

Minutes of the Lincolnshire Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa on November 4th 2019 at 10.30 am.

The Chairman began by asking for a few moments silence in respect of the following members of the County Association who had passed away during the year: Renee Robertshaw, Jean Blair, Sheila Brown, Rhoda Cawthorpe, Sue Sharman, Marjorie Watkinson, Di Rowbottom, Marjorie Mossop, Betty Pestell, Megan Ashley, Margaret Davis, Hilary Murray, Dot Singleton, Marion Meech, Alma Birch, Patricia Gibbon, Jan Tummey, Shirley Burton, Mary Frost, Mary Keal, Joan Hall, Roz Jackson, Brenda Robertson

Mrs Stobart, the County Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing those members of the County Executive sitting on the top table.

Present: Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman), Mrs Cindy Ireland (President/Treasurer), Mrs Helen Dawson (Captain) Mrs Gillian Grant (Vice-Captain), Mrs Barbara Haycox (Secretary), Mrs. Polly Brettle (League Secretary), Mrs. Dawn Cunnington (Competitions Secretary), Mrs. Pat Jones (Junior Organiser), Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (SS Advisor), Miss Angela Scurr (Midlands North Representative), Mrs Elaine Lilley (Marketing), Mrs Jackie Friend (South Representative, Mrs Margaret Yelland (Central Representative , Sheila Mitchell (North Representative), Stacey Mitchell (Junior Pilot Coordinator) and Mrs. Kathryn Johnson (Assistant Handicap Adviser)

1 Apologies for Absence

Terry Macarthy, Sophie Beardsall, Moira Wilson, Ann Kent, Julia Sales, Pam Shepherd, Sue Fletcher, Andree Burt, Gedney Hill G.C., Val Sambridge, Sue Annibal, Mel Adcock, Betty Gresham, Lorna Moore, Kay Hircock, Lesley Collins, Chris Fletcher, Patricia Sharpe, Judith Hutton, Alison Johns, Marie Nissler.

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 5th November 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and adopted as a true record. Proposed by Jayne Crooks (Woodhall Spa) and seconded by Beverley Dolman (Greetham Valley). The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4 Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that there had been four Executive meetings, a Finance meeting a Representatives meeting & four Lincolnshire Partnership meetings. Clubs were reminded to advise the Secretary any changes to their Lady Secretary, Club Delegate, Captain and Handicap Secretary.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Association is in a healthy financial position and only had a small deficit of £1,026.00 for the year. As a result Lincolnshire affiliations fee will remain at £6.50. The England Golf Levy has gone up again - from £9.00 to £9.50 from November 1st 2019, having gone up 75p last year. This does now include personal liability insurance up to £10 million!

We currently have 2441 members, which is up 40 from last year which is the first time members have increased for a long time. Sadly we have lost RAF Coningsby, Canwick, Sandilands and Boston West although many of these members have joined other clubs.

The county competitions show a profit of £1,859.00, thank you to those of you who support these events and please encourage your fellow club members to join in too. The raffles raised an amazing £2,061 for the juniors.

Thank you to the following clubs that have kindly made donations to the juniors: Blankney, Belton Park, Woodhall Spa, Louth, Lincoln, the Lincs Vets and the Lincs Past Club Captains Society – your support is greatly appreciated.

We should also thank the Original Cake Company for their sponsorship of the juniors.

We are due to receive £400 from the Taskers trophy. We had 8 teams enter from Lincolnshire and if your club hasn't entered before it is well worth having a look at the Tasker's website. The entry fee of £55.00/team comes back to the county for the juniors. Also worth mentioning is the Annodata competition - although we get no financial gain it is worth a look for those clubs that are competitive.

Last year I mentioned that we had purchased some new kit - well we have again this year along with some more umbrellas! I mentioned last year the umbrellas not being required but sadly they have been on many occasion this year!

The Patrons have kindly donated £1,000.00 again to the juniors.

A reminder that your club competition entry forms can be put on the County website for a small fee of £15.00.

I also remind you once your club has paid their affiliation fees you are entitled to the National County Card which gives you a discount at numerous clubs around the country. Details can be found on the website.

I should also mention our course raters. This is two groups of very committed and dedicated ladies who have kindly been assessing our courses north and south of the county for the new slope system coming into play November 2020.

