

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
79TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CHIPPING SODBURY
GOLF CLUB
ON 17th November 2008

Liz Nash, in the chair welcomed everyone to Chipping Sodbury
She then asked the Ladies present to remember Vera Withers of Knowle Golf Club and Joan Randall of Long Ashton who both passed away this year.

Liz then introduced the BDLGA committee members to those present.

She thanked Chipping Sodbury for hosting the meeting and thanked the Ladies Captain and the Managing Secretary Bob Williams for making the arrangements.

She reflected on the 2008 year and on the dreadful weather but with some exciting results. She congratulated Lindsey, Su, Fay, Val and Christine on an excellent website

She then gave thanks to all the Committee. The Committee will be welcoming three new members this coming year – for the past few years it has been operating with one fewer member than we could have had, so they have taken this opportunity to remedy this and hope the members will welcome Christine Harris to take over most of the website duties, Carol Jackson as our new Secretary, and Bobby Woodley.

She informed members that there were changes to the rules in the pipeline, which would be discussed later, and she thanked the working party for all their efforts.

There would also be several other small alterations to the Rules, which would be circulated at the beginning of 2009 to everyone, and she urged every club to have the up to date version available in their changing rooms. It has also been decided by the Committee that in future if a club infringes the rules, thereby incurring penalties resulting in loss of points, these points will simply be deducted from their score, rather than reallocated to the team against whom they were playing at the time of the infringement. The new system will prevent big distortions in divisional results whereby a team could gain an enormous and unfair advantage resulting perhaps in promotion simply because a team against whom they had played had broken a rule. She urged all teams to read the rules, because 7 heads are better than one when it comes to avoiding penalties!

She then asked the secretary to convene the meeting.

1 Notice convening the meeting.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

2 Apologies

Su Worthington, Eva Tucker and Amanda Mayne

3 Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2007

The minutes of the 2007 AGM had been circulated and were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Proposed by Bath and Seconded by Worlebury

4 REPORTS

(A) HON TREASURER

Clare Page presented the accounts to the members. The accounts were copied to all Lady Captains. There are two columns of income and expenditure. The first relates to the general running of the Alliance and the second to the running of the Harper Salver Championship. There is a surplus from running the Alliance of £98 and a surplus of £217 from running the Championship. This gives an overall surplus of £315 for this year. She highlighted that Championship expenses included £117 for the purchase of 200 ball markers, one for each competitor. There is a stock of these carried forward for next year's Championship. Under General running expenses, is the purchase of the committee name badges, vouchers given to the Web team and the silver ball markers given to retiring members of the Committee. The bank balance remains healthy showing a balance of £3170. As a result of the positive state of the Alliance funds there has been no increase in subscriptions for this coming year.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed:- Bristol and Clifton Seconded:- The Mendip

The Chairman thanked Clare Page.

(B) HON SECRETARY REPORT

The Hon Secretary reported that like 2007 there were many matches postponed due to bad weather, and it was well done to the clubs to get all their matches played by October. She Congratulated Bristol & Clifton for winning the league for the fourth time running, and also to the individual Division Trophy winners.

Pat Skelton of Henbury in Division 1 with 17 points

Glenda Latham and Karen Preedy from Weston-super-mare and the Kendleshire sharing Division 2 with 20 points.

Jill Phillips from Worlebury won Division 3 with 20 points.

Viv Jackson from The Park won Division 4 with 18 points

Kathy Shiells from Stockwood Vale won Division 5 with 16 points.

She also mentioned that Shelby Smart of Knowle gained 18 points and Bethan Pople of Long Ashton 17 points, both up and coming young golfers.

The finals of the Scratch and Handicap foursomes were played at Saltford GC. The Scratch was won by Lansdown beating Burnham & Berrow, and the Handicap was won by Bath beating Wells.

Fay Galley thanked Sue Worthington and Val McFarland for their help with league and foursomes results during 2008 and to Lindsey Jenkins who kept the website running smoothly. Special thanks to the team captains for sending in results so promptly. She also thanked Elaine Hetherington who helped with the organization of the AGM.

She finished by saying that she was sure that Carol Jackson, her proposed successor, would have the same enjoyment as she had.

Liz Nash thanked Fay for all the work she had done over the past three years and presented her with a silver ball marker as a memento.

