

**BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE**  
**77<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LANSDOWN GOLF CLUB**  
**ON 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Mrs. Lesley Organ, in the chair welcomed everyone to Lansdown.

Mrs. Lesley Organ then asked the Ladies present to remember Sue Snoggrass of Henbury Golf Club who passed away earlier this year.

Mrs. Organ then introduced the BDLGA committee members to those present.

She thanked Lansdown for hosting the meeting and thanked the Ladies Captain and the Managing secretary Terry Mercer for making the arrangements.

She reflected on the 2006 year and thanked all the Lady Captains who had responded so well to the BDLGA web site with their team results. She thanked Lindsey Hammond for her hard work in setting up the successful web site. She thanked Sue Worthington of Bristol & Clifton and Val McFarlane of Lansdown for helping the Hon. Secretary with the input of the results.

Mrs. Organ commented that as usual there had been several unusual queries ("little gems") for the committee to deal with in 2006. She urged all the Ladies present to acquaint themselves with the Rules and Regulations of the Alliance, especially the new changes made for 2007. She requested that the rules be available in the Ladies Locker room for match days.

She then asked the secretary to convene the meeting.

**1 Notice convening the meeting.**

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

**2 Apologies**

none

**3 Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2005**

The minutes of the 2005 AGM had been circulated and were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Proposed by The Park and Seconded by Weston super Mare.

**4 • REPORTS**

**1. HON TREASURER**

Jill Jestico presented the accounts to those present. The accounts were copied to all Lady Captains. She remarked that bank balance was healthy at £2,600, due to there being no extra expenses during 2006. The accounts were accepted.

Proposed:- Weston Super Mare Seconded:- Wells

The Chairman thanked Jill Jestico for her hard work over the past 5 years and wished her happy retirement.

**2. HON SECRETARY REPORT**

The Hon secretary thanked the Chairman for all her guidance during her first year in office. Mrs. Fay Galley reported that the first Division was won by Bristol & Clifton with 131 points followed by Henbury for the second year in succession.

In the Second Division Lansdown and Shirehampton make immediate returns to the first Division, Lansdown the winners with 118 points.

The Third Division was a very exciting affair with the final match of the season deciding the promotion and relegation of the division. Isle of Wedmore won with 101 points, two points ahead of The Kendleshire.

Farrington won Division 4 with 114 points having gained promotion to this Division last year.

Three teams will be promoted to Division three this year due to Burnham & Berrow B team withdrawing from the league. The Committee formula is to maintain 7 clubs in each Division, therefore three clubs were promoted and two clubs relegated.

Division 5 was an exciting affair with the final positions being decided over the last three matches; Chipping Sodbury won with 94 points.

The individual winners were;

Eva Tucker	Osborne Cup	Division 1	18 points
Di Nicholls	Trill Cup	Division 2	22points
Helen Joyce	Tracy Park Cup	Division 3	20 points
Elaine Hetherington ) Pat Francis )	Bath Salver	Division 5	14 points

The Scratch foursomes was won by, Lansdown GC , beating Knowle in the final.

The Handicap Foursomes was won by Stockwood Vale beating Long Ashton. Both finals were played on a very windy day at Bath GC.

Lesley Organ kindly presented Salver to the Runners up of both Scratch and Handicap Foursomes finalist. The Ladies present showed their appreciation.

Mrs. Fay Galley thanked Su Worthinton and Val McFarlane for their help with league and foursome results during 2006. This made the updating of the Web site easier for Lindsey Jenkins (nee Hammond).

The Hon Secretary encouraged the Ladies to arrange league fixtures before the end of September and reminded Lady Captains to pass on relevant information each year to their Team Captains.

The Chairman asked for any questions.

Henbury asked when clubs would be able to send direct to the Web site. The Chairman replied that Lindsey Jenkins was working on this at this time, but that the Web space needed to be larger.

### **3. Championship Secretary Report**

Annie Hill reported on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Harper Salver for 2006 played at Bath on a hot June day. The entry was lower this year, 48 players.

The Winner Liz Bennet (Brokenhurst Manor), scored gross 144, second was Fiona Thompson (Ellesborough) also 144

Many thanks go to sponsors Harper Business Contracts for providing sponsorship. Our thanks go to Bath Golf Club for closing their course to members on a Sunday, something which many clubs were unable to do, whatever price we offered to pay.

