

## **LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADY CAPTAINS' GOLF ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held at Devonshire Place on Thursday 11th February 2016. 181 members attended. 27 apologies were received.

The President, Mrs Jenny Martin took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked all to stand for a minute's silence in memory of 10 Captains who had passed away during the year. These include: Margaret Greswell of Birstall, Joan Ingleby of Cosby, Jean Batten and Audrey Ward of Glen Gorse, Kath Arguile of Hinckley, Joyce Butterfield and Ruth Helgersen of The Leicestershire, Gwen Doyle and Nina Moffat of Melton Mowbray and Thelma Blood of Willesley Park. Mrs Martin also asked those present to think of members who were experiencing poor health.

### **Minutes of the AGM 2015**

The President asked all ladies if they had read the minutes and was it their wish that she should sign them as a true record. Proposed by Lesley Burton of Forest Hill and seconded by Sue Thurman of Charnwood Forest. All were in favour and the minutes were signed as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

The President confirmed that at the 2015 AGM it was proposed that ladies over 90 should be given honorary membership of the Association. During the year the committee have adopted this proposal and Mrs Martin was pleased to report that the Association now has four honorary members. These include Doreen Spiers of Cosby, Mavis Hawkyard of Glen Gorse who are also founder members, Jose Hartley of Kibworth, and Dorothy Cole of Whetstone. Each of the Honorary members were presented with a badge from the President. A representative of each club collected the badge for those honorary members who were unable to attend the lunch.

There were no further matters arising.

The President advised that the reports would all be read out and would be adopted together at the end.

### **President's Report**

The President, Jenny Martin advised the ladies that after each meeting and match a report is posted on the website so she hoped this report would not be too long.

Mrs Martin thanked Mrs Jarvis for organising the website and posting the reports. She also confirmed that there are now links to the County and Vets websites.

The President advised that during 2015 the Spring and Autumn meetings were held Lutterworth and Market Harborough Golf Clubs and she thanked the members and staff for their help in organising these competitions. She advised that the results were to be confirmed in the Secretary's report.

President's Day was held at Radcliffe of Trent Golf Club. This AMAM Stableford competition was enjoyed by all the ladies taking part, especially the lemon posset in the meal afterwards! The President confirmed that she had enjoyed standing on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee to see everyone tee off and wishing everyone a good game but she did feel quite envious of them striding down the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway having played in President's Day herself for many years.

During the day members of the committee asked fellow competitors about the day and if they preferred going out of the County or staying within Leicestershire and Rutland. The committee decided to ask because numbers entering the competition are reduced compared with other meetings. It is understood that the price of the day may be a factor but the Club's green fees need to be paid. The Captains understood why they were being asked and the general consensus was that they liked the tradition of going out of county and they were prepared to pay. The President advised that she hoped that more ladies will join in with this day and that she looked forward to seeing everyone at Stanton on the Wolds on Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> for this year's President's Day.

Matches are played against Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Northamptonshire Lady Captains.

The President advised that when she received the match availability sheets she was overwhelmed by the number of ladies wishing to play. The matches usually comprise of 16 ladies per side and when you have to choose from lists of 40+ ladies for each game, it is not easy. She apologised to those ladies who didn't have a game last year and she hopes that she will be able to rectify that this year.

For the match against Nottinghamshire a team of 16 ladies were ready to play, unfortunately a few days prior to the match the secretary from Notts. rang to say that she could only raise a team of 14 ladies. The President decided not to play and Pam Hall from the committee very kindly agreed not to play so that the remaining ladies who were looking forward to playing at Rushcliffe Golf Club were not disappointed. The match resulted in a win for Nottinghamshire 4 games to 3. However Mrs Martin claimed the un-played match and so it was agreed to call it an honourable draw.

As Nottinghamshire find it difficult to field a side of 16 players, it has been agreed that this year we will start with 14 players and hope that they can field 16 ladies nearer to the date of the match.

