

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 1st County Club Delegates Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7pm at Wellingborough Golf Club

### **PRESENT :**

|                |                              |
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| Judy Ray       | President                    |
| Janet Halliday | Regional Rep and Chairperson |
| Gill Spencer   | County Captain               |
| Pat Silburn    | Vice County Captain          |
| Sue Butler     | Hon Secretary                |
| Karen Findlay  | Hon Handicap Secretary       |
| Pat Wilson     | Hon Competitions Secretary   |
| Alison Shine   | Cecil Leitch Organiser       |

### **DELEGATES :**

|                  |                |               |                     |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Ann Thompson     | Stoke Albany   | Jackie Role   | St Andrews Hsp GC   |
| S Patel          | Kettering      | J McGarry     | Elton Furze         |
| Carol Robinson   | Cold Ashby     | Joyce Crawley | Embankment          |
| Vera Carter      | Pytchley       | S Dodd        | Wellingborough      |
| Sandy Pattenden  | Staverton Pk   | Ann Ireland   | Oundle              |
| Marion Peel      | N C G C        | Kerri Cole    | Peterborough Milton |
| Ginny Jolliffe   | Kingsthorpe    | Ada Parr      | Whittlebury Park    |
| Margaret Bird    | Rushden        | Theresa East  | Northampton         |
| Jenny Gibson     | Collingtree Pk | Jane Gilbey   | Orton Meadows       |
| Cath Arnold      | Priors Hall    | Jane Leonard  | Overstone Pk        |
| Margaret Haddock | “              | Roma Townsend | “                   |

### **APOLOGIES :**

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| Heather Williams | Immediate Past County Captain |
| Maggie Nutt      | Hon Treasurer                 |
| Mary Gallaher    | Farthingstone                 |
| Elizabeth Crowe  | Delapre                       |
| S Talbot         | Hellidon Lakes                |
| Jean Poolton     | Daventry                      |
| Jean Butler      | Cherwell Edge                 |
| Rosemary Hardie  | Brampton Heath                |

### **1. WELCOME**

The President – Judy Ray – welcomed delegates to this, the first County Club Delegates Meeting, and said she felt sure everyone would obtain lots of information to take back with them to their Clubs. She then handed the Meeting over to the Chairperson – Janet Halliday – the Northamptonshire Regional Rep.

### **2. DELEGATES INDIVIDUAL INTRODUCTION**

The Regional Representative said she was delighted to see so many Club Delegates and asked each member to introduce themselves. Name badges were available for all. She said there was a list going round and could each Delegate please check that their information was shown correctly.

***It is important that any alterations are advised to the Regional Rep, as she in turn has to update EWGA***

### **3. GOLF PARTNERSHIP**

We were fortunate enough to have with us, both David Davis and Richard Lobb from the Northamptonshire Golf Partnership, who had come along to talk to us about the workings of this.

- ***Report is enclosed.***

#### **4. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**

JH advised the Meeting that any EWGA queries should be addressed through her. If she is unable to answer, she will contact the co-ordinator who in turn will refer to EWGA.

These two extra meetings which are for just the Club Delegate, now make a total of four annual meetings which constitutionally EWGA require.

#### **5. STAFF REPORTS**

Packs had been handed to Club Delegates which included information concerning presentations from the first EWGA Midlands South Meeting that JH had attended.

- a) Press Release - Jim Robinson, new Chief Executive – introduction.
- b) Board Induction Compliance Team .
- c) Championships and Tournaments.
- d) Developing Golf in England.
- e) Training Department.
- f) Women & Girls in Golf (*This is a leaflet which should already be available to you in the ladies section of your Golf Club*)

JH said in order that the Meeting should not go on too long, she felt it would be better for each Club Delegate to take all this information back to her Club, so the Ladies Committee can go through it at their leisure.

#### **6. COUNTY CAPTAIN**

As Gill pointed out, this is our first meeting for just club delegates. Information will be passed to you at these meetings to take back to your ladies section in order for them to be aware of what is happening in Womens' Golf in England.

*County Championship : Gill reported that this had taken place the previous week, and she said how well it had gone, and what a great depth of talent we have.*

**County Week :** With the new structure, and change in regions, this will be the first year we play the counties of - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Worcs and Herefordshire. With more matches being played, the county team will now consist of 12 players plus 1 reserve.

