

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
80TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BRISTOL GOLF CLUB
ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2009

Liz Nash, in the chair, welcomed everyone to The Bristol and thanked The Bristol for hosting the meeting. We had a minutes silence for Mrs Evelyn Hallet, a past Ladies Captain of Bristol & Clifton who passed away during 2009.

Liz dealt on the matter of playing in strict handicap order and then covered the question of Active/Inactive handicaps, which the EWGA together with EGU are introducing from 1st January 2010. She also mentioned Distance Measuring Devices to which there is no change.

Liz finished by saying it was the last time she will chair the AGM as her term of office has come to an end. She has much enjoyed the past three years, and would like to thank her Committee for their unstinting support and considerable effort during that time. Fay, who is well known to most of you from her time as Hon Sec to the Alliance, is taking over from her (subject only to you voting for her) and Liz is completely confident that this wonderful Alliance of ours will be safe in her hands.

1. **Notice convening the meeting** - The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

2. **Apologies** - Amanda Mayne

3. **Minutes for the Annual general Meeting 2008**

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.
Proposed by Weston - Seconded by Bath

4. **Reports.**

5. **TREASURER**

Clare Page presented the accounts for the year ending October 2009 to the members.

It was nice to know the overall surplus, which includes brought forward funds, is now a total of £4178.

As a result of these funds there has been no increase in subscriptions for this coming year.

The accounts were accepted. Liz presented Clare with a silver ball marker.

Proposed – Bristol and Clifton Seconded by The Kendleshire.

SECRETARY

Carol Jackson read out the winners of the divisions and individual winners in each division. Henbury, much to their delight, came first in the 1st Division. This was the first time since 1995. Bristol and Clifton B team won the 2nd Division and are moving up into the first along with their "A" team. Their "C" team has also won their division and are moving up into the 3rd. The Isle of Wedmore move up into the 2nd Division along with Thornbury and the 5th Division was won by Weston "B" team.

The best score by an individual player was Kath Shiells from Stockwood Vale with 22 points.

The Scratch foursomes were won by Saltford and the Handicap by Henbury.

She then asked if the clubs could send in their Final summary sheets at the end of the season as soon as possible. This enables all the divisions to be sorted out for the next season and the AGM details to be sent out that much quicker.

She wished everyone a good golfing 2010.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY

Alison Dodkin reported on the newly named West of England Amateur Open Ladies' Championship for the Harper Salver on Sunday 14th June at Bath Golf Club. There was a field of 50 lady golfers and the quality of golf was superb.

The winner this year was Hannah Barwood from Knowle Golf club with a morning gross of 71 and an afternoon gross of 74. 2nd place went to Tara Watters from Muswell Hill with a gross 148 and 3rd place to Daisy Dyer from Chigwell with a gross 150.

1st Nett Alice Barnes from West Chiltington with a nett 140

2nd Nett Danielle Anderson from Rochford Hundred nett 143

3rd Nett Georgia Gilling also from Rochford Hundred nett 145.

At the prize giving Liz Nash gave special thanks to our main sponsor Diney Costeloe for her continued support and also to Jenny Clink – President of the Gloucestershire Ladies' Golf Association for their additional funding and support.

Alison thanked Bath Golf Club for providing a course in such excellent condition and Richard Lennon the Clubhouse Manager and Russell Covey the golf professional for making the day run so smoothly. She thanked the committee and also Eva Tucker and Jenny Hobbs, who gave up their time to help. Thanks go to the Bath club members who helped with ball spotting.

Next years' competition will be held at Bath GC on the 13th June 2010 and all she requested that all Lady Captains and Alliance team captains encourage all ladies with a handicap of 14 or under to enter.

WEB SITE ORGANISER

Christine Harris said that having had a number of reports about difficulties people were having in accessing the up to date website, the captains were e-mailed asking them to report in about any problem. Out of 60+ emails only 11 people replied and 6 of these had no problem. She also contacted LCN our web hosting company who did several checks and they suggested that individual PC's may be holding a cache, and suggested that we try to delete browsing history.

A handout was given out to the captains giving information on how to do achieve this and also on the back of this handout is an example of how to send in your match results clearly.

Christine had also noticed that when she goes into certain websites, a button (it looks like a broken page) beside the web address bar. This is a compatibility view button (websites designed for older browsers will often look better, and problems such as out of place menus, images, or text will be corrected) when this button is clicked once.

To make sure the changes she is putting in place are effective, Christine will e-mail all team captains when the latest results are uploaded onto the website. She will then ask them to check whether they can see them, if not, ask them to go through the deleting history procedure or clicking the compatibility button to see if that solves the problem. If none of this works, she requests them to e-mail her straight away, so that she can log every time people can't see the updates and build up a picture of how small or large the problem might be.

Christine then went on to thank Lindsey for her continuing help and Su Worthington of Bristol and Clifton and Val McFarland of Lansdown, who propped her up this year by continuing to help with the results.

Carol and Christine hopes that the changes they are making will lead to the website being visible to you all during the 2010 playing season.

6. Election of Committee members

Present committee

Chair	Liz Nash (retiring)	Elected 2006
Hon Secretary	Carol Jackson	Elected 2008
Hon Treasurer	Clare Page (retiring)	Elected 2006
Hon Championship Secretary	Alison Dodkin	Elected 2007
Web Site Organiser	Christine Harris	Elected 2008
Committee Member	Bobbie Woodley	Elected 2008
Gloucestershire Liaison Officer	Elaine Hetherington	Appointed 2007
Somerset Liaison Officer	Janis Dall (retiring)	Appointed 2006

The non-retiring members were proposed en bloc by The Isle of Wedmore GC and seconded by Burnham & Berrow GC.

Nomination for new Chairman – Fay Galley, proposed by Lansdown GC and seconded by the Isle of Wedmore GC.

Nomination for Hon Treasurer – Evelyn Lloyd, proposed by The Park GC and seconded by Long Ashton GC.

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

Liz Nash presented a silver ball marker to Janis Dall to thank her for all the work she has done for the Alliance.

The post of Somerset Liaison Officer has been taken up by Jenny Hay from Mendip Spring GC.

7. County fixture and Open dates – could any amendments for 2010 be sent to the secretary as soon as they are known.

8. **AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.**

4. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) All players must have an Active Handicap as defined by CONGU
- (ii) A player may represent her "Home Club" only (i.e. the club where her active handicap is held)
- (iv) All captains must field a full team, even though it may be under desired strength.
if a full team is not fielded on the day, then the club concerned should be referred to the committee, who will decide on any penalties to be imposed. Infringement of the rules results in disqualification and loss of points for the season.
The DMD rule 7(ix) still stands – they are not allowed during matches.

9. **DRAW FOR SCRATCH AND HANDICAP FOURSOMES**

The draw took place for both foursomes during the meeting and the fixing for the venues will be done by the Championship Secretary at a later date. Details of the draws will be posted on the BDLGA Website and also sent out with the January Pack. The finals will be held on Sunday 5th September with a provisional date of 19th September in case of bad weather. Venue to be decided.

10. **DATE OF NEXT AGM – MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 12 NOON – Venue to be decided.**

11. **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 polished at the end of the year .

12. The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 12.45pm

She then invited informal discussion.

Henbury posed the question "Should clubs "C" team be allowed to reach any higher than the 3rd division? Liz asked the committee to bring this up at their meeting in January 2010.

Fay Galley then presented our retiring Chairman, Liz Nash, with a silver ball marker and a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for all her dedication in serving the Alliance over the last three years.