They have done a fantastic job assessing over 50 clubs in 3 years. No mean feat. As you will see our insurance costs have gone up - this is due to England Golf insisting that we, as a county, are liable for any injuries incurred by these ladies ! the fact that they are volunteers doing an England Golf job seems to have bi-passed them. We have though been paid £50 per course assessed.

Team expenses are up due to the fact that the County 1st team reached the National Finals although some of these costs have been offset by a grant from England Golf of £2900.00. My thanks go to Phil Smith for kindly auditing the accounts.

And lastly a big thank you to all of you, for the support you give the county and supporting the various competitions and raffles.

6 Competition Secretary's Report

I have been in the role of County Competition Secretary for over a year now and feel I am, in some way, getting to grips with it all, although the unexpected always turns up. But I have to give huge thanks to Terry McCarthy and Kathryn Johnson who have, between them, helped me at all the County events I have run.

Thank you also to the Executive committee for their support and to County Captain Birdie for her kind words of encouragement and her (what on earth will she say next?) kind of speeches. Many congratulations to her on another very successful year.

Thanks also to the Regional representatives, Margaret, Jackie and Sheila for organising their competitions which all ran very efficiently and smoothly without any help or hindrance from me. Finally a very big thank you to all the host clubs this year, their managers, Lady Captains and members for all their help and time, without which these events would not take place or run as efficiently.

The County Championship was held at Holme Hall with an outstanding entry of 44 players for the first day. This year's champion, after a very wet but extremely exciting and long (going to the 5th extra hole) final was Ellie Houghton from Greetham Valley. Ellise Rymer (Lincoln) put up a superb fight but was the runner – up this year. Sophie Bearsall (Greetham Valley) won the Barbara Watson Trophy (best 36 holes gross), Matilde Kedzlie (Spalding) won the Mary Roberts Trophy (best 36 holes gross under 30 years), and The Presidents Bowl (best 36 holes nett) was won by Veronica Renfrew (Blankney). The Butlin Trophy was won by Kazzia Fox (Thonock Park). The Julia Sales Salver (best gross foursomes) was won by Lynn Exley (Gedney Hill) and Courtney Martland (Lincoln). The foursomes nett prize was won by Lesley Collins (Welton Manor) and Margaret Yelland (Lincoln).

The Senior Ladies Championship was held at Sleaford Golf Club. Andree Burt (Woodhall Spa) won the Kathie Craigs Salver (best gross) and the runner up was Ann Lyon (Sleaford). Jayne Crooks (Woodhall Spa) won the Joan Payling Salver (best nett), runner up Jean White (Spalding).

The Spring Bronze Meeting was played at Waltham Windmill Golf club and it seems Kenwick Park were in their element. The winner of the Gwen Bamber Trophy (best Stableford points) was Jo Herring (Kenwick Park), runner-up was Mabel Blackburn (Kenwick Park). On Day 2, the Mary Mundy Salver (Betterball stableford) was won by Patsy Clark and Jean Sizer (Kenwick Park). And surprise, surprise, Kenwick Park won the Dorothy Marshall Shield for the best 3 scores from a team of 4. The team was Jo Herring, Mabel Blackburn, Bridget Hardaway, Rose Stevenson.

The County Betterballs were run by the reps. North- at Thonock Park (Sheilah) South – at Belton Park (Jackie) & Central – at Seacroft (Margaret.) Presentation of these will take place shortly.

The autumn meeting was held at Blankney Golf club. The Brocklesbury Cup (Silver division best Nett) winner was Lisa Hollingsworth (Toft), runner up Wendy Craven (Woodhall Spa). The Elsham Centenary Salver (best Gross) winner was Gill Kapka (Cleethorpes). The Lincolnshire shield for the best 3 scores from a team of 4 was retained by Toft – Cathy Lee, Lisa Hollingsworth, Louise Bradley, Alison Ravenhill.

The Coronation Cup (Bronze Best Stableford points) was won by Val Gibson (Louth) with runner-up being Bridget Hardaway (Kenwick Park)

Our competition year finished at Elsham Golf Club –
Winners were Sue Ward, Helen Heath, Wendy Craven, Di Eddington from Woodhall Spa with 87 points B9 44. Runners up were Sue Borthwock, Jane Salt, Helen Grnham, Sheilah Mitchell from Market Rasen also with 87 points B9 43.