*Dates for County Week are – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Wellingborough Golf Club.*

*County finals are due to be played at Long Ashton, Bristol Sunday 14 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, when it is hoped Northamptonshire will have gained the right to be there.*

#### **7. HON.COUNTY COMPETITION SECRETARY**

Pat reported that the County Championship had gone well, but is concerned that entries are down at present for some of the other competitions. She is however hopeful that entries will continue to come in.

*She pointed out that the County Committee do listen to comments received, and try to adapt, look to the future, and move with the times. For example, the Tazza trophy is now a stableford instead of a medal competition.*

Pat asked the Club Delegates to go back to their members to see if they can find out why they are not entering competitions.

#### **Is it because :-**

- a) They feel the cost of entering competitions is becoming prohibitive.
- b) These are played during the week
- c) They are not happy with the format
- d) They consider some competition venues to be too far away.

Pat asked the Club Delegates to make enquiries and e-mail her with their findings -  
[patawilson@btinternet.com](mailto:patawilson@btinternet.com)

## 8. CECIL LEITCH ORGANISER

Alison informed the Meeting it had become necessary to move one club from Division 1 to Division 4 for 2009 to make numbers even, should Cherwell Edge be unable to play.

*Kettering will move to Division 4*

### Division 1 (2009)

Stoke Albany  
Northampton  
Peterborough Milton  
Elton Furze  
Whittlebury Park

### Division 4 (2009)

Wellingborough  
N C G C  
Oundle  
Cold Ashby  
Cherwell Edge  
Kettering

*(Divisions 2 and 3 remain the same)*

Results should be sent to her as soon as matches have been played  
Clubs are not to request courtesy of courses from a Club they are due to play  
Competitors should always carry a copy of the Cecil Leitch rules  
No decisions should be made until checked  
All Cecil Leitch matches must be played from CONGU SSS Tee markers

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**JH informed the Meeting** that the position of County Club Delegate is for just 1 member from each club, not 3, as is the normal requirement from Clubs for the Meetings in March and November.

*Pat Silburn – County Vice Captain told the Meeting that we are presently in the process of setting up our own web site, which would hopefully incorporate entry forms for competitions, and which may eventually have an effect on the county blue book..*

**JH had received a directive** from EWGA that following a number of queries regarding measuring devices. - “EWGA had advised that DMD’s are not permitted in regional and counties competitions in accordance with Rule 14-3.”

*Alternative Day competition The Hon Handicap Secretary was asked what the ruling is regarding the arranging and changing of the date of an alternative day competition. Whilst the Handicap Secretary advised competitors are not allowed to play in both competitions, she said she would look up the relevant rule.*

**Alternative Day Rule attached**

**JH had been informed** that the EGU/EWGA Golf Club Questionnaire 2008 had not been completed and returned by 19 clubs in Northamptonshire.

**These clubs are :-**

|                  |                           |                  |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Brampton Heath   | Cherwell Edge             | Collingtree Park |
| Delapre          | Farthingstone (Woodlands) | Hellidon Lakes   |
| John White       | Kingfisher Lakes          | Kingsthorpe      |
| Northampton      | Oundle                    | Overstone Pk     |
| Rushden          | Silverstone               | St Andrews Hosp. |
| Staverton Park   | Stoke Albany              | Wellingborough   |
| Whittlebury Park |                           |                  |

This questionnaire can be completed on line at : [www.gcmq2008.org](http://www.gcmq2008.org)

**GS referred to the County Championship** and said a suggestion had been made that perhaps this tournament might be run on a Friday and incorporate a weekend instead of taking up 3 working days. She wondered if the meeting had any views on this. This suggestion would be discussed in Committee in due course.

**JH reported** : - *It had become Apparent that when the “Articles of Association” had been drawn up EWGA had been ill informed. JH read information received from Jim Robinson CEO.*

“When the EWGA was being incorporated as a Limited Company, the Articles of Association were inadvertently worded in a way that gave every individual member the right to be notified directly of all general meetings. This was not intentional, and as you can imagine, to follow this procedure will be prohibitively expensive for the Association.

EWGA’s legal advisers have suggested that the most efficient and timely solution to this problem is for the voting members of EWGA (ie. The County Associations) to pass a resolution to authorise EWGA to notify affiliated Golf Clubs of general meetings instead of having to notify each individual member. One minor complication is that for the resolution to be effective, County Associations will have to signify their agreement to the resolution within 28 days of the date that the resolution is circulated to them.”