The match against Derbyshire was played at Cosby Golf Club and this resulted in a win 6 games to 2 for L&R Captains. Some ladies had represented L&R for the first time and it was pleasing to hear how much they had enjoyed it.

Kingsthorpe GC was the venue for the match against Northants. It was a course that Mrs Martin didn't know but had been told that it was quite hilly. The President and Vice-President decided to go for a practice round. Eventually they found the club behind some iron railings on the main road into Northampton. As it was raining, they decided to have a coffee, then another coffee, then lunch. From the restaurant in the club house they watched the rain coming down. Eventually some men started to play the first hole. They were in a buggy. Suddenly the buggy disappeared from sight and then reappeared, having gone down a dip in the fairway. After watching this Mrs Martin and Mrs Johnson decided that they would have a buggy if they returned. The Professional very kindly said that they could come back again to play and they did have a buggy. After the 1<sup>st</sup> hole as the fairways were quite flat the President thought she might manage without a buggy to play the match. How wrong she was. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> green the fairways went up and down, holes criss-crossed over and the greens were difficult to read. L&R lost the match 5 games to 3 but the President advised that most of the Northants team were either members of Kingsthorpe or were very familiar with the course she was pleased that the team from L&R had played extremely well as the games lost were very close.

Once again the match against the Men's Captains was held at Beedles Lake. Again Mrs Martin had the difficult task of choosing a team of 24 ladies as 78 ladies wanted to play. The timing of the match was altered to the morning with a two tee start followed by a meal. With the two tee start it meant that there wasn't such a long wait between the first and last teams going out. Again the President decided not to play in the match to allow an extra Lady Captain to play. It also meant that the President was able to start the teams going from the 10<sup>th</sup> hole. Beedles Lake have their own starter for the 1<sup>st</sup> hole. Then she was able to watch as the players came up the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. Lynda and Glyn Bramley very kindly donated three bottles of wine for nearest the pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> holes. It gave Mrs Martin great pleasure to present two of these bottles to ladies Jean Neesham and Chris Hyde for their accurate shots into the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Holes. Unfortunately we lost the match 7½ to 4½.

Following a discussion at a committee meeting it was decided to invite the current Lady Captains and their Vice Captains or a representative to a get together when we could explain to them about the Association and all the paper work they were about to receive, followed by 9 holes of golf. The Secretary contacted all the clubs and very kindly arranged the venue at Beedles Lake. Considering it was arranged late in the golfing calendar year the committee was pleased with the response. The ladies had coffee first, followed by an informal chat about the Association, an explanation about the paperwork and then golf. Beedles Lake very kindly provided courtesy of the course. The Association paid for coffee/tea and if the ladies wanted something to eat afterwards this was available for them to order.

The game was a very friendly AMAM as the President had paired two clubs together. Some ladies didn't know one another before they played but the chatter afterwards meant that they had enjoyed themselves, exchanging telephone numbers and arranging games. A plant was given to each of the winners, Pam Hall and Steph White of Birstall and Trish Twist and Anne Parkin of Cosby Golf Club. The committee was delighted with the feedback from ladies and so this meeting is being repeated this year and will be held at Glen Gorse Golf Club at the end of September for this year's Captains and Vice Captains.

The annual Bridge Drive organised by Vice President, Jan Johnson enables the Captains, some of whom don't play golf any more to meet up with old friends, some they might not see from year to year. Again it was lovely to see all these familiar faces. The results of the Bridge Drive will be included in the Secretary's report.

The President thanked all the committee members for their help and support during her first year in office. She said that it had been a pleasure working with them all.

The President thanked Kim Griffin and Pam Hall for doing such an excellent and efficient job in organising the Spring and Autumn meetings. Both ladies are retiring from the committee this year and the President said that she would miss them and their enthusiasm for doing so much for the Association.

The President advised that Pat Imlay and Ann Shuttleworth will organise the Spring and Autumn meetings this year at Scraftoft and Glen Gorse as a 3 Ball Alliance and Four Ball Better Ball competitions. Mrs Martin asked the ladies to support these meetings.