Many of you have signed the GDPR form giving me to permission, in most cases ,to publish start sheets and results and email entry forms and the newsletters out to you. I currently have over 500 names on my database. I hope you find the emails and digital entry forms useful. We also introduced the option to pay by BACS which many have you have taken up. As the email option is now up and running I will not be giving out paper copies of the entry forms. They will still be available on the website to download but when I have them ready for publication I will also email a set out to everyone who has given me that permission. A full set of results will also be available on the website in due course.

Finally thank you to all the Ladies who entered the competitions this year. The number entries are on the rise but apart from the Am Am there is always room for more. I look forward to seeing you all in 2020 and hope to see many new faces.

County Captain Birdie presented trophies for the County Betterballs to:

North - Amanda Austen & Jane Arnold - Thonock Park
South - Ellie Houghton & Tilly Kedzlie - Greetham Valley & Spalding
Central - Jo Cobby & Dawn Cunnington – Woodhall Spa

7 2nd Team /Vice Captain's Report

Lincolnshire Women's second team played Nottinghamshire & Leicestershire & Rutland both at home and away over the summer months. We won 2 and lost 2. Nottinghamshire went on to represent our league in the final.

12 women played in the squad with 4 juniors taking part. Eden Inglis was the only player to have won all her matches. All our matches were played in a friendly spirit and were enjoyed by all.

I will be passing the running of the second team to my Vice Captain, Sophie Beardsall.

8 Junior Organiser's Report

To make my report shorter this year, we have printed the competition and match results. Firstly, well done to Birdie and her team for finishing second at County Finals.

Girls achievement this year – Tilly Garfoot became Ladies Club Champion at Spalding for the second year running. She has also been accepted onto England Golf Regional Squad for Diploma in Sporting Excellence.

Ellise Rymer also got accepted onto the England Golf Regional Squad.

The Chicks have been running at Woodhall since February, they finish in November. Many thanks to Jayne Crooks for taking them on, it has been very successful with new faces coming along.

Running through the summer is Order of Merit layed on Short Game Area, at Woodhall, Winner Group 1 was Ellie Horsted from Belton Park, Group 2 Olivia Malkinson, Boston, and Group 3 Ruby Creasey, Spalding.

The girls had two new friendly matches this year – Leicestershire and Rutland held at Seacroft. Due to very wet and windy conditions, result taken on holes that the girls got to it was a 4 ½ to 1 ½ win for Lincolnshire.

RAF held at Thonock Park, played over 36 holes am foursomes – pm singles. All who played seemed to enjoy it, there was a win for the girls 8 ½ to 3 ½.

Festival of Golf, again held at Trent Lock. This is when we find out the Junior League Winners 1st and 2nd Teams. Plus 9 holes for non handicap golfers. For the 4th year running the 2nd Team won the Salver.

Junior Fundraiser held at Greetham Valley was, as always, a great day £626.50 raised for the Juniors.

I have a few people to thank: Jayne Crooks for looking after the Chicks. Alison Johns for coaching, Lisa Howling for taking pictures and putting everything on the Junior website. Clare Welfare for doing the girls fixture list, Terry, Birdie, Cindy and Gilly. Parents who travel miles taking girls to the competitions. But most of all the girls, they are a great bunch. The Junior Captain for 2020 is Izzy Haughton, and the Vice Captain is Tilly Garfoot.

9 Midland Representative's Report

2019 Queen of Clubs held at Kenwick Park on Thursday 15th August – we had 44 competitors, originally 47. Many thanks to County Captain Birdie, her Committee and especially to Competitions Secretary Dawn for running the competition and announcing the results, a seriously great team to work with.

Many thanks to Lady Captain Carol James, Vice Rose Stevenson, the Kenwick Ladies Committee and all the Kenwick ladies who helped by meeting and greeting, assisting competitors, running

the halfway house, providing the flowers in the Lincolnshire colours. To Michael his Golf Operations and course staff for ensuring the event and day went smoothly and to caterers Sammi and Howard and their team for feeding and watering everyone.

