

# LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADY CAPTAINS' GOLF ASSOCIATION

## 1. Minutes and Apologies

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting held at Devonshire Place on Thursday 8th February 2024. 150 members attended. 26 apologies were received.

The President, Ms Pam Hall took the chair and convened the meeting at 2.15pm. She welcomed Vets President Andrena Porter and all the members present to the meeting.

The President asked everyone to pause for a few moments to remember two past lady captains who died during the year. These included; Rachael Meade of Kirby Muxloe and Lynne Morgan of Longcliffe. Ms Hall also asked those present to think of members who were experiencing poor health, the King, the royal family and all those in crisis around the world.

## 2. Minutes of the AGM 2023

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 Alison Seddon of Longcliffe, seconded by Margaret Theakston of Luffenham Heath. All were in favour. Ms Hall signed the minutes.

## 3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

## 4. President's Report

Ms Hall again welcomed Vets President Andrena, and all ladies present to the 51st AGM.

Ms Hall thanked everyone for their support and friendship in making her first year as President so very special. She advised that she was extremely honoured to have been asked to be President and hoped that 2024 will be just as memorable.

Despite the awful weather we have endured this year, all our events were able to go ahead, and her thanks were sent to the ground staff who worked so hard to present the courses in such good condition despite the thunderstorms.

The Spring Meeting at Kibworth, for the Wendy Johnson Trophy, was tough going, 33 teams entered, and full handicap was given due to the ground conditions. Buggies were banned, but this did not deter one group of ladies with a combined age of 244 playing 18 holes and returning a very respectable score. Ms Hall thanked Julie Dawson for organising the day so efficiently.

Presidents Day was held at Ms Hall's home club of Rutland Water, where our 50th anniversary decorations were re-used. 76 ladies played on a very hot day. She thanked Past Presidents Glenda Yeldham and Jenny Martin, who enabled the 2-tee start. Ms Hall gave grateful thanks to the greens staff who had a very early start that day following the huge thunderstorms endured the previous days and added that they even managed to get the bunkers back in play! The President advised that the whole day for her will rank as one of the best golfing days that she ever had, but that she didn't even play.

The Autumn Meeting took place at The Leicestershire on a glorious sunny day. 88 ladies competed in a pair's competition for the Renee Shipman Trophy. Although away on holiday on the actual date, Sara Glover did a great job in organising the event.

The Leicestershire & Rutland Vets hosted the Captains' at Birstall for the annual AM AM. This is always a popular event and a friendly affair for the higher handicappers amongst us. This match can cause confusion when ladies forget who they are playing for, Captains or Vets, but it all adds to the fun. Seriously though please try and wear the right top.

The Captains & Vice-Captains meet and greet was also held at Birstall. Twenty-four ladies played in the 9-hole AM AM on a lovely sunny day. This is a popular event that brings together the incoming captains of 2024. A great opportunity to find out about the Association, to meet, put faces to names and confirm or arrange upcoming fixtures.

Our 3 inter-county matches against Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire were played in a friendly but competitive spirit and to celebrate our 50th anniversary we introduced a new match, the Inter-County Shield. 12 players from each County compete in a single stableford format competition with the top 10 scores counting towards a team total. The match was held at Beedles Lake.

And then our final match of the year, The Men, a very popular event this one and always oversubscribed. Beedles Lake again hosted the match and much banter ensued prior to the match, those men are very competitive.

You may be wondering why I have not given out the results. That's because we didn't lose any, just one draw against Derbyshire, and we beat the men! This is only the third time in the history of the fixture, so Ms Hall said that she is expecting a tough match in 2024, as she is sure they will be looking for revenge. The President advised that she would

like to say it's all down to her, but of course that's not true, it's a combined effort, from Julia Dunkley, her vice-president, selecting the teams and to all the members for taking part in what can only be described as a truly fantastic golfing year.

Our final event of the year is the Bridge Drive held at Scraftoft Golf Club which 64 ladies attended. Always a joy this event as friends meet one another and much chatter and laughter ensues, before the important business of Bridge gets underway.