Next years Competition will be held at Bath Golf Club on 17<sup>th</sup> June, and I encourage all players with handicap 14 and under to enter.

Lesley Organ thanked Annie Hill for her continuing hard work in making this event so successful.

## **5 Election of Committee members**

Present committee

Chair	Lesley Organ (retiring)	Elected 2001 (Chair 2003)
Hon Secretary	Fay Galley	Elected 2005
Hon Treasurer	Jill Jestico (retiring)	Elected 2001
Hon Championship Secretary	Annie Hill	Elected 2002
Committee Member	Lesley Floyd	Elected 2005
Gloucestershire Liaison	Eva Tucker	Appointed 2002

Officer

Somerset Liaison Officer

Diane Barwell (retiring)

Appointed 2001

Proposed en bloc by The Mendip GC      Seconded by Lansdown GC

Nomination for new Chairman, Liz Nash, proposed by Bath GC and seconded by The Mendip GC

Nomination for new Hon Treasurer, Clare Page proposed by Bristol & Clifton GC and seconded by Saltford GC.

The Chairman asked for a vote of confirmation.

The Somerset Liaison officer is Janis Dall of Saltford GC, appointed by SCLGA.

The Chairman thanked Diane Barwell for all her support during the past 5 years.

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The Committee had received an application for Thornbury GC to enter the league.

Thornbury GC were proposed by Henbury GC and seconded by The Park GC.

After a vote of confirmation the Chairman welcomed them to the league, and hoped that the Division 5 teams would enjoy their matches at Thornbury in 2007.

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Open dates for 2007 were distributed, the Chairmen requested that all amendments be sent to [info@bdlga.org](mailto:info@bdlga.org). She also informed Ladies that Opens for 2007 could be found on the EGU Web site on [www.englishgolfunion.org](http://www.englishgolfunion.org) then click on Golf Central. The Gloucestershire County and the Somerset County fixtures were also distributed.

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#### **Draw for Foursomes**

The draw took place for both the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes during the Meeting and the draw for Venues followed the Meeting. The Draw sheets will be sent out with the next mailing and posted on the BDLGA Web site. The final will be held on Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Two weeks later if bad weather, 16<sup>th</sup> September, venue to be decided.

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#### **Presentation of Trophies**

The Chairman presented the trophies and reminded clubs that they have to bear the cost of engraving the trophies themselves, and requested that they are returned at the end of the year clean!

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The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 12.45.

She then invited informal discussion.

The Ladies Captain of Lansdown GC thanked the retiring Committee members, Di Barwell and Jill Jestico for their hard work over the past 5 years. She also thanked the Chairman Lesley Organ, on behalf of all the Ladies present, for being a popular and cheerful Chairman over the past three years. The Ladies present endorsed this.

Discussion points:

Bath GC said they were disappointed the Henbury GC were playing their Home matches on Sundays to suit their working Ladies. Bath had no objection but felt that Clubs should offer more than one day for their matches.

Henbury GC replied that they had only 3 players in their top 15 who did **not** work. They had sympathy with those who did not want to play on Sundays but, they felt the ethos of the Alliance was to play the best players available to determine the best team in the league

Long Ashton requested that Clubs try to play their matches at 1.30 or later as they also had several working Ladies and if matches were played in the afternoon Ladies only had to take a half-day off from work.

The Chairman reminded Ladies that fixtures were always open to negotiation and Clubs should

remember that when arranging their dates.

Weston Super Mare asked the question "how many clubs can only offer one day per week for their home matches"? A show of hands followed and these clubs included Wells, Mendip Spring and Clevedon.

Henbury GC added that Clubs should be prepared to play on Sundays as they too had their own preference days and visiting Clubs were expected to play on those specific days.

Long Ashton requested that the Alliance Committee send out letters to encourage Clubs to assist with Alliance League fixtures.

The Chairman reminded Lady Captains to read and circulate minutes of BDLGA meetings as there is important information contained in them.

She reminded ladies to try to persuade Club Secretaries to give a reasonable amount of empty tee time before Alliance Matches, at least ¼ hour.

She referred the Lady Captains to the need to adhere to the time scale for E Mailing their Match Results, and asked outgoing Lady Captains to brief the new Captains accordingly.

The Chairman thanked all Ladies present for their support over the past 5 years and wished the new Committee well.

The AGM for 2007 will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at noon.