(C) CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARYS REPORT

Alison Dodkin reported on the 27th Annual Harper Salver which was held at Bath GC on Sunday 15th June where 50 ladies battled out to win the trophy.

The Winner Rachel Goodall h/cap 2, from Heswall GC scored gross 144, second was Hannah Barwood, h/cap +1.4 from Knowle GC with a gross 145. Best am gross went to Jessica Bradley from Tiverton with 74, best pm gross was Kelly Tidy from Royal Birkdale with 70. Shelby Smart also from Knowle won the Best Nett with 2 rounds of 72 giving her a nett score of 144. Danielle Anderson from Rochford Hundred had a Hole in One on the 14th hole, she was presented with a silver ball marker engraved with B&DLGA.

Thanks go to Bath GC and the Lady Captain Valerie Key for her help in recruiting volunteers for the day, also to Liz Nash and all the committee, including Eva Tucker, Carol Jackson, Jenny Hobbs and Linda Hill. Special thanks go to Diney Costeloe for sponsoring the event.

The title of the event has been changed to "The West of England Amateur Open Championship for the Harper Salver"

Next years Competition will be held at Bath Golf Club on Sunday 14th June, and Alison would like all Alliance and Lady Captains to encourage all players with handicap 14 and under to enter. It is very good experience for young players to mix with some of the best golfers in the country and also the chance to play a 36 hole competition which has the much valued EWGA Order of Merit points.

Liz Nash thanked Alison Dodkin for her hard work in making this event so successful.

5 Election of Committee members

Present committee

Chair	Liz Nash	Elected 2006
Hon Secretary	Fay Galley (retiring)	Elected 2005
Hon Treasurer	Clare Page	Elected 2006
Hon Championship Secretary	Alison Dodkin	Elected 2007
Committee Member	Lesley Floyd (retiring)	Elected 2004
Gloucestershire Liaison Officer	Elaine Hetherington	Appointed 2007
Somerset Liaison Officer	Janis Dall	Appointed 2006

The non-retiring members were proposed en bloc by Thornbury GC Seconded by The Park GC

Nomination for new Secretary:- Carol Jackson, proposed by Isle of Wedmore and seconded by Chipping Sodbury

Nomination for Committee Members:-

Bobby Woodley proposed by The Park and seconded by Bristol and Clifton

Christine Harris proposed by Saltford and seconded by Bath

The Chairman asked for a vote of confirmation. All were in favour.

Liz Nash gave a sincere thanks to Lesley Floyd for all her hard work, and presented her with a silver ball marker as a memento.

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The Committee had received an application for The Bristol Club to enter the league.

They were proposed by Chipping Sodbury and seconded by Filton.

After a vote of confirmation the Chairman welcomed them to the league.

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The Committee proposes the following changes to the Rules & Regulations.

Proposal 1 - Change to Rule 3 (iii and iv)

A player may represent her "Home Club" only (i.e. the club where her handicap is held). The player must meet any eligibility criteria set out annually by her club.

Proposed by the Alliance Committee and seconded by Wells.

The proposal was accepted

Proposal 2 – Changes to Rules (iv) for Scratch and Handicap Foursomes

For Scratch and Handicap Foursomes matches, players may represent their "Home club" only (i.e. the club where their handicap is held). The players must meet any eligibility criteria set out annually by their club.

Proposed by the Alliance Committee and seconded by Weston-super-mare.

The proposal was accepted

Proposal 3 – Scratch and Handicap Rule (xiii)

The finals will be played over 18 holes on a neutral course decided by the Committee. The dates will be fixed at the AGM together with a second date to cover the occurrence of impossible weather. These dates cannot be altered to suit the convenience of individual players. The Committee, taking in consideration the distance between clubs drawn against each other, will allocate the previous rounds' venues. The committee's decision will be final.

Proposed by the Alliance Committee and seconded by Clevedon

The proposal was accepted

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Open dates for 2009 were distributed, the Chairmen requested that all amendments be sent to info@bdlga.org or to the Hon Sec. The Gloucestershire County and the Somerset County fixtures were sent to you all with the AGM pack

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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 will be made following the meeting. The details of the Draw will be posted on the BDLGA Web site. The finals will be held on Sunday September 6th. In case of inclement weather they will be held on Sunday 20th 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 AGM for 2009 will be held on Monday 16th November at noon. Venue to be advised.

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The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 12.45

She then invited informal discussion

