

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
93rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16th 2022 AT 11.00am
AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB

Lis Henniker-Heaton, Chair, welcomed the Ladies to Knowle Golf Club and thanked Ryan Coles, Club Manager, and Paul French, Catering Manager, for the club's hospitality and assistance in setting up for our AGM. She gave her opening remarks and then introduced the members of the Alliance committee to the delegates.

1 Notice convening the meeting

The secretary declared the 93rd Annual General Meeting of the Bristol & District Lady Golfers Alliance open.

2 Minute's Silence

We remembered the following Alliance players who sadly died during the past year –

Sue Carling (Henbury), Margaret Harvey (Henbury), Diana Crouch (Saltford) and Hilary Allen (Long Ashton)

3 Apologies

Apologies were received from

Racheal Paul (The Bristol), Stephanie Anderson (Bath), Andrea Jenkins (Chipping Sodbury), Louise Church (Henbury), Wendy Brady (Knowle), Susie Tolson (Knowle), Sophie Williams (Knowle), Marian Speed (The Mendip), Annie Griffin (Thornbury), Gail Howells (Thornbury), Caroline Williams (Thornbury), Suzanne Chambers (Weston Super Mare), Helen Clarke (Worlebury), Sophie Perks (The Kendeshire), Linda Scales (Saltford), Annie Patten (Isle of Wedmore), Mary Perkins (Bath), Debbie Rogan (Long Ashton)

4 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021

These have been on the website for a year. Acceptance was proposed by Gill Clark (Henbury) seconded by Di Yates (Mendip Spring) and were agreed as read. Lis Henniker-Heaton signed them as a correct record of the proceedings.

5 Reports

i. Honorary Treasurer – Ruth Hughes

From a finance perspective, we have had a much more typical accounting year this year compared to last year which as you will be aware was impacted by the effect of COVID on our activities.

The detail of our League Finances are captured in the one page Income and Expenditure statement and Balance Sheet summary as posted on our website and as seen on your tables here today.

In essence, our overall bank balance has remained static but our net surplus for the year has reduced to £11 which is a reduction on previous years. As a committee we are happy with this position as overall we have spent more this year in a couple of areas which has resulted in no unnecessary accumulation of funds. However, from 2022 we are now awarding the Division winning teams £50.

We have invested in logo'd water bottles to hand out to entrants of our Championship which Sam Robinson will update us on shortly and we spent a little more on our Foursomes Finals Day to mark the event.

Next year for the Championship event we will already have water bottles in stock to hand out so there will be less overall expenditure. However, as a committee, we are conscious of the amazing job that Bath Golf club do for us and we may review the amount that we pay to Bath Golf club which will offset this reduction in expenditure.

Other than that, our finance activities have followed a very similar pattern to previous years under the headings detailed in the summary reports you will have seen.

Adoption of accounts: Proposer – Sally Anderson (Clevedon), Seconder – Heather Kerr-Wilbur (Mendip Spring)

All agreed.

ii. Honorary Secretary – Jo Blackmore

It is good to resume some normality after the last couple of years and have everyone here again. There have been a few issues raised during the year and I would like to thank you all for your contributions to find a way forward to assist in the smooth running of the matches and the way the league runs. The hot weather caused some disruption and well done to Carol Kirkwood for keeping track of all the changes, she, as indeed all the committee members have been brilliant in their roles. Being part of the Committee has been enjoyable, at times thought provoking, but thank you to you all for your understanding and support during the year. Everyone in this room knows we are all here as volunteers and put time and effort into ensuring everyone enjoys as much competitive golf as possible.

Thank you to those who have already e-mailed through next year's match dates, these need to be in by 31st January. Also thank you to all Team Captains of clubs with two or more teams, who, during the season informed me if their top players changed.

The potential challenges of a club having an A and B team in the same division was again raised and as promised at the last AGM, Rachael Paul spent a lot of time collating all your thoughts on this and we will be taking a vote later in the meeting on a revised change to the current Rules and Regulations.

Congratulations to Mendip Spring who completed the double by winning both the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes this year. I looked back through the files to see when this was last achieved but it didn't appear to have been done in the Alliance's recent history. Glenda Hanmer has agreed to take on the running of the Foursomes next year and just a reminder to arrange your first round matches by 1st March, as per the Rules.

We have been investigating different ways to collate the match results and to this end we have been speaking to Neil Dun who is the software designer for the App the men use to register their match results. The committee think it is a really good system and hope you have had a minute to glance through the site. Neil has been kind enough to come along today to present to us on the benefits and ease of use and I will introduce him to you a little later.

iii. Results Co-ordinator – Carol Kirkwood

What a season it's been! Just when we thought we'd seen the back of Covid and things would return to normal there were heatwaves and then the queen's funeral! Clubs managed to cope remarkably well when changes had to be made and the final match was played on the 8th of October. As in the past I'd like to thank all the team captains who've sent in results throughout the season. I've had very little nudging to do! And I've been very grateful when the occasional mistake has been pointed out so I could nip things in the bud.