The event was a great success and the feedback from all visiting competitors was a positive one. Congratulations to the winner by 5 shots, defending champion Joanne Morris (Willesley Park, Leicestershire) with a gross 77. Jo received the Douglas Bowl, winners voucher and an exemption into the EG 2020 Women's Amateur Championships. Second was Emily Sutton (6 – Walsall G.C), Third Kirsten Thorpe (5 – Charnwood Forest G.C.) Gross 83, Best Nett Judith Gascoigne (11 – Matlock G.C.) Nett 76. WSe had 17 Lincs clubs represented – thank you all for supporting the event and don't forget to support next year's Queen of Clubs on Monday 17th August at Mickleover G.C. Derbyshire, let's send a strong contingent from Lincolnshire.

Please note the 2020 following events:

Foursomes Medal – Wednesday 22nd April – Ashby Decoy
Medals Final – Thursday 28th May – Worfield Golf Club, Shropshire
County Week – 22nd -24th June – Hinckley Golf Club, Rutland and Leicestershire
Australian Spoons – Tuesday 14th July – The Nottinghamshire
Girls Championship – Monday 31st August – Leek Golf Club, Staffordshire
County Second Team – Friday 28th August – Lincoln Golf Club

Please check the LWGA Website for all details and future events. Note – there may be a trial change in the format for the Foursomes Medal from 36 holes to 18 holes Foursomes Stableford, this is due to a decline in numbers and to encourage more participation.

10 Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report

Apologies were received from the Handicap Advisor, and her report was read out on her behalf.

Most of the questions I have received this year have concerned competitions and my advice has generally been that there should be a Conditions of Competition document available for all members to see. This should cover conditions such as method of entry, bad weather, ties etc. Further advice on this subject can be found on the England Golf website

As most of you will be aware the Worldwide Handicapping System is due to be implemented in November 2020. Since the last AGM I have attended two workshops and have also been issued with a draft copy of the new handicapping rules. This document is quite detailed but I have made a start and have actually been able to work out what my handicap index would be had the system been coming into use today! The mantra for all handicap secretaries is to tell your ladies that they should play as many qualifying competitions as possible next year, before the new system is rolled out in November

Jim Lammin (Handicap Advisor for Lincolnshire Golf Union) and I, with much assistance from Ruth Goodwin the Regional Advisor, are holding a workshop for handicap secretaries on 20th February 2020, here at Woodhall Spa. Notification has been sent to all clubs in Lincolnshire and fortunately Barbara was able to send ours out first, so hopefully we will get a good attendance from the lady handicap secretaries. Please check that your handicap secretary is

aware of this workshop and has applied for a place. If not please get in touch with me by email and I can send the link again.

11 Scratch Score Assessor's Report

In 2019, in the North we have completed visits to Ashby Decoy, Grimsby, Thonock Park, (both courses), Normanby Hall, Holme Hall, Lincoln (Torksey), Spalding and Cleethorpes. Paperwork has been submitted or prepared for all these courses. With the recent visit to Cleethorpes we successfully completed our 2019 programme.

We have been unable to arrange dates with the Lincolnshire (Hirst Priory) and Thorpe Hill Park, our final two clubs. These will have to be scheduled for 2020. If there are any representatives here from either of these two clubs, could you spare a few minutes at the end for a quick chat please. Although we may have 'missed' our target of completing all the North Lincs courses this year the 'goalposts' have been moved as completion is not now necessary until November 2020, because of the revised start date for the new World Handicap System.

Stewart Johnson and I have also completed authorised measurement certificates for various courses. Clubs are charged £100, payable to the LUGC, for a current measurement certificate. £50 of this is passed on to our County Funds. We offer this to assist Clubs that, maybe, don't wish to pay commercial rates.

I understand Rod Bursall is offering the same service in the South of the County.

The south rating team, headed by Di Rafferty, have completed visits to: Toft Hotel, Burleigh Park, Gedney Hill, Woodhall Spa, Belton Park, Thorney Lakes, and Belton Woods

From next year onwards clubs will be allowed to run qualifying Gender Friendly competitions, (men off red tees, ladies off white or yellow). To allow clubs to run these competitions, they will need to book another rating visit. Unless your club is definitely planning official club qualifying competitions off gender neutral tees we would ask you not to apply for a rating visit.