Full reports of all these events can be found on the website.

#### **4.1. Fixtures**

Ms Hall advised that had a few words to say regarding the booking of events and matches.

Fixtures are all agreed for 2024 and are detailed on the website and on your fixture cards, however it is becoming more difficult to obtain courtesy of the course, due in part to economic pressures on clubs.

So far, we have managed to obtain courtesy of the courses for our matches. It is important however that players stay for the meal as this may be the only income that clubs get from our use of their course. Unfortunately, there are no "free days out" in these economic times.

Membership renewal subscriptions and entry for trophy events have been increased this year to offset some of the additional costs being incurred. There is no plan to increase the value of prizes although the number of prizes awarded will be adjusted dependent on the number of entries received, (the larger the field the more prizes awarded and vice versa). Instead, the plan is to offer a larger contribution to clubs that host us but this is again dependent on the number of entries received. If insufficient entries are received for events, there may not be the funds available to cover the donation agreed with the club, so please support the Spring and Autumn Meetings which at £15 per head, are very good value for money. Any contribution over and above this may allow a subsidy to be applied for other events as and when needed.

Presidents Day is usually played on a course outside our County. The cost of booking these are becoming prohibitively high. It is not uncommon for quotes for 18 holes of golf with coffee on arrival and a meal to be in excess of £50 pp. The Council has worked hard to limit the cost but this year we have had to charge £45pp which does not fully the costs incurred for this day. The President advised that it will be interesting to see what the future brings but decisions may have to be made regarding this event for the future.

Ms Hall thanked secretary, Lynda Bramley and treasurer Elaine Wesley, for all their hard work in setting up and maintaining the website. There are now on-line entry forms available for trophy events. This will enable ladies to enter events and pay by BAC's, a definite move forward.

The President thanked all the clubs who have hosted events and matches during the year providing excellent courses as well as great food throughout 2023. She also thanked Council members who are a great team, working hard to ensure all our events run smoothly. But most of all Ms Hall added, a big thank you to all the members for supporting the Association and making events so successful.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer Mrs Wesley, advised that it was her pleasure to present the accounts to 30th November 2023. A few copies of these accounts were available on each table for members to review. Mrs Wesley hoped that ladies had taken the opportunity to look at them.

The Current Account balance has shown a decrease of £390. Subscription income was slightly less due to a fall in membership and membership is down again this year but the increase to annual subscriptions from £2 to £3 will go towards offsetting the cost of the reduction in the number of members.

The Deposit Account gained £65 interest this year, significantly more than the £6 we got last year!

In 2023 £100 was donated to the Ladies County Golf Association and £500 to the County Juniors.

Our Merchandise sales have been slightly down this year but a profit of £240 was made and we have a good selection of merchandise in stock ready for the coming season.

Bank Charges this year were £82 of which £60 was the monthly charge, which we were unable to do anything about. The remaining £22 was the cost of paying in cheques and cash. Hopefully now that members are getting used to using the BAC's system, which is working well, the number of cash and cheque transactions will fall.

Entries for our competitions have remained healthy which means that the Association is able to give good prizes.

The President presented a gift to Mary Jarvis at the AGM for auditing the accounts in 2023. Mrs Wesley confirmed that Mrs Jarvis had agreed to audit the accounts again at the end of 2024.

Mrs Wesley sent her thanks to all the club representatives for the efficient way in which they returned their membership

lists and lunch attendees, it was much appreciated.

Mrs Wesley confirmed that our accounts remain in a healthy position. with a year cash balance of £5,470.

## **6. Secretary's Report**

24 clubs are affiliated to the Association. Two members passed away since the last AGM and 47 resignations have been received. The total number of members in the Association stands at 396 including 8 honorary members and 10 ladies who play for clubs outside the counties of Leicestershire & Rutland.

### **6.1. Results of Trophy Events Held During 2023**

The Spring Meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Kibworth Golf Club with 90 ladies in 30 teams playing in a 3 Ball Alliance.

The Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy

1st	Jo Pepper, Cathy Russell and Suzanne Smith of Cosby GC	67 points
2nd	Sue Clarke, Sara Glover and Pam Hall of Rutland Water GC	66 points
3rd	Lynda Bramley, Lynda Dunne and Sue Young of Beedles Lake	65 points
4th	Julia Dunkley, Chris O'Neill and Ruth Palmer of Kibworth GC	65 points (OCB)
5th	Helen Adams-Brown of Hinckley, Anne Knight, Judy Matharu of Lutterworth	64 points

President's Day was held on 23rd June at Rutland Water Golf Club and attracted 76 ladies in 19 teams playing an AM/AM format.

The winners of the President's Quaich's, (the cups of friendship) were:

1st	Andrena Porter of Lutterworth and Sue Barker of Whetstone Judy Matharu of Lutterworth Caroline Butcher of Rutland Water	83 points
2nd	Julie Dawson of Kirby Muxloe and Jo Pepper of Cosby Lorraine Washington and Gail Neill of Scraftoft	76 points
3rd	Cathryn Hoyland and Shirley Bright of Scraftoft Carole Allsop and Pat Imlay of Glen Gorse	73 points

The Autumn Meeting was held on 4th September at The Leicestershire Golf Club where 88 ladies played in a 4 BBB pairs competition for the Renee Shipman Trophy.

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:

1st	Rose Fowler and Mary Jarvis of The Leicestershire	42 points
2nd	Margaret Weston of Beedles Lake & Wendy Castle of Kibworth	40 points
3rd	Ann Shuttleworth of Burghley Park & Anne Milson of Elton Furze	39 points
4th	Rosie Black of The Leicestershire & Joanna Brown of Scraftoft	39 points (OCB)
5th	Susan Hine & Helen Waterhouse of Ullesthorpe Court	38 points

The Bridge Drive held on 9rd November at Scraftoft Golf Club was the last event of 2023. 64 ladies played and we are pleased to announce the winners at the AGM again this year:

1st	Sarah Gilbert, a guest of Beedles Lake	3,050 points
2nd	Irene Steele of Kibworth	3,000 points
3rd	Pauline Dignan of Lingdale	2,790 points
4th	Pat Ball	2,580 points

Congratulations were sent to the winners of these events.

The Council would like to thank both the members and staff at the clubs where these competitions were held, for their co-operation and help, both before, and during the day as this helped to make these events successful and hopefully an enjoyable experience for everyone. Our thanks are also sent to all to the ladies who supported our events throughout 2023.

Mrs Bramley urged members to participate in our trophy events planned for 2024. Entries did pick up a little during 2023 although these have been down compared to pre-Covid entry levels. Entries into our events are now booked using our on-line entry forms on our website [www.lrlcga.com](http://www.lrlcga.com)

## 6.2. Website

Our website has evolved and is regularly updated. This is fairly comprehensive and easy to use. We continue to maintain and update this to provide information for the benefit of members. This includes:

- News items that highlight up-coming events as well as post event updates
- Match team selections and results of matches
- On-line entry forms for 2024 trophy events are available now and start sheets will be posted 2-3 weeks before the event.
- Results of competitions are posted soon after the close of the competitions.
- Honours Boards detail the winners of trophy events since each of these started as well as Past Presidents of the Association.
- “About Us” you will find the Constitution, information about the Council, AGM minutes, diary of events, Merchandising can also be viewed and ordered via the website.

Please access our website [www.lrlcga.com](http://www.lrlcga.com) for information throughout the year.

## 6.3. Club Representatives

Mrs Bramley confirmed that as an Association we rely on individuals within clubs to liaise and communicate on our behalf. She said a very grateful thank you to all the club representatives who had communicated on our behalf with members of their club, for collecting membership subscriptions and for sending these in with the menu choices for the AGM luncheon. She confirmed that they are all “superstars” and that she could not thank them enough.

It is great to see so many familiar faces at this AGM and to meet new members of the Association. This event provides the chance to renew friendships and marks the beginning of the golfing year. Spring really is just around the corner.