Since I started as results coordinator in 2016 I've noticed more and more team captains send in messages and results or photos of results sheets using mobile phones. So now seems an ideal time to progress to an App to provide clubs with not only a way of recording results but also of giving up to the minute information on lots of other things too. I can hear some of you say 'but I've just got used to this system'! I'm sure it won't take long to get used to the App and the benefits will by far outweigh any initial glitches – not that there will be any! As Jo has said Neil is going give you an idea of the way his App would work for us. I'm sure you'd enjoy using it and reaping the additional benefits it would give. I'm only sorry I'm not going to be a team captain to enjoy all the benefits of the App!

iv. Championship Secretary – Samantha Robinson

The West of England Amateur Open Ladies Championship was hosted at Bath Golf Club on Sunday 12th June 2022. The main sponsor for this event, Diney Costello, was unfortunately unable to attend but very kindly sent a supportive message to all the competitors. We are very grateful to Diney for her continuing sponsorship and also to Somerset Ladies County Golf Association and Gloucestershire Ladies Golf Association for their ongoing support. Many thanks to the 3 referees led by Alison Lee who all did an excellent job. Lis Henniker Heaton, Rachel Paul and Glenda Hamner from the BDLGA and many volunteers from Bath Golf Club provided much needed help on the day to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Luckily Glenda had her clubs in her car which enabled her to step in as a playing partner to replace a last minute withdrawal. I think she thoroughly

enjoyed her round. 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 57 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 a third of the field being scratch golfers or below in fact the vast majority had handicaps under 5. There were more entrants than places this year so a waiting list was put in place. Those who started were also delighted with the BDLGA water bottle they were given as a gift. The weather was perfect, the course was in beautiful condition and the golf was exceptional. The day belong however to Chloe Howard from Boringdon Park Golf Club who won both the Harper Salver and The Costello Trophy, with an excellent aggregated gross score of 136 and a nett aggregate score of 142. Chloe had produced a stunning first round of gross 63, 11 under par, which is a new course record at Bath Golf Club. The 2nd Gross place went to Ana Dawson from Peel Golf Club with 144 with Lexi Dart from Churston Golf Club 145 in 3rd place on countback from Megan Giles from St Mellion Golf Club in 4th place and Katherine O'Connor from West Byfleet Golf Club with 146 in 5th place. The 1st Nett prize went to Liliana Marshall with 146 from Farrington Golf Club, the 2nd Nett to Lauren Hillier with 148 from Newport Golf Club and the 3rd nett prize to Molly Douglas from Brickhampton Golf Course with 150. The best Gross 1st round prize was won by Danielle Hardwick from Perranporth Golf Club with 71 and the best Gross second round prize was won by Cary's Worby from Newport Links Golf Club with 73. The 2023 Championship will take place on Sunday 11th June and if you are not entering I would recommend you coming to watch or even better to help

6 Election of committee members

Under the terms of the Alliance Regulations members of the Committee retire annually and shall serve for a maximum of five years but due to Covid several committee members stayed on and now are due to retire, they are

Retiring from committee are: -

Chair	Lis Henniker-Heaton	Henbury	Elected 2018
Results Co-ordinator	Carol Kirkwood	Clevedon	Elected 2016
Honorary Treasurer	Ruth Hughes	Thornbury	Elected 2017
Somerset Rep	Zena Balcombe	Weston Super Mare	Elected 2017
Committee Member	Rachael Paul	The Bristol	Elected 2018
Honorary Secretary	Jo Blackmore	Lansdown	Elected 2021

Standing for re-election, taken en bloc, are:-

Championship Sec	Samantha Robinson	Bath	Elected 2021
Gloucestershire Rep	Glenda Hanmer	Henbury	Elected 2021

Unanimously agreed.

Nominations:-

Chair:- Carolyn Stait (Burnham & Berrow) proposed by Lis Henniker-Heaton and seconded by Jackie McDonald (Somerset County).

Honorary Treasurer:- Barbara Lewis (The Bristol) proposed by Rachael Paul (The Bristol) and seconded by Mel Lear (Filton)

Results Co-Ordinator: Heather Priestley (Clevedon) proposed by Carol Kirkwood (Clevedon) and seconded by Marian Crewe (Clevedon)

Honorary Secretary: Erica Steed (Henbury) proposed by Lis Henniker-Heaton (Henbury) and seconded by Glenda Hanmer (Henbury).

Somerset County Representative:- Jeanette Cook (Saltford) proposed by Zena Balcombe (Weston Super Mare) and seconded by Amanda Mayne (Saltford).

Again, these were taken en bloc and unanimously agreed.

There is still a position on the committee that has not been filled.

7 Proposed Rule Changes

This rule change was proposed by committee:

- 7. MATCH REGULATIONS (ii):-** In the event of two teams from one club being in the same division in any one year, **they must play the first match against each other as their first match of the season and the other match any time before 1st August.**

This rule change was agreed.

8 Presentation by Neil Dun

Neil Dun was introduced to the meeting who, apart from being the software developer of the Men's Alliance App, is also the Finance Director at Shirehampton Park. Neil did a presentation on an App which he has adapted for use by the BDLGA to collate results, the results which would then appear instantaneously on the App so all players throughout the league will have up to date information.

9 Draw for the Scratch & Handicap Foursomes

The draws for the scratch and handicap foursomes were made.

The date of the final for 2023 is Sunday 10th September; the 17th September will be used in case of inclement weather. The venue will be announced later.

10 Date of next AGM – Wednesday 15th November 2023 at Knowle Golf Club

11 Presentation of trophies

The Chair presented the Division Trophies and the trophies to the individual members for top scores in each division.

Lis Henniker-Heaton closed the meeting and thanked all the retiring committee and presented them with engraved silver ball markers. Zena Balcombe thanked Lis for all her work and also presented her with an engraved ball maker.

12 The AGM was formally closed at 12:45pm