

Bristol & District Lady Golfers' Alliance

96th Annual General Meeting

11.00am on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at

Knowle Golf Club

Stephanie Moorfoot (Chair)

Good morning, Stephanie welcomed 34 members to the 2025 AGM for the Bristol and District Alliance.

Firstly, I would like to thank Knowle Golf Club for making their club available for our AGM. Thank you to Ryan Coles, Club Manager, Rachel Jeffrey, his Assistant and Paul French, the Catering Manager for their Club's hospitality and assistance in setting up this meeting.

We are very grateful that Knowle has been hosting our meetings for quite a number of years. Next year, however, we are moving our AGM to Lansdown Golf Club

I am Stephanie Moorfoot from Bath. I have been Chair of this Committee for almost two years. I would now like to introduce the Members of the Alliance Committee. We have two members who send their apologies, Carol Brooking our Championship Secretary and Jo Francis-Pope our Gloucestershire Rep. Carol and Jo are completing their first year on the Committee.

Now to the Committee who are present:

Jeanette Cook from Saltford is our Somerset Rep. Jeanette has completed her 3 years and is leaving the Committee. I would like to thank her so much for all the input and hard work she has put in during her 3 years. Jeanette has also been a referee for several of our events. Thank you so much Jeanette.

Heather Priestley from Clevedon - Results Co-ordinator

Barbara Lewis from Thornbury - Treasurer

Erica Steed from Henbury Golf Club - Honorary Secretary

Notice convening the Meeting

Erica then declared the 96th Annual General Meeting of the Bristol & District Lady Golfers' Alliance open.

1. Minutes silence to remember those who died during the year.

- Janice White - Wells Golf Club
- Louise Goodrum - Worlebury Golf Club
- Angela Anstey - Filton Golf Club – sadly her last game with Long Ashton in early August she had to leave the course and died 3 weeks later.
- Jean Hardinges - Henbury Golf Club
- Mary Whittington - Henbury Golf Club

- Laureen Clew - Bristol and Clifton Golf Club
- Phylis Bunting - Club unknown

2. Apologies

Carol Brooking (Lansdown); Jo Francis-Pope (Lansdown); Rachel Paul (The Bristol); Gill Clarke (Henbury); Nicola Edwards (The Bristol); Marian Crewe (Clevedon); June Bolton (Saltford); Jan Pickersgill (Henbury); Sue Tasker (Clevedon); Maureen Charlton (The Mendip); Helen Gould (Long Ashton); Sally Maule (Long Ashton); Annie Patten (Isle of Wedmore); Louise Scott (The Mendip); Steph Hewitt (Filton); Beverley Hill (The Bristol)

3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM

Minutes were adopted without any amendments.

Proposed by Alicia Rees

Seconded by Andrea Phillips

4. To receive the following Reports

i. Honorary Treasurer

All agreed the accounts for the year (see full financials at end of Minutes):

Proposer: Carol Weeks

Seconder: Marian Speed

ii. Honorary Secretary Report

We had a great day after postponing the Foursomes competition in September due to an awful storm fortunately I managed to rearrange fairly quickly, and the final was played on Sunday 12th October at Wells Golf Club. Thankfully it was a dry but bitterly cold day. Thank you to Wells for hosting the Competition and my thanks also go to Jeanette Cook and James Wilde who kindly refereed both games.

The Mendip's Aimee Sawyer and Ellen Reakes won the Scratch foursomes, defeating Weston Super Mare's Sue Stilwell and Glenda Latham Creasey. Lansdown's team represented by Kim Burchill and Wendy Messer, secured victory in the Handicap Foursomes against the Bristol, Nicky Edwards and Rachael Paul.

Well done to everyone who took part.

The final is scheduled for Sunday, 13 September at Clevedon Golf Club. If it cannot be held on that date, a contingency plan will be in place.

iii. Results Co-Ordinator Report

My mother as an ex-golfer, (she is now 94 so she is a great advert for our game of keeping fit and active and socialising with likeminded people) has always said that it never rains on a golf course and this year she was so so right. We enjoyed great sunshine and very parched fairways. This year has seen very smooth running of the BDLGA App which was only introduced two seasons ago. Thanks for your continuing help in using this App so well. It continues to give us such clarity on the Alliance and the results of the clubs involved, I do not know about you, but I love to see the excitement building throughout the season on how each club is doing.

My other responsibility is to be an active committee member. We work to check the rules of our Alliance and try hard to improve their clarity. A few issues with regards safeguarding and correct behaviour have occurred this year and we are continuing to improve the guidance for you. We have avoided the cancellation of matches due to flooded greens that we experienced last year, and fielding of full teams has been great (I thank you for that as know how difficult this is sometimes) and for those with several teams monitoring of your Top 7 has gone well.