This is a very special Association and this is the best committee anyone can join. It is not an onerous job as there are only 5 or 6 meetings held during the year. We are efficient; we get on well together and we are energised by new members joining the Council each year. If you get the chance to join, take the opportunity and come and enjoy working with us. Everyone brings a different input and perspective and so, I look forward to working with the new Council for 2024. As always it has been a pleasure to serve this Association.

Jenny Martin of Glen Gorse proposed that all reports be adopted and Pauline Dignan of Lingdale seconded. All were in favour.

## 7. Presentation of Trophies

The winners of the Spring Meeting, President’s Day and the Autumn Meeting were presented with the Wendy Johnson Trophy, President’s Quaiches and the Renee Shipman Trophy.

## 8. Presentation of Donations

It was confirmed that a donation of £100 had been made to the County Ladies and £620 to the Junior Girls. Ms Hall invited Sally Townsend of Ullesthorpe Court GC to collect letters confirming the BACS donations that had been made. Ms Townsend thanked the Association on behalf of the President of The County Alison Horak who was unable to attend the AGM this year due to a county commitment.

## 9. Election of Officers and Council

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

President:	Pam Hall of Rutland Water
Vice President:	Julia Dunkley of Kibworth
Treasurer:	Elaine Wesley of Glen Gorse
Secretary:	Lynda Bramley of Beedles Lake
Council Members:	Joyce Calow of Birstall
	Elaine Holloway of Kilworth Springs
	Sara Glover of Rutland Water

### 9.1. Joining the Council in 2023:

Two members have put their names forward to join the Council in 2024. The President invited the nominated ladies to stand:

- Sheila Plant of Scraftoft
- Jayne Mansfield of Willesley Park

Shirley Bright of Scraftoft proposed that the Council be elected on block. Chris O'Neill of Kibworth seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

The President thanked the new members for volunteering to serve on the Council.

Ms Hall took the opportunity to thank all the committee members for their hard work and support throughout the year. She also offered a special thank you to Julie Dawson and Sheila Major who retire from the Council this year.

## **10. Fixtures**

Ms Hall advised that fixture cards are available by club on each table. These are a different format to previous years. On-line entry forms for trophy events are now available on the website. Matches planned for the year are also detailed on the website.

### **10.1. Trophy Events**

Start sheets for each of our competitions will be posted to the website two-four weeks prior to the event taking place.

Results will also be posted to the website as soon as possible after the event.

As the spring and autumn meetings involve early start times that may run well into the afternoon, we will not plan to hold a presentation following these competitions. This avoids ladies having to return to often, far away venues. Vouchers will be sent on to all winners. However, if there are winners in attendance at the end of the day then they will be presented with their prizes.

President's Day generally has a smaller field so holding a presentation may be feasible however, the Council reserves the right to review this on the day.

### **10.2. Matches**

Match availability forms were sent to the club representatives during December and a blank form has also been placed on each table for members to indicate their interest in playing. Julia Dunkley will be organising the matches for 2024 again and will contact ladies to confirm that they are still available to play. As many ladies as possible will be given the chance to participate in the matches scheduled for 2024.

Teams will be posted to the website and the results will also be posted after each match.

The inter-county match has also been added to the fixture list. Nottinghamshire will host Derbyshire and Leicestershire & Rutland at Ruddington Grange on Thursday 1st August. Unfortunately, Northamptonshire will not be attending in 2024.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our events and matches that are scheduled during the year.

## **11. Any Other Business:**

There was no other business raised by any member of the Association.

### **11.1. Gratuity**

The President advised that gratuity envelopes were available on each table. If ladies had enjoyed their meal and received good service, they were invited to leave a gratuity for the staff.

### **11.2. Date of AGM in 2023**

The date of the next AGM will be Thursday 6th February 2025.

## **12. Vote of Thanks**

Mrs Jenny Martin of Glen Gorse GC thanked the committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

## **13. Closure**

Ms Hall closed the meeting at 2.47p.m.

Signed

Date