



Norfolk Ladies County Golf Association

MINUTES OF 98TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION HELD AT WENSUM VALLEY GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2022

Present: Carol Delf, President, in the chair; Sharon Black, County Captain; Helen Ayres, Honorary Treasurer, Denise Whiting, Honorary Secretary and 80 members representing 22 affiliated clubs.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for the support given to the County Association with a special welcome to Nickie Clarke, our Honorary Life Member who has travelled from Gloucestershire. She then asked the Secretary to formally open the meeting following which she took the chair asking all to stand for a minute's silence in memory of family, friends and colleagues who had passed away during the year, including Judy Curtis (Kings' Lynn) and Bessy Turnbull (Royal Norwich) as well as the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, in September, who was a patron of England Golf throughout her reign. She then introduced the top table.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from 30 members from 13 clubs.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Norfolk Ladies' County Golf Association held on 29th November 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by Helen Marsters (Kings' Lynn), seconded by Ann Ewer (Swaffham) and agreed by a show of hands that the Minutes be approved and signed by the President.

3. Matters arising other than those on the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

President Carol then introduced Helen Ayres (fondly know as Miss Moneypenny) to read the Treasurer's Report

4. County Treasurer's Report – Helen Ayres

At this time yesterday morning
I'd not written a word to say
But I needed to get a move on
As I knew it would take me all day

Yes - I am still your friendly Treasurer
Money Penny's the name
The verses may differ slightly but
I'm afraid the face is just the same

I do try to make an effort
To report the figures with a bit more zest
But the older I am the harder it gets
It's probably time for a rest

But how do we find a Money Penny
Other than on a James Bond set
It's not for the want of trying
And I am beginning to fret

If no-one here is interested
And on the Exec there's no Mr Bond
It might be just a case next year
Of waving my magic wand

My husband hasn't been happy
He says I drive him up the wall
When my figures will not balance
And I know I've checked them all

Now they've passed the independent check
I know I've got them right
After working many hours
Often in the night

He thinks I'm going crazy
When I say I cannot sleep

Then finds me sending emails
Instead of counting sheep

My records have been checked by Annie Langstaff
Working at night and all day
On your behalf I'd like to thank her sincerely
For confirming that they're okay

Her statement is in the Detailed Accounts
If you'd like a copy please see or email me
I'll comment on these Abridged Accounts
Which I hope you all can see

I will highlight the figures that differ greatly
From those in last year's accounts
And hope to give an explanation
For the increase or decrease in the amounts

Under Income - the Affiliation Fees total
An increase of over three hundred pounds
Equates to 15 more ladies, 20 fewer girls
It's not really as good as it sounds

I looked back at the year I took over
Our centenary - which was ten years ago
There were 100 more ladies and 35 more girls
We do need our membership to grow

The contribution from Competitions
Whilst very welcome and adds to our pot
With facility fees up and sponsorship down
The surplus is down quite a lot

Our Championship was once again sponsored
By Swannington Windows of Lenwade
I'm told they make exceptionally good products
With materials of the highest grade

I'm still trying to persuade my husband
To replace every window in our house
But he has great pleasure in telling me
He's as poor as that infamous church mouse

The County Medal & Brister Salver had to be cancelled
Due to a race meeting on the host course
What a pity each lady who had entered
Was replaced by a rider and horse! It gets worse!

The AmAm made £1200 and was a great success
Mirrored by the Waltz which returned a profit too
This was in spite of increasing the prize fund
Thanks a lot to President Carol and Chairman Sue

The income from the raffles at both these events
Of £647 is included in the figures too
We are grateful to Richard Tidy Wealth Management
For sponsoring the raffle prizes for you

The Junior Account deficit was due to timing
Two invoices for coaching were late
And rather than inflate next year's payments
They were settled in the year to which they relate

We hosted the East Region Junior Team Trophy
Expecting six counties' entries to come in

It was disappointing only three teams entered
Resulting in a £300 loss – I think I need a gin!

The four County Teams' spending
Was kept well under control
By each Captain doing a brilliant job
In their individual role

You may wonder why County II costs are greater
Compared with 2021
But their Match Days now are over three days
Whereas they used to be just the one

They also shared the costs of Training
In the Winter with County I
The total costs I expect will be the minimum
In the years to come

As our team shirts were faded and shabby
We budgeted to replace them this year
We also subsidised a few other items of kit
For our County officials to wear

The Seniors had one match cancelled
Reducing their costs somewhat
In future perhaps they may have 3-day matches
To mirror the other teams – but I'm told not

The other expense requiring mention -Committee Meetings and AGM
At £1700 more than last year
You'll wonder what's been going on
Included is the 2021 AGM and twice the number of meetings

As last year, half of which were held on Zoom
The mileage reimbursed was almost £1500
The rest was the cost of the room