The President thanked Caroline Butcher for using her charm and selling tactics to persuade ladies to purchase many of the items of Association clothing. She also thanked Lynda Bramley and Mary Jarvis who had worked tirelessly throughout the year in putting together the paperwork and looking after the accounts on behalf of the Association. Mrs Martin advised that she was looking forward to welcoming the two new members of the committee and hoped that they enjoy their time on the committee.

Mrs Martin said that she was very thankful for the opportunity of being President as this enables her to

meet such lovely ladies that are part of our Association. Finally she added her thanks to everyone for their support in 2015 and added that she is looking forward to the coming golfing calendar and seeing everyone again.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Mary Jarvis went through the accounts to 30/11/15. She thanked Keith Gaffney the Auditor for examining the books again this year. MJ advised that the cash balances had increased from £6,930 to £7,844 mainly as a result of a reduction in the stock of sweaters (£1,357 closing 2014). The current stock of £345 is a much more manageable figure mainly as a result of the sterling effort of Caroline Butcher. This is shown by income from sweaters of £1,408.

Membership has dropped slightly from last year. The main reason from the decline seems to be that our membership is getting older and a lot of our members are being Lady Captains for a second or even third time.

Entry fees for our competitions have remained healthy as is our policy which means that good prizes can be given.

We continue to give donations to L&R Lady County golfers and to the Junior Girls. Overall the Association remains in a healthy financial position.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary Lynda Bramley, confirmed that there were 27 Clubs affiliated to the Association. Ten members have passed away since the last AGM and 20 resignations were received so the total numbers in the Association stands at 455.

The Spring Meeting held at Lutterworth Golf Club on Monday 27th April attracted 36 teams playing in a 3 ball alliance. Prizes were increased to 7th place.

1st	Maureen Moakes Sue Ayre Chris Savage	Park Hill Hinckley Park Hill	80 points (OLR)
2nd	Jill Moore Cherry Fleet Viv Ward	Market Harborough Market Harborough Market Harborough	80 points (OLR)
3rd	Barbara Sanderson Sue Maine Liz Reddick	Beedles Lake Rushcliffe Breedon Priory	80 points (OLR)
4th	Ann Davies Jean Keller Eileen Plummer	Willesley Park Willesley Park Willesley Park	77 points (OLR)
5th	Jean Evans Shirley Hardy Brenda Ashford	Kilworth Springs Kilworth Springs Kilworth Springs	77 points
6th	Jenny Dryden Margaret Theakston Yvonne Gilman	Luffenham Heath Luffenham Heath Luffenham Heath	73 points
7th	Kim Griffin Caroline Butcher Barbara Wright	Beedles Lake Rutland Water Glen Gorse	72 points (OLR)

**President's Day** held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Radcliffe on Trent GC attracted 52 ladies in 13 teams playing an AM/AM format. Winners of Presidents Day:-

1st	Jane Horwood and Angela Wright Chris Hyde and Joan Preston	Park Hill GC Birstall GC	74 points
2nd	Lynda Bramley and Kim Griffin Sue Thurman and Di Michalska	Beedles Lake GC Charnwood Forest GC	73 points (OLR)
3rd	Jean Keller and Anne Davies Sue Barrett and Linda Foden	Willesley Park GC Rothley Park GC	73 points (OLR)

**The Autumn Meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> September at Market Harborough GC attracted 88 ladies playing in a 4BBB format. Prizes were presented to 7th place.

