts have been audited, and I would like to thank Micaela Waterhouse for carrying out that work.

Now let's look briefly at the year ahead.

As we announced at the last AGM, we are increasing the County levy by £1 to £5 per player. This fortunately as

Whilst we have managed to just cover our costs this year with the £4 levy, we do need to increase the levy to £5 to try to provide financial security in the face of a number of potential uncertainties or challenges ahead, including

- a) The continuing trend of falling player numbers generating a falling levy income
- b) Un-known financial impact of a number of uncertainties that could be arising from changes further to the recent merger and changes at England Golf (including the need to pre-fund any Northern events hosting)
- c) Discussions on future County Match week formats and funding by Counties
- d) Lack of grant funding for juniors and increasing dependency on uncertainty of adhoc donations
- e) Further need to refresh the uniforms, this time for the B Team
- f) Very low interest rates on savings

So to sum up, we continue to strive to maximise the benefit of our expenditure yet keeping this within our income levels. And an increase to £5 levy should help with the future security of reserves for activities going forward.

Please support us by spreading the word and entering our competition events and making donations for the juniors.

That Ladies concludes my report.

Any Questions?

#### **5. Proposal for the increase in the CCLGA subscription fees for 2014.**

This proposal was voted on and approved by the members of the association.

#### **6. CAPTAINS ANNUAL REPORT 2013:**

County President, Past Presidents, Captains, Honorary Members and Ladies.

I have had a wonderful year and I have felt very proud to be Captain of Cheshire Ladies Golf Association. I appreciate the help and support I have received during my year and most of all the friendship and kindness shown by all the people I have met.

I have spent a great deal of time on my knees praying for good weather and I have been blessed with a great summer. I have also been blessed with the arrival of a new grandson Toby a brother for Isla. I know how I am going to be spending my 'retirement'.

It was with great sadness that the year began with the passing of 2 of our most illustrious Vice Presidents. Carol Comboy of Delamere Forest and Liz Pook of Bramall Park. These 2 ladies were indeed inspirational and I feel very honoured to have met them both.

Carol Comboy OBE

I was informed that Carol had passed away on November 14th 2012. Carol was a member of Delamere Forest Golf Club and a Vice President of the County and had an illustrious career in ladies golf.

Carol was President of the LGU 1992-1994 and became a Vice President of the Union. She was also President of ELGA 1983-1985. She became an England Selector in 1974 and in 1978 and 1980 was asked to Captain the Curtis Cup team. Carol went on to Captain the Vagliano, Espirito Santo, Commonwealth and England teams in the 1970's.

Carol was appointed OBE in 1995, a well deserved honour 'for services to ladies golf'. Carol will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Liz Pook

It was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Liz Pook on 6th December 2012

As Liz Chadwick she won the British Ladies championships in 1966 and 1967 and was considered one of the best players in the world. Liz played for England on 4 occasions and was a member of the Vagliano Trophy team in 1963 and 1967. One of many highlights of her career was playing the Curtis Cup in America in 1966.

Liz married Tony in 1973 and following a back operation, which went wrong in the late 1980's she was left paralysed from the waist down. Liz continued to play golf in a specially adapted buggy and played wheelchair

Liz's service of Thanksgiving was held in her local church in Scholar Green on 20th December. The service was very well attended with ladies from all over Cheshire and Britain paying their respects.

Liz will be missed at the junior events where she was a great support to the girls and officials. Our thoughts go to Tony and Liz's family.

I was invited to attend the A.G.M. of the Manchester & District Ladies Golf Association on Monday, 19 November, 2012 at Davyhulme Park Golf Club, to accept a cheque for £400.00 for the Junior Girls of Cheshire. I also attended the Past Ladies Captain's lunch at Old Trafford where I received a cheque for £300. As usual these are very generous donations to the junior funds and I have thanked them on behalf of Cheshire Ladies.

I attended the England Golf General meeting in Woodhall Spa in November last year in place of Marjorie. I found the discussions very interesting and it was useful to meet up with other counties to compare notes. The meeting was the first following the merger of the EGU and EWGA. A motion was passed for all course assessments to follow the American system.

We have had 2 delegates meetings during the year and these have been well attended. Thank you to Wendy Taylor and Wendy Simm, County Handicap Advisers, Sean Hammill, Regional Development Officer of the County Golf Partnership and Anne White of the West Cheshire Shield for their input.