12 League Secretary's Report

This is my third year as League secretary and I would like to thank all the County Executive members who have supported me this year. Thank you to all the team captains that have forwarded me their results so that I can keep the scores and the website up to date. My apologies if on the very rare occasion your result has disappeared into the ether whether it is the Post office ether, my ether or the email ether.

The handicap league final was played on Wednesday 11th September at Market Rasen Golf Club. The winners of division 1 North, Elsham A played the winners of division 1 in the South, Toft. Well done to Toft the winners for the third 3rd year.

I would like to thank Market Rasen for their excellent hospitality, our Rules expert Mike Jacobs, County Captain Birdie for her support for the day and presenting the winners with their shield and to all the supporters.

Results

There have been no relegations in the South Divisions this year as there were only 3 clubs in Division 1. We are lucky that Belton Park has entered a 'B' team which makes Division 6 up to the full number of clubs. The Handicap League results for 2019 have been sent to all participating clubs together with the list of the new divisions for 2020 to enable clubs to arrange their matches for next year. Please can team captains ensure the results are sent to me on the correct result form and not just an email or a mobile photo! Informing me of who has won and the score, as I do need the full result in the event of a count back. Any amended rules for 2020 and result sheets for submission to me will be able to be downloaded from the website in PDF. 'Word' versions are available from -The secretary Kathryn Johnson . Please make sure you use these up to date forms.

The results pages have been amended ready for 2020 and include the new leagues in divisions. Results will be sent to clubs ASAP but please remember that results have to be calculated, new leagues drawn up and then checked and verified before sending out. Mostly the results can be calculated in advance by clubs although it was not possible to do that this year in the South Division as clubs were not aware of which clubs would be promoted/delegated as there were only 3 clubs in division 1.

The Scratch league was re-introduced in 2017 and has been very successful with some hard fought matches. The teams were Woodhall Spa, Kenwick Park, Lincoln and Elsham in the North and Greetham Valley, Sleaford, Belton Park in the South. Unfortunately Kenwick Park will not be fielding a team in 2020. In the South, Kirton Holme will be joining the South Scratch League.

The matches were played home and away this season and the final was played on Friday September 6th at 11.30am at Boston Golf Club between Woodhall Spa and Greetham Valley. Greetham finally won after a fabulous match. Thank you to Terry McCarthy for being our rules official and to Boston Golf Club for being excellent hosts.

If anyone wishes to join the Scratch league for 2020 please let me know as soon as possible so that we can include any new teams.

13 Captain's Report

The season as usual started off with 1st Team Coaching at Kenwick with Paul Spence, followed by a match at Seacroft 1st team v 2nd team. A good way to start the season in a competitive way and thanks must go to Seacroft Golf Club.

The County Championship was held at Holme Hall Golf Club the first bank holiday in May. We had record entries for the Championship 42 in total because it was held over the bank holiday so the youngsters in education and working women could enter.

The County Championship is important because it does help the captain/vice captain and selectors pick the first team for the regional finals.

We had one of the best finals for a while with Ellie Houghton 18 from Greetham Valley beating Ellise Rymer from Lincoln 14 on the 5th extra play off hole. The 18 and 14 are their ages just incase you thought you were in with a chance of being in the final off those handicaps!! A huge thanks must go to Holme Hall for giving us the course over the whole Bank Holiday.

The team of Ellie Houghton, Ellise Rymer, Sophie Beardsall, Billie Jo Smith, Tilly Kedzlie, India Clyburn, Helen McDougal, Tilly Garfoot and Lucy Hull went onto play the Regional Finals at the Shropshire Golf Club in June. It was the first time we were to play the new format. 2 Foursome matches followed by 3 single matches and repeating that in the afternoon so we played 2 counties each day.

It was very close in the end, the last match was against Staffordshire and we had to half to win the Regional Finals. Our girls nailed it winning both matches beating Staffs 3-2! All the other counties were delighted Lincolnshire was going on to represent them at the National Finals.