Thanks again for your hard work as Captains of your team, I truly appreciate the work that goes into being a Captain, but I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoy this role. Which brings me onto my need for a replacement. I have completed my three-year term and would love to work with somebody this year to assist in the take over the App and my committee role from 2026. Thank you.

iv. Championship Secretary's Report

Please accept my apologies for not attending the AGM, I am away in Spain playing in a golf competition.

The West of England Amateur Open Ladies Championship was hosted at Bath Golf Club on Sunday 8th June 2025. Once again, a very big thanks goes to Diney Costello for being our main sponsor. Diney's continued support and enthusiasm to encourage our best golfing women players is really appreciated. We are grateful to both Somerset Ladies County Golf Association and Gloucestershire Ladies Golf Association for their ongoing support, without which it would not be possible to attract and encourage an elite field of female golfers.

Many thanks to the referees Jeanette Cook and Janet Fear who both did an excellent job. The BDLGA committee and the many volunteers that Bath Golf Club and Lansdown provided much needed help on the day to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Many of the competitors commented on how grateful they were to the ball spotters, the starters and for the warm welcome they received from the volunteers and staff in the clubhouse.

A total of forty competitors played in the Championship to compete for the Harper Salver (Gross) and the Costello Trophy (Nett). The competition attracts the very best golfers with almost half being scratch golfers or below. For the first time the competition was played from the white tees, which was well received from most of the competitors, and we are delighted to say we have a new course record of seventy-six, level par by Isobel Kelly from Aberdovey.

The course was in beautiful condition, and the golf was exceptional.

1st Gross and the winner of the Harper Salver - Libbie Dezis from Mendip golf club -157

2nd Gross - Aimee Sawyer Mendip golf club -158 won on count back

3rd Gross - Alexandra Simmons Tehidy Park -158

1st Nett and winner of the Costeloe Trophy Alexandra Simmons Tehidy Park – 148

2nd Nett - Libbie Dezis Mendip Golf Club – 149

3rd Nett - Taylor Hodgson Long Ashton - 153

The 2026 Championship is planned to take place on Sunday 7th June at Bath Golf Club.

5. Election of Committee Members

All committee members will be elected annually and are eligible to serve for a maximum of five years. The Committee will have powers to co-opt.

Standing for re-election are:

The Chair - Stephanie Moorfoot Elected in 2024

Honorary Secretary - Erica Steed Elected 2022

Honorary Treasurer - Barbara Lewis Elected 2022

Results Co-ordinator - Heather Priestley Elected 2022

Championship Secretary - Carol Brooking Elected 2024

Gloucestershire Liaison Officer - Jo Francis-Pope Elected 2024

Nomination received for the Somerset Liaison Officer role proposed by Stephanie Moorfoot and Jo Francis-Pope

Annya Patten – known as Annie.

Annie began her golfing career in 2002 at Wheathill Golf Club at the age of 31. She was Handicap Sec, Comps sec, Ladies captain and invited to be Club Captain. After being on the Somerset Past captains committee for 4 years as their treasurer, she moved to Somerset Ladies County as the Vice Captain for 2 years and then the County Captain for another 2 years. In 2015 she moved to the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club, where she was initiated in Alliance golf very quickly! Soon she was given the task of captaining the A team and other than ONE year off, she has done this ever since! Annie currently runs her own business having retired from running someone else's for 18 years. Annie is pleased to hold the position of the Somerset Representative for this period to give something back to the BDGLA, as it has brought her a tremendous amount of pleasure to be part of the League. She would like to think that she has gained the necessary experience to draw on over the last 24 years.

6. Proposed Rule Changes

Erica read out the changes to the rules:

The Alliance Regulations:

3.i, 4.i, 4.iii, 4.iv, 4.v, 5.ii, 5.iv, 6.i, 6.iiia, 6.3c, 7.1, 7.iv, 7.8, 7.9.

7.iv Members raised concern about a penalty point being deducted for arriving late particularly if they had an impossible situation such as being held up on the road due to road works/accident it was agreed that the Committee would look at this regulation again at their next meeting which will be in early January. All the other changes were agreed.

Foursome Regulations:

Regulation 1.viii, 1.xiii, 2.i, 2.ii All Agreed the Foursome Regulations.

Proposed by Katherine Sokol
Seconded by Sue Sokol

7. The Gender and Fairness Policy

All agreed to continue with the England Golf Gender and Fairness Policy, without modification.

8. Draw for Scratch and Handicap Foursomes

The draw was completed by Heather and Jeanette and subsequently made available on the Website. The final will be held on Sunday 14th September. Venue TBA.

9. Date of Next AGM

Wednesday 11th November 2026 at Lansdown Golf Club.

10. Presentation of Trophies

The Trophies were duly presented to the team captains and the winners of each league along with the agreed prize money.