All Coaching Sessions during the winter were well supported. It is thanks to all our coaches, Judy Statham, Adrian Hill, Maureen Madill and Mike Kanski that the players have had a successful year in 2013. Special thanks to all the people who have supported the coaching with particular thanks to Val Garrett and Lauren Drake who ran sessions at Portal and Caroline Berry for organising last winter coaching.

Many thanks to all the clubs who have hosted Cheshire competitions this year particularly to those clubs giving us courtesy of the course for junior events, matches and the Cheshire Championship. Once again the competitions were on the whole well supported with sunshine and warm weather at most events. The four ball better ball competition for bronze division players had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. We have decided to change the format to a three ball team event with full handicap to try and encourage entries in 2014. We are also running an evening event on Monday 23rd June at The Warrington Golf Club. This competition is open to all ladies in the county but is particularly aimed at working ladies or students.

Many thanks to President Lis, IPC Hilary, Vice Captain Pauline and selectors Barbara Laird and Jeanne Bell for their support in observing the girls in some freezing conditions at the pre season matches. The matches were all held in their usual good spirit but with fierce competitiveness. Thanks to Bramall Park, Sandiway, Bramhall and Delamere Forest for their support and kind hospitality on the day. Unfortunately we had to cancel the match against Wilmslow Men due to snow.

The County Championship was held at Bramhall Golf Club in beautiful weather. The golf was amazing with our new Champion Emma Goddard, Royal Liverpool, achieving an albatross 2 on the par 5 1st hole, not a bad start to a match. Emma won a close final against Gemma Clews, Delamere Forest, at the 18th. The Sir William Bailey Cup was won by Kelly Morley, Astbury, against Jae Bowers, Prestbury. Thank you to Karen Lindsay, Judith Wainwright and Liz Dunckley for refereeing during the 3 days.

The team for County match week was announced at the conclusion to the Championship. This was Emma Goddard, Royal Liverpool, Jae Bowers, Prestbury, Megan Burgess, Bramall Park, Gemma Clews, Delamere Forest, Abbie Cowlard, Stockport, Poppy Finlay, Vicars Cross, Claire Fry, Royal Liverpool and Charlotte Leathem, Styal. The reserve was Ella McClintock, Delamere Forest.

I would like to thank Bramhall Golf Club members and staff for their support and encouragement throughout my year of office and particularly at the Championship. Thank you to Jean Thexton, President, Captain Jim Hibbert and Lady Captain Emily Fletcher for their contribution and for rallying the members to make the event such a success. Thanks also for all the hard work of Laura McNair and Jackie Hesketh without whom the event would not have

No report would be complete without mention of Bronte Law. I have been honoured to watch Bronte come through the junior ranks at Bramhall and the County. She started her year winning the French Under 18 championship at St Cloud near Paris. She was selected to play for Great Britain in the Vagliano Trophy and was one of 2 British girls selected to play in the Junior Solheim Cup in Colorado. Bronte also represented England in the European team championships at Fulford in York. She still managed to fit in study for her A levels and is now studying at UCLA in America. Bronte has won her first collegiate title in Hawaii and is currently at number 16 in the national college rankings. UCLA top the women's team rankings.

Congratulations to Rachael Goodall, Heswall, who was selected to represent England at the Home Internationals at Scotsraig Golf Club in Scotland.

Cheshire Senior Ladies have had a fantastic year with 5 players from Cheshire representing the North at the Seniors Jamboree. Caroline Berry, Sue Dye, Barbara Laird, Gill Mellor and Cath Rawthore. Caroline, Sue and Cath went on to represent England at the European Championships and the Senior Home Internationals. Well done ladies, it is an exciting time for Cheshire Seniors Golf.

County Match Week was held in June at Bishop Auckland. The week was stress free for me thanks to the support of Lis, Hilary, Pauline and Ann and also due to the good company of the team who were delightful to spend time with. Unfortunately we drew Lancashire and Yorkshire on the first 2 days and lost to both teams. The girls pulled out all the stops and managed to win all our remaining matches against Northumberland, Durham and Cumbria. Yorkshire won the week with a close match against Lancashire on the final day. Cheshire were 3rd. Thanks you to all the support from trolley pullers and spectators, it is very encouraging to see a friendly face on the course and very much appreciated. We were all very competitive during the week particularly Lis and Pauline at Candy Crush Saga, where dubious tactics were employed to try and get ahead of each other!