**JH advised** the meeting she had received confirmation that the other regions had not raised any objections to this. As none of the Delegates present appeared to have any objections either, the County will therefore sign.

**JH had been given** an information sheet concerning “Children in golf “ and as she felt it was important clubs should have a copy of this, she would let them have one in due course.

**JH said the Midland position** she holds is for 3 years. She will have completed 2 by the end of this year. After due consideration, she has decided to stand down at the AGM in November and will be looking for someone to take over this position.

She would be more than happy to answer any questions. **An EWGA Job Description is attached.**

Please contact her:- **j\_halliday@btopenworld.com**

#### **DATE OF NEXT CLUB DELEGATES MEETING**

Monday 14 July 2008 ~Wellingborough Golf Club at 7pm

*There being no further business, Janet thanked Wellingborough Golf Club for their kind hospitality, the delegates for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.55pm*

Signed .....  
Regional Representative

Date .....

## **9. ALTERNATIVE DAY**

For those clubs which have members who cannot play on the Main Medal Day, and providing the Club Committee is willing to grant the necessary permission, the Committee may arrange an Alternative Day for all or some of the LGU Medal Competitions, complying with the Rules of Golf (Note to Rule 33-2b).

The following are **Guidelines** for a Committee to enable as many members as possible to play in the LGU Medal Competitions.

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**9.1** The Alternative Day should, if possible, be arranged on a date prior to the Main Day so that the competition is closed at the end of the Main Day.

**9.2** If a major club competition coincides with the LGU Medal Competition, it may be played on the Main Day only, or on the Main and Alternative Day at the discretion of the Committee.

**9.3** The Committee may request members to indicate their preference on a prepared list or book at any time up to one week before the first day of the competition days, whether it be the Main or the Alternative Day. Under exceptional circumstances, the Committee may permit a player to change the day at short notice, provided tee times are available.

**9.4** If the Club Committee limits the number of members who may compete on the Alternative Day, the Committee should decide the fairest apportionment of opportunity to those wishing to play.

**Under no circumstances may any player compete twice in the same LGU Medal Competition.**

## **10. FIXING OF DATES**

**10.1** Main Day – the dates of the LGU Medal Competitions (minimum four and up to sixteen) at each affiliated club shall be fixed by the beginning of the LGU year.

**10.2** Alternative Day – an Alternative Day must be arranged within seven days of the Main Day, preferably prior to the Main Day, in the same LGU year and may be on any day of the week.

## **11. CHANGE OF DATE**

**11.1** The date of an LGU Medal Competition may only be altered should the course be pronounced unavailable by the Club Committee, or if the Committee or its authorised representative considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition, or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible (Rules of Golf – Rule 33-2d).

**11.2** The new date must be within two calendar months of the date originally fixed and within the same LGU year and must be posted in the clubhouse. A change of date may be applied to a Main or an Alternative Day separately.

## **GOLF PARTNERSHIP**

The role of the Northamptonshire Golf Partnership is to develop golf throughout the county of Northamptonshire. This is to be performed in two key ways;

- Establishing links to the counties primary and secondary schools with the aim to deliver tri-golf and golf extreme.  
Crealinks from these schools to the various golf clubs in the county. The result should be that golf clubs in the county have a feeder system from the schools of junior golfers.
- Visiting all of the golf clubs in the county to establish their own individual needs.

At present some of the coaching programs that are in place are as follows;

- Corby - tri golf is being delivered to 9 primary schools and 3 secondary schools will be receiving golf extreme coaching.  
At the end of the coaching a golf festival will be run and then 60 of the most promising children will be taken to Blackwood Golf Range to receive coaching from their professional A. Bell.
- Kettering - A 5 week course of tri golf coaching is planned during Sept/Oct 2008. The long term aim of this project is to link the schools to either Kettering Golf Club or Pytchley Golf Range.
- Daventry - 8 primary schools have been chosen to receive tri golf coaching. This project will involve me and 2 other professionals Ed Chapman (N.C.G.C) and Aaron Sheppard (Staverton Park Golf Club)  
Links to Staverton Park/Collingtree Park and Harlestone Golf Clubs will hopefully be made.
- Northampton - A week long coaching course is to run at Delapre Golf Club. This will involve 40 children and be run by myself and their professional Andrew Coleman.