11. Chair's closing remarks

It has been a fascinating year. As a committee we have worked well together. We have had some wide-ranging discussions, many of which were drawn to our attention by you, the Clubs of the Alliance. As you will have seen from all the orange and yellow ink on the Rules and Regulations, the Committee has added to and endeavoured to clarify some of the areas where questions have been raised. It is amazing how much time it all takes up. This is not a complaint, it is good to hear from you. We try to be responsive to all your queries and questions. I can assure you that we talk everything through before a decision is made. We have set aside a few minutes after the close of the AGM, in case anyone has any issues, they would like the Committee to consider going forward.

I would like to report on the results of the latest Bath Aqua Bowl Challenge match which takes place, each year between the winners of Division One of the Alliance and the winner of the Cotswold league. On the 13th April Bristol and Clifton hosted the ladies from Minchinhampton in a close fought contest. Congratulations to Bristol and Clifton for winning the Challenge, and being awarded the Aqua Bowl Trophy. Next year Henbury will represent the Alliance in the Away match against the Cotswold league winners, once again, Minchinhampton. This match will take place on the 15th April, 2026 at Minchinhampton.

There are one or two areas I would like to highlight: It does not happen very often, but we do hear of incidents of poor Sportsmanship during some of the matches. We all want to go out and play golf in a friendly competitive manner, observing the Etiquette of Golf. When issues do occur; it is really up to the home club of the player who transgresses to take action, this Committee cannot discipline players. We have added two of England Golf Policies to assist the Team Captains with conduct on the course. There is also a Code of Conduct for Parents to support young girls under the age of 16 in the Alliance. The BDLGA encourages young people to play in the Alliance, provided that the code of conduct in golf is followed. It is the responsibility of the individual clubs to deal with any issues. Please remember to notify the home team captains if the visiting team has players that a) require a buggy, or b) are under the age of 16.

The buggy policy is a requirement, to ensure that a buggy is available for your use. Some clubs may, in fact, require Juniors under the age of 16 to be accompanied by another adult. It is also a courtesy to advise the home team that youngsters will be among the visiting players.

One area of concern is the lack of volunteers to join the BDLGA Committee. We are most grateful that Annie Patten will be joining us this year, as Somerset Rep. However, at the moment we have 3 members of the Committee who have completed their 3-year terms, but because they are still enjoying the challenge, have all agreed to serve for one extra year. The job descriptions for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Results Coordinator have been advertised for most of this year. It would be helpful for a volunteers to shadow these positions during this year. It is not onerous, being on the Committee, in fact it is very interesting. We meet 3/4 times a year and communicate through email and WhatsApp. Without a functioning Committee it is going to be a problem for the League going forward. If you have enjoyed playing Alliance Golf, please consider joining the Committee. Please speak to one of us after the meeting if you have any question.

We hope you have all enjoyed playing golf with the Alliance this year. We try hard to provide a competitive, fair, framework for everyone. Make sure you check out the website; there is a lot of information there. Good luck for the 2026 season and have a safe journey home.

The AGM was formally closed at 12.30

However, before we go, does anyone have any questions about the league, or any issues that they would like the Committee to consider?

After the Meeting ended the following was discussed.

There was a brief discussion as to whether the Committee should explore changing the format of the Alliance matches to a Fourball Better Ball Competition (4BBB).

There was quite a bit of interest in exploring a change in format, however, there was also interest in keeping it as it is. We asked for an informal show of hands at the meeting which came out roughly even. The Committee would follow this up with a letter to all Captains.

The Bristol and District Lady Golfers' Alliance

Accounts for 12 months to September 30th 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Subscriptions	660	680
Expenditure		
Foursomes Finals	8 (2024)	131.50
Honoraria	100	100
Engraving	15	75.40
Committee meetings	53.97	20.49
AGM	67.85	68.85
League Awards	250	250
Hole in One	25	75
Web designer app	200	200
Website BDLGA 3 yrs		205.50
Website BDLGA 3 yrs		39.90
Aqua Glass Competition		50
Bank Expenses	29.75	
Total Expenditure	<u>749.57</u>	<u>1166.64</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(89.57)	

Note: Foursomes Final 2025 not shown as played after the accounts closed.

Championship

	2025	2024
Income		
Entries	1645	1820
Sponsorship	2250	1750
Total Income	<u>3895</u>	<u>3570</u>
Expenditure		
Prizes	870	910
Green Fees	1600	1600
Engraving	40	17
Miscellaneous	189.86	135.28
BDGLA Towels		744.00
Total Expenditure	<u>2699.86</u>	<u>3406.28</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>1195.14</u>	<u>163.72</u>

THE BRISTOL AND DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
BDLGA Reserves	4771.63	4861.20
Championship Reserves	2477.61	1282.47
Lloyds Bank Total	7249.24	6155.65

Chairman: Stephanie Moorfoot

Treasurer: Barbara Lewis

07-Oct-25