Yorkshire went on to represent the north at County Finals at Wilmslow Golf Club and were successful in becoming National champions. Congratulations to Captain Carole Waights and her team and to The Wilmslow Golf Club for hosting such a tremendous event.

Cheshire Junior Golf has been in good hands with Barbara Baird and Marian Scowcroft at the helm. It is thanks to them that Cheshire Junior golf has gone from strength to strength. I will leave Barbara to report on the successes. However I would like to congratulate Freya Johnson, Royal Liverpool, Lucy Jamieson, Heswall and Isobel Wardle, Prestbury, who have all been selected to attend the England Regional training. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the girls and it gives me great pleasure to see how much they all improve each year with dramatic handicap reductions.

Congratulations to Sandiway who won the Elisabeth Wilson Shield in a dramatic and close match against Royal Liverpool at Vicars Cross. Sandiway's Barbara Laird secured the win 3 games to 2 against Royal Liverpool's Emma Goddard at the 19th. The golf throughout the match was amazing.

The East v West Shield finals were held at Sandiway with Warrington winning the 'A' shield against Royal Liverpool and Mere winning a very close match against Carden Park in the 'B' final. They were 2 great matches and many thanks to the organisers of the East and West Shields.

Cheshire ran the Northern Ladies Championship at The Tytherington Golf Club. The event was held in searing heat with many sunburnt legs and worries about dehydration. Marjorie Griffiths, our Northern England Golf representative, worked tirelessly to ensure the championship was the success it was, thanks and well done Marjorie. Thanks also to Laura McNair and Jackie Hesketh and members of the Executive committee who were on hand to assist on the 3 days. Ellie Goodall, Yorkshire, became the Northern Champion with a win over Ami Storey, Northumberland.

Now the ladies who are retiring today:

Immediate Past Captain Hilary, whose help, support and nudging in the right direction have been invaluable to me. I will miss her company and sense of fun at Cheshire events.

Barbara Baird, Junior Organiser, has been a wonderful asset to Cheshire golf with her tireless devotion to the girls.

assisted by Marian Scowcroft, who is now going on to take up her post as Vice Captain of the County. I wish her every success.

Marjorie Griffiths is retiring as our England Golf representative. Marjorie has been a part of the county for the last 5 years and in her words she is looking forward to 'twiddling her thumbs'! Marjorie will be greatly missed for her calm manner and friendship to everyone. Best wishes for your house move.

Ann McCormick, Secretary, is retiring after a long stint of keeping all the Captains on track and keeping up with all the changes to Ladies golf along the way. The girls will miss the banana queen at CMW. Best wishes to Ann for life after Cheshire.

Liz Almond, Sheila Cowlard are leaving the county executive committee and I would like to thank them for all their support during the year.

Thanks also to Rhona for keeping the finances in check, Sharon for organising all the training, Jackie and Laura for their hard work organising all the competitions, Frances for being so efficient with the fixtures. Thank you also to Pam Draper for her speedy updating of the website. Thanks to Pam Gardner, Laura Markham, Karen Lindsay, Lynne Leutton and Moira Forster for all their support and friendship during the year.

Special thanks to President Lis and Vice Captain Pauline, who have been by my side all year and brought great fun and friendship during my year of office. I wish them both every success for 2014.

I wish you all good golf and good weather for 2014.

## **7. Presentation of the Scratch League Shields and 2013 county competitions**

Doris chambers Salver – Linda Smith The Wilmslow GC  
Westminster Shield (Silver) – Chorlton cum Hardy GC  
Westminster shield (Bronze) – Bramhall GC  
Margaret Sangster Salver – Karen Lindsey Carden park GC  
Centenary Rose Bowl – Vale Royal Abbey GC

Scratch League – Division 1 – Tytherington GC  
Division 2 – Prestbury GC  
Division 3 – Hale GC  
Division 4 – Upton- by – Chester GC  
Lis Wilson - Sandiway GC

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

The 2013 programme of North Regional events was successful & most of the events enjoyed the good Summer weather, except the first two; the Northern foursomes, held at Alwoodley GC, Yorkshire in mid April & the Northern Medal final, held at Eaton, Cheshire in late May. Alwoodley, a three day event, still had bunkers full of snow & had severe cold weather & Eaton, a one day event, had everything, wind, rain, hail & for most of the day, all at the same time!

The Northern Foursomes was won by Gill Nutter & Clare Seddon, Formby GC & the Runners up Fiona Stoddard & Didi Powers, Moortown.