We then went onto Delamere Forest in Cheshire middle of September to play the old format 3 Foursome's in the morning and 6 Singles in the afternoon. The team of Helen McDougal, Lucy Hull, India Clyburn, Billie Jo Smith, Ellise Rymer, Tilly Garfoot, Sophie Beardsall and Meg Illingworth The players far prefer this format.

We struggled with the Foursome's for some reason the first three days but still managed to beat Surrey on the first day 5-4 going into the singles 3-0 down but winning 5-6 singles. Ladies that just shows what courage the team have. We ended up 2nd beating Yorkshire on the last day. Gloucestershire won overall. A very big thank you to everyone who sent messages of support and those of you who actually came in person to The Shropshire and or Delamere Forest. The team love it when they see supporters when playing.

A big thank you to Pat Jones who from today has delegated 75% of her job but will still oversee it all. If it wasn't for all the hard work Pat has put in over the years we wouldn't have these juniors coming through to the first team.

The parents play a huge role too and have to mention both Tilly Garfoot and Ellise Rymer's parents who came to both Shropshire and Delamere the whole week to support.

Ellise and Tilly have both had great seasons as a lot of juniors have this year.

Ellise has a long list but I will just mention a few.

She is U14 U16 U18 Midland golf union girls champion plus overall female champion.

Played in the junior Solheim Am Am

Accepted for the second year into the England Golf East Midlands U18 squad.

Tilly also has been accepted.

PING Betterball Plate Final – winners Jacqui Barson & Julie Beanland (Belton Park) 44 points

Helen Long and Olga Ebsworth finalists in the R & A Coronation Foursomes.

Central England Mixed Foursomes – winners Helen Hewlett (seacroft) and Les Toyne

(Woodhall Spa) and massive congratulations to Helen Hewlett – she was team manager of the Solheim – what an amazing result that was. She was also captain of the Home Internationals.

Chris Reynolds (Belton Woods) won silver medal at the World Transplant games in Newcastle.

Alison Johns won gold at the World Transplant Games.

Alison was appointed Vice Captain of the Midlands PGA in February and she was the first

female captain of the Lincs PGA. Alison puts a lot back into county golf – running the chicks here at Woodhall. We are very lucky to have her.

Joyce Draper (Seacroft) has celebrated 50 years of membership at the club. I am sure there's quite a few who have passed that!

Woodhall lost in the semi finals of the Taskers trophy to Beauchief who went onto win it. This is a competition for the 50 and overs, team of 7 singles match play and your £50 entry goes to the county juniors.

Kenwick Park Annodata team reached the 6th round to loose before the final in Spain to Williams Wood 3-2 in Glasgow there homw course. This is a team of 5 singles match play which has I suppose replaced the Mail on Sunday,

Everyone who is sitting on this table works hard for Lincolnshire Women’s County Golf and the reps who run the Better Balls. I would like to thank you all for putting up with me and I am sure its been quite tricky at times.

Two years ago Nel handed over to me and said she didn’t know where the two years had gone – Well I am saying the same now to you.

I have loved being your county captain girl, thank you to all the Ex Committee and to you all here for the support and friendship you have given me the last few years.

County golf is fun we have to keep spreading the word and for those say –“Well I don’t think its for me I’m not good enough” Reply “ If you have a handicap of 36 you blooming are!!!

Adoption of Reports

Mrs Stobart thanked the officers for their reports. It was proposed that the reports be adopted en-bloc.

Proposed by: Marilyn Tompkins, Market Rasen, and seconded by Sue Fisher, Kenwick Park.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Reports

14 Appointment of Officers:

The following were nominated by the Executive for vacancies on the Executive

Captain:	Mrs Gillian Grant		
Vice-Captain:	Ms Sophie Beardsall		
Chairman:	Mrs Sheilah Mitchell		
Secretary:	Mrs Kathryn Johnson		
Representatives:			
North:	Mrs Helen Grinham	Elected at the Representative’s Meeting	
Central:	Mrs Margaret Yelland	“	“
South:	Mrs Helen Long	“	“

15 Installation of Captain

The Captain, Birdie Dawson, presented the incoming Captain, Mrs. Gillian (Gilly) Grant with the Captain’s Badge. Mrs. Grant gave the following report.