As well as these school projects I will be helping Oundle Golf Club with their junior golf day and Rushden golf club with an adult beginner project. I have also sent a letter to all golf club secretaries to explain that I will be visiting all golf clubs in the county from June 2008 onwards.

The aim of these visits will be to determine on a more personnel level how the partnership can help golf clubs. To assist with this I would be grateful if golf clubs could ensure that they have completed their 2008 questionnaire.

In the short term I would advise all golf clubs to apply for their £200 free golf coaching grant, if they have not done so. This grant is to assist golf clubs in the running of taster sessions for beginners. Ideally the coaching should be delivered by the clubs professional. If however he does not have the time I, as the county community golf coach can run the sessions for you.

For existing junior members a £150 junior club coaching grant can be applied for. This will be paid so long as the golf club matches the figure.

The partnership has also allocated £1000 to support any golf clubs that are running a specific girls/ladies coaching initiative.

For more information on funding opportunities please either contact myself or read the Developing Golf in England leaflet.

The partnership is at present involved with a coaching strategy for 9 to 16 year olds which is in its second year of delivery. 45 children have been involved this year of which 8 girls are in the Northampton group and 10 are from the Peterborough area. We have obtained lottery funding through the English Golf Partnerships bid for talent development this will be £30k over the next 3 years. This will be added to the money that the Northants Golf Union and Ladies Association provide from their coaching budgets. 25% of this money is for girls coaching. Not all the coaching is technical; some is management both on and off the golf course, preparation, mental and physical. The girls will work with their home professional or their regular coach. We will also be appointing 10 academy coaches based around the county each working with a maximum of 10 players. Players will be nominated through their clubs for a place on the coaching; the ladies junior delegate has so far nominated the girls in the programme. Applications to become a coach are about to be invited from our county professionals. The coaching will commence in September 2008.

The partnership has realised that there is a need to run a child protection workshop. This will be run sometime in September 2008. If anyone would like to attend please let me know and you will be placed on the course.

Finally I have been asked about junior delegate workshops. To run a workshop a minimum of 8 people are required to attend.

They are run by Kelly Hanwell so if you are interested please contact her at:

[kelly.hanwell@englishwomensgolf.org](mailto:kelly.hanwell@englishwomensgolf.org)

Hopefully I have given some light on the role of the Northamptonshire Golf Partnership and that we can all work together to develop golf in our county. If you require any further information please contact me at:

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## **DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

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| <b>TITLE</b>          | <b>County Divisional Representative</b>                    |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE TO</b> | <b>The County Committee</b>                                |
| <b>ROLE</b>           | <b>To represent her County on the Divisional Committee</b> |

### **AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **a) Key Tasks**

- Attend the Divisional meetings with voting power. (Usually a minimum of 3 are held)
- Attend the Divisional AGM
- Attend her County Executive Committee meetings to report on Divisional matters
- Give a report to her County AGM
- Attend and assist at Divisional competitions within her County
- Maintain liaison between her county and the Members serving on the ELGA Executive Committee
- To assist the Divisions in finding suitable candidates to serve as Deputy members on the Executive Committee
- To help assess the suitability of a course for an English Championship, if requested by the Venues Sub-Committee

#### **b) Associated concerns**

- Whenever possible, attend the ELGA AGM
- Arrange course bookings when required for Divisional events.
- Encourage her county members to participate in Divisional and National events
- To promote the ELGA Trust and Trust Marketing Committee within their County.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- The representative should have served on her County Executive Committee or have similar administrative experience in ladies' golf.
- County Representatives of English Counties must have national qualifications as laid down in the ELGA handbook

## **Divisional Representative (cont)**

### **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

- Good communication skills
- Free time which is flexible
- Be available to spend time away from home for more than one day
- Ability to use information technology to some extent or willingness to learn

### **NOTE**

- When selecting a Representative, counties should bear in mind that future ELGA Executive Members (who represent their division) may be drawn from experienced Members on the Divisional Committee

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

- The County Executive Committee shall elect a Representative. Candidates should be nominated and seconded by clubs affiliated to the county

### **TERM OF OFFICE**

- Three years`

### **EXPENSES**

- Travel expenses to Divisional committee meetings. The Divisional and ELGA AGMs should be paid at current ELGA rate by the Counties. All other expenses to be paid by the Division, with the exception of expenses incurred organising events on behalf of ELGA which will be paid by ELGA

**Copies to Divisional and County Secretaries**