The 6 qualifiers from the Northern Medal Final including Rachel Turner, Vicars Cross went to Northampton GC for the National final & she finished runner up.

CMW was very successfully hosted by Durham at Bishop Auckland & Yorkshire were the Regional winners & they represented the North at County Finals. These were hosted in Sept by Wilmslow GC who did a sterling job in very difficult weather conditions. After a nailbiting finish, Yorkshire became England Champions, a triumph for the North.

The Women's Champs was staged by Cheshire at Tytherington in July & all three days were blessed with wall to wall sunshine. We eventually had 50 players in the 36 hole qualifier & Charlotte Leathem, Styal equalled the course record in the morning round but Brogan Townend, Pleasington set a new course record in the afternoon. The eventual Northern Champion was a 17 year old, Ellie Goodall, Selby Yorks & the runner up was Ami Storey, Close Houses, N'thumberland. The Millenium Subsidiary trophy was won by Fay Sanderson, Durham & the runner up was our very own Abi Cowlard. Thank you to the referees, course monitors & Cheshire officials & volunteers from Tytherington who worked hard to ensure that the event was a success. My particular thanks go to the Ladies of Wilmslow, Prestbury, Portal, Ringway & Delamere Forest who supported the team event on the final day; these subsidiary team events are so important in enabling the County to cover the costs of such a major event & also

The Girls' Champs was held at Haydock Park & I know that Barbara will be covering the results in her report.

The regional final of the Australian Spoons was held at Boldon, Durham & the winners, from Ridding Park went on to win the National Final at Wilmslow GC.

The 2014 programme is on the notice board & is also on the EG & CCLGA websites. Cheshire is hosting the Northern foursomes at Ringway GC, 15-17th April. Entry forms will very shortly be on the EG & CCLGA websites, entries are to be sent to me & need to be in asap. Besides the main event, there will be a foursomes stableford on the 2nd day & a foursomes team event on the last day. As Counties are now totally responsible for covering all costs including the facility fee, we do need your support & that of your members.

EG as an organisation is continuing to find its feet & evolve & there have been, & will continue to be, numerous areas for discussion & I have outlined several of the more relevant ones.

The last year has seen extensive discussions involving questionnaires & meetings regarding the future of CMW. A considerable number of the smaller counties in England have been struggling financially, because of the falling number of affiliated members & consequently they have found a 5 day event far too expensive. Following a very lively & passionate discussion at Woodhall Spa in July, EG realised that it was impossible to have one system for all & so the decision was made to allow Regions to decide on the way they find their Regional Champion. All 6 Counties were unanimous in voting to keep the 5day Championship in the North.

Other changes made by EG, for reasons best known to themselves, were to alter the Handicap limits for Australian Spoons from 21- 36 to 15-36. This change was not well received by the Associations & I expect after a couple of seasons, it will be discussed again.

The new CEO, David Joy was appointed in May & he is making his mark by involving all interested parties, Unions, Assocns, County Partnerships, & other golfing organisations such as R&A, PGA & the Tours & Home Country Unions, Golf Foundation, golf Course owners & Managers to take a look at the Game of Golf & to eventually arrive at a Strategic Plan, which will give a clear vision up to 2020. County Captain & myself attended the inaugural meeting at Daventry a few weeks ago & we attended workshops where issues such as the perception or image of golf & GCs was discussed; elite golf & how it is run & assessed; Championships—this season they have run over 40 Tournaments but are they providing for all abilities?? The First draft of the Strategic plan can be found on the EG website & following meetings which are being held around the Country, the 2nd draft will be released towards the end of this month & the 3rd & final draft in February.

There are some alarming facts—2004 there were 880,000 registered members & in 2013-- 713,000—falling nos in all categories. In the Northern Counties in 2008 there were 33,200 women & at the 2013 audit there were 27,700. Cheshire Assocn had 7,349 in 2008 & this year has 6,260. Interestingly there has been a considerable increase in the number of unattached golfers or as they are now known independent golfers. How does EG or GCs keep track of these golfers?? Why are they not members of GCs? Why would they join a GC? It is believed that there are near 1,000,000 unattached golfers.

One conclusion that David Joy had was that golf as most of us know it, has changed & is changing very rapidly & consequently for GCs to survive, they too have to look very carefully at themselves & what they offer to prospective members. It is important to realise that whatever the recommendations are from the Strategic Plan, most of the changes will depend upon the cooperation of our Clubs.