Well where do I begin, there is only one Birdie and boy do we know it! Birdie is always full of fun and mischief, but as I have witnessed over the past two years, Birdie has her serious moments too. No swearing on the course, only “sugar pops”

The first County Week for Birdie as Captain was 2018, when she lead our first team to a tie losing out to a stupid rule involving a toss of a coin! Unfortunately, we lost the toss and I could feel Birdie's pain as she told the team of our loss. Birdie was devastated as were all the team.

Birdie made amends by winning County Week in 2019 at the Shropshire, and by winning outright. She lead the team to an amazing second place in the National Finals at Delamere Forest Golf Club. It was an amazing week and Birdie lead from the top. The team were just outstanding showing that they play from the heart and the love of each other to win and be successful. It was a huge honour to witness this great spectacle and Birdie did the team proud.

The team would like to thank you very much for your support and wish you well in the future.

Over the past two years there are very few competitions that Birdie has not attended, covering the Vets , and the Juniors, she has been outstanding and she is certainly going to be a hard act to follow.

It has been my pleasure and all the Committee's to work alongside Birdie and we all have a tale or two to tell. Thank you Birdie.

16 Installation of Vice – Captain

I am delighted to announce my Vice Captain as Sophie Beardsall from Greetham Valley Golf Club. Sophie has been a member of the County First Team since 2005. Sophie began her golf as a junior in the Isle of Wight, and moved to Cheshire in later years to be a member of the Cheshire County squad. Sophie has been a scratch golfer on and off throughout her career and currently plays off one. Sophie is a great supporter of, not only the county team, but also the junior golfers throughout the county. She believes that our juniors are our future and that we must invest in them and I am sure that we will see this over the coming years.

Unfortunately, Sophie is not able to be here with us today and sends her apologies but is thrilled to be your next Vice Captain and is looking forward to her new role within the Committee.

17 President's Report

I have enjoyed my first year as Lady President and attending many of the County competitions and some of the many junior events - not as many as I had hoped due to various family commitments but will try to be more on it next year!

I played in the Presidents Day at Woodhall in August with Les Toyne, Jim Lammin and Tracey Stobart. Unfortunately we were unable to retain the trophy this year and finished runners up - I think I was the weak link as they had won it the last 3 years! - in my defence we were out last and it did rain all 18 holes with the last two greens virtually being unplayable and the winners came in just as we teed off!!

Congratulations to Birdie and the first team in qualifying for the National finals - the team put up a valiant effort and played some really good golf and finishing runners up was a tremendous achievement.

The last event of the year was my Lady Presidents day held at Lincoln Golf Club two weeks ago. We had 13 teams and it was lovely to see so many juniors - the youngest being 7 !! I think like a lot of you here - if only we had started at that age!

Winners were Jayne Crooks (Woodhall Spa) Ruth Robertson (North Shore) Freya Woodiwiss (Woodhall Spa) and Elise Rymer (Lincoln). Runners up were Pat Jones (Greetham Valley), Lynn Exley (Gedney Hill), Tilly Garfoot (Spalding) and Beth Gough (Woodhall Spa).
The raffle made £159.00.

A big thank you to Lincoln for hosting the event, to all of those that played, to Ping for kindly supplying the prizes and Simon Woodiwiss for providing the cakes for the raffle and lastly to Pat Jones and Clare Welfare for their help on the day.

I wish you all good golf next year and look forward to seeing you all at the County events.

Installation of the New Chairman

Mrs. Stobart thanked everyone for their support during her time as Chairman and introduced the new Chairman Mrs. Sheilah Mitchell.

18 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The President thanked everyone for attending and also Woodhall Spa for the use of their facilities.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11:50 a.m. The date of the next AGM will be Monday 2nd November 2020.

Signed.....

Date

Division	Winners/Promoted	Relegated
1 North	Elsham A	Kenwick Park B
2 North	Thonock Park A	Louth A
3 North	Waltham Windmill A	Louth B
4 North	Market Rasen B	Waltham Windmill B
5 North	Laceby Manor	Grimsby A
6 North	Grimsby B	
Division	Winners/ Promoted	Relegated
1 South	Toft	
2 South	Woodhall Spa A	
3 South	Blankney A	
4 South	Woodhall Spa B	
5 South	Sleaford	
6 South	Burghley Park B	