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:-

1st	Lesley Barratt and Dee Godwin,	Kilworth Springs	39 points OLR
2nd	Valerie Wilford and Jennifer Pugh,	Leicestershire	39 points OLR
3rd	Alice Seabrook and Trish Twist	Cosby	38 points
4th	Sue Mc Hugh and Jane Horwood	Park Hill	36 points OLR
5th	Jean Evans and Lorna Morris	Kilworth Springs	36 points OLR
6th	Maureen Foote and Elaine Edwards	Hinckley	36 points OLR
7th	Wendy Castle and Sue Findlay	Cosby	36 points OLR

**The Bridge Drive** held on 5<sup>th</sup> November at Park Hill is another well-supported event. 80 ladies played and it is a pleasure to announce the winners at the AGM again this year:

1st	Chris Winder	2820 points
2nd	Anne Fisher	2800 points
3rd	Josie Cramp	2560 points
4th	Glenda Yeldham	2490 points

The committee send their thanks to both the members and staff at the clubs where these competitions were held, for their co-operation and help before and during the day as it helps to make these events successful and an enjoyable experience for participants.

The Secretary thanked the committee members whose hard work enables these events to take place and she gave special thanks to all to the ladies who supported the events throughout the year. Mrs Bramley confirmed that this is what makes the events successful and that the committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at the meetings planned for 2016

The 2016 Spring and Autumn meetings will be organised by committee members Ann Shuttleworth and Pat Imlay whose contact details are on the Fixture Card and also on the website. The committee plan to utilise electronic communication as much as possible so if ladies have an email address please provide details and update this as and when required to the Secretary of the Association.

The Secretary confirmed that the Association is one of the friendliest as it exists purely for social reasons. There are none of the moans and groans that exist in the day to day running of a golf club. Everyone is friendly and wants to be part of the Association and this makes it special. Mrs Bramley advised that she had completed her first full year as Secretary and had thoroughly enjoyed working with all the members of the committee. The President and Treasurer work very hard throughout the year to organise and maintain everything on behalf of the members. She thanked Pam and Kim who will leave the committee after their two years of service, and hoped that they enjoyed the experience. Mrs Bramley confirmed that she was looking forward to working with the new committee members in 2016 and that as always, it has been a pleasure to serve this Association.

Margaret Walne of Glen Gorse proposed that all reports be adopted and Marian Wass of Hinckley seconded. All were in favour.

### **Presentation of Trophies**

Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy:

Maureen Moakes	Park Hill	80 points
Sue Ayre	Hinckley	
Chris Savage	Park Hill	

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:

Lesley Barratt	Kilworth Springs	39 points
Dee Godwin	Kilworth Springs	

Winners of Presidents Day:

Jane Horwood	Park Hill	74 points
Angela Wright	Park Hill	
Chris Hyde	Birstall	
Joan Preston	Birstall	

### **Donations**

Carole Bailey, on behalf of the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies County Golf Association, expressed thanks for the donation.

Mrs Bailey also expressed thanks on behalf of the Leicestershire & Rutland Junior County Golf Association, for the donation of £540 which also included the proceeds of raffles held during the year. She

confirmed that this money will be put to good use.

### **Election of Officers and Council**

The following names were put to the meeting for formal acceptance:

President	Jenny Martin	Glen Gorse
Vice President	Jan Johnson	Scraptoft
Treasurer	Mary Jarvis	The Leicestershire
Secretary	Lynda Bramley	Beedles Lake
Committee	Caroline Butcher	Rutland Water
	Sally Hollis	Lutterworth
	Pam Imlay	Glen Gorse
	Karen Middleton	Melton Mowbray
	Ann Shuttleworth	Rutland County

Chris Hyde from Birstall proposed that the committee be elected on block. Rita Fricker from Lingdale seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Mrs Martin welcomed the new committee members.

The President invited all the ladies to fill in the match availability sheets on the tables and leave these for collection at the end of the meeting.

The President confirmed that the AGM would be held at Devonshire Place again next year on Thursday 9th February 2017. She advised that the committee were considering offering a choice of menu at the next luncheon. Mrs Martin asked all members to inform her of any deaths or illness of members of the Association so that she can send sympathy or greetings cards as appropriate. She also invited ladies to leave a gratuity for the staff in the envelope left on each table.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Carole Bailey of Willesley Park thanked the Committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

### **Closure**

The meeting closed at 14.40p.m