Sport England allocated an increased award of £13,000,000 for 2014 to 2017, to E Golf Partnership to be shared by all parties involved in the Partnership. As always SE have certain restrictions for this money & one crucial restriction is that the monies can only be used for the coaching/training of 14-25 year age group. This of course has caused problems for Unions, but particularly for Assocns who have to work with girls much younger than 14. The Voting Members meeting voted in favour at the July meeting to enable EG to invest up to £175,000 from the Special Projects fund to the Counties to further the development of the junior County Talent Pathway thus releasing money for the development of the U14s.

It was also passed that EG should make a one off donation of £100,000 to the Golf Foundation & they will keep a close eye on the work of this organisation. It is hoped that the PGA will also increase its investment from £45,000. I have just touched on a few highlights of the work covered by EG, they actually cover many aspects & work very hard on our behalf.

Finally, I would urge you all to take an interest in the development of the game of golf, particularly in your own Clubs & in your County & keep an eye on your National Body, It has never been easier to keep abreast of the developments in the game.

Thank you to all the members of the Executive of the County with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the past 5 years believe me they all do their very best on your behalf & as volunteers they work very hard

## **9. JUNIOR ORGANISERS REPORT. Mrs Barbara Baird**

County President, County Captain, ladies, it is my pleasure to present the junior report for 2013.

The competitions this year have all been played in dry conditions unlike last year.

The first competition held at Sandbach was the Spring stableford in conjunction with the Doreen Turner Trophy.

The winner was Anna Webster –Heswall GC and the r/u Emily Fearn-Nicol -Wirral Ladies.

The mixed team competition was held at Prestbury GC and was won by Isobel & Paul Wardle & Matt Gardner (Prestbury).

The Rabbits jamboree was held at Fore Golf on Sealand Road. The winner of both the Cheshire cat & putting prize was Elisha Rushe (Delamere)

The junior championship was held at Warrington GC and was won by Poppy Finlay (VX), r/u was Emily Andrew (Delamere). The U 16 and U14 trophies were both won by Isobel Wardle ( Prestbury) and the winner of the handicap trophy was Abi Goodier ( Sandiway)

The Stella Watson Trophy was held at Romiley GC and the winner was Isobel Wardle , r/u Emily McBurney (RLGC), Gross prize Rian Moores( VRGC)

The Wheatsheaf was held at Runcorn GC .The winners were Izzy May & Kath Griffin (Eastham Lodge), r/u Rayhanne Saboonpaz & Barbara Baird (VX)

All of the competitions have been organised and administered by Marian Scowcroft, who as always, has done a fantastic job. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Marian and value her friendship and support. Marian is going on to higher office as CVC and I wish her every success in her new job, which I know she will do well.

Our thanks go to all of those clubs who have given us courtesy of their courses for all the junior competitions and matches. It is greatly appreciated.

The English Girls Championships were held in Devon & Somerset. We had 7 girls taking part in the championships and they all gave a good account of themselves and gained valuable experience.

The Northern Girls Jamboree was held on Aug 7th & 8th at Sandburn Hall GC York. County Captain, County Vice - Captain and myself accompanied the team. The weather was great and the girls did well finishing 3rd overall. As usual they were a joy to be with and my thanks to Luci and Pauline for their company and support

The following week The Northern Girls Championship was held at Haydock Park.8 of our girls entered. Sana Ahmed (Didsbury) won the best net in her category. Isobel Wardle was R/U in the U14 Category. Emily McBurney won the best morning net.

In our Annual Junior County matches we won 4 and lost 1 and we won all of the friendly matches- a first for the girls as we managed to beat the Cheshire boys' team by 5 ½ - 2 ½

Well done to all of the girls.

Beginners' coaching was once again held at Portal & Adlington but as you have heard from Rhona, our treasurer ,income has been cut drastically, so this necessitated a change in our coaching programme for 2014. The girls were invited to go to trials with the CGP academy and all of those who went were offered a place. We will be keeping a close eye on these arrangements to decide if this is the best way forward for the girls. We are, however, hoping to arrange some lessons for complete beginners next summer.

My grateful thanks go to all of the clubs and Organisations who have donated to the junior funds – we really do appreciate it.

The Annual presentation and greensome competition was held at Portal in October and once again proved a great success. The most improved golfer in Silver was Isobel Wardle and in the Bronze –Emily Fearn-Nicol. The winner of the order of merit was also Isobel Wardle. Our new Junior Captain was announced- Sana Ahmed (Didsbury) and we wish her a happy and successful year.

You will have no doubt noticed that one name appears very regularly in this report- Isobel. She has had a fantastic year dropping her handicap from 16 to 4.Isobel along with Lucy Jamieson & Freya Johnson is receiving England coaching with the NW squad- well done to them all.

As this is my last report I would like to thank not only the CC,CVC and IPC but all of the county officials , executive and junior committee who ,over the last 5 years have been so supportive and helpful to me. I have thoroughly enjoyed being CJO and I thank the county for putting their trust in me. There is a great deal of excellent young talent in Cheshire and I look forward to watching their progress. I wish my successor, Maria, every success in her new role and I am sure that she will do an excellent job.

Thank you ladies.

## **10 .TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT. A Squad Training**

Formby Hall

The girls were all given the opportunity to attend Formby Hall to have putting analysis and a green reading session with Mike Kanski. These proved very popular and will be looked at again next year.

Clays Golf Centre

Each squad member had 3 coaching session with Maureen Madill. They arranged to go in pairs which meant Maureen was able to spend more time with them on an individual basis.

Maureen also came to County Match Week to see the team playing competitively. A couple of weeks later she had a de brief with them which they all found very useful.

#### B and Junior Squad

The B and Junior Squad training was once again at Portal Academy.

They had 4 sessions. Judy Statham covered the short game including bunker shots and putting followed by a skills test and Adrian Hill covered the long game with the use of video. Judy also gave out copies of short game skills which the girls can refer back to during the years ahead. I am sure you will remember that it was very cold at the start of the year and this did not help with concentration. The squads should have had 2 fitness sessions with Chris Whitely but unfortunately 1 had to be cancelled due to a bereavement.

#### Junior Birdie Squad

4 session were held, at Portal with Judy Statham and at Adlington with Danny Haughian. They were in May and June when thankfully the weather had warmed up considerably. The girls had coaching on the basics of golf and also played the par 3 course for practical experience.

On behalf of the players in the squads I would like to thank the coaches, the officials and all the helpers who have given their time during the year. The training would not be possible without this and it is much appreciated.

#### 11. Election of Officers for 2013/14

**Captain** Mrs Pauline Clegg (Wilmslow G.C.)

Proposed by Mrs Hilary McNeil Seconded by Luci Foster (Bramhall GC)

**Vice Captain** Mrs Marian Scowcroft (Delamere Forest GC)

Proposed by Mrs Luci Foster, Seconded by Mrs Hilary McNeil.

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#### Officers Proposed by the Executive Committee:

**Hon Treasurer** Mrs Rhona Bowler (Portal Premier GC)

**Hon. Secretary** MRS Karen Lindsey (carden park GC)

**Hon. Competition Secretaries**

MRS JACKIE HESKETH (Delamere G.C.)

MRS LAURA McNAIR (Prestbury GC)

**Hon. Fixture Secretary** MRS Frances Gell (Bramhall G.C.)

**Junior Organiser** MRS Maria Hudson (Delamere Forest G.C.)

**County Training Officer** MRS SHARON HEALEY (Vale Royal Abbey G.C.)

**N.E.W.G.A. (Northern Regional) Representative** MRS Sue Wilson (Sandiway G.C.) and Mrs Carole Legge (Portal Premier GC)

#### 12. RETIRING CLUB REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs Liz Almond, Mrs Sheila Cowlard, Hon Sec Mrs Ann McCormick, England Golf Rep Mrs Marjorie Griffiths, Junior Organiser Mrs Barbara Baird.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**North-East Cheshire:**

One vacancy for three years.

Moira Forster (Sale GC)

**Mid Cheshire:**

One vacancy for three years.

Mrs Sally Brown (Sandiway GC)

**West Cheshire:**

One vacancy for three years

Mrs Helen Heggarty (Royal Liverpool GC)

13. **Vote of thanks to the Officials and Retiring Members of the Executive Committee** was proposed by Lady Captain (Bramhall GC) and seconded by Lady Captain (Wilmslow GC)

#### 14. Any Other Business.

***There being no other business the Immediate Past Captain Mrs Luci Foster presented Mrs Pauline Clegg with her Captain's Brooch and wished her a successful year. IPC Captain Mrs Hilary McNeil***

***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

Hon. Secretary