The inaugural year of the County Stableford
Was enjoyed by all who played
The cost to the County was £1150
And no – I wasn't dismayed

To summarise - Income compared with last year was lower
Our spending was quite a bit more
We end the year with over £3,000 less
Than we had in the bank before

Last and by no means least I would like to thank Shelagh Rump and especially so this year for looking after the Junior accounts. Covid has a lot to answer for – not only has it given me brain fog (a very useful term when my memory lets me down) but also it has changed our banking habits where we are now using online banking more and more. Because of this, Shelagh has decided to retire from the accounts but will remain on the Junior Committee. She has looked after the junior accounts for 20 years at least, which makes me feel as though I'm still the apprentice after only 10. She'll be a hard act to follow but I'll do my best.

A huge thank you to Shelagh from all of us for her service. Thank you to all the members of the Executive, the County Officials and the Competition Organisers for their support and to you all for listening and not leaving the room.

I guess you have heard more than enough
Of this awfully dreadfully boring stuff
As I can see your bottoms beginning to shuffle
Not to mention the yawns you're trying to muffle

That concludes my report today
If anyone has any questions about anything at all
Please don't hesitate to put your hand up now

Or see me at the back of the hall

It was proposed by Jane Bizley (Dereham), seconded by Heather Keeble (Thetford) and agreed by a show of hands that the Accounts be adopted.

President Carol thanked Helen for her report. The role of Treasurer continues to change as we are now embarking on full digital banking. It requires a considerable amount of time to administer during the year and it requires more time and considerable effort and skill to balance the books at the end of the year. We are very much indebted to Helen and to Annie (Langstaff), our auditor.

5. To receive Reports of The Executive Committee and County Officials

a) County Captain (Sharon Black)

County President Heather, County Executive, Ladies.

The East Region County Match Days took place at the end of June at Harpenden Golf Club in Hertfordshire.

In order to prepare for the event winter training sessions were held at Mattishall Golf Club with Tony Varney involving a squad of 22 potential 1st and 2nd team players and culminated in a match at Dunston Hall. Further practice matches followed against Hunstanton Men and the Senior County Men.

Following the County Championships at Sheringham a squad of 8 players with 2 non-travelling reserves was selected to represent Norfolk at Harpenden. These were: -

Harriet Allsebrook (Dereham)
Jo Herd (Royal Norwich)
Imogen Leeder (Dereham)
Tiffany Mills (Ryston Park)
Eve Neild (Royal Norwich)
Nellie Ong (Eaton)
Chloe Tarbard (Royal Norwich)
Tracey Williamson (Sheringham)

Non-travelling reserves
Poppy Beales (Hunstanton)
Beth Buckingham (Dereham)

The aim was to have options for any eventualities, injury, Covid or as it transpired golfing success.

At the start of June Nellie Ong won the South East Schools Championships with Chloe Tarbard coming second on countback. Both would go forward to the National Schools Final taking place on the Monday of County Match Days. Chloe went on to win and become the National Schools Champion.

This meant that the squad of 8 would only be 6 for the first two matches and Poppy Beales was invited to join the team.

On the Friday before the County match Days Amelia Williamson advised that she was now available for the practice round and to play on the Monday if required.

The fact that Amelia wished to play for her county in a period where she was playing the highest level of amateur women's golf shows how much she values and enjoys playing for Norfolk. During June/early July Amelia represented England in the Curtis Cup in the USA, reached the final 16 of the R&A Women's Amateur Championships at Hunstanton, Played and won two matches for Norfolk at Harpenden, represented an International mixed team of 12 in The Arnold Palmer Cup in Geneva and retained the European Ladies Team Cup for England in Wales.

The congested golfing calendar and the success of Norfolk players in National events meant that team members arrived at Harpenden at different times. Nevertheless, our winter preparation ensured that there was a good team bond and excellent team spirit.

The new format for county match days makes the competition very close, it is the best of five rather than nine matches against each county.

Following a narrow defeat to Cambs and Hunts 3/2 we bounced back in a rain disrupted afternoon to beat Bedfordshire. An excellent win against Essex followed the next morning only for us to lose the local derby against Suffolk by the narrowest of margins. Suffolk having rested some of their players in the morning. Other results however meant that five of the six counties could still win overall. The girls duly beat the hosts Hertfordshire 3/2 only for Essex to pip us at the end having drawn one match.

The girls certainly gave their best at Harpenden and were ably supported by caddies. It was pleasing to receive a number of good luck cards from Norfolk ladies and Clubs. A few supporters also made the long journey to appear beside the fairways to encourage the team which was greatly appreciated.

The level of play was extremely high with almost a third of the matches going to the final hole. Whilst it was very disappointing that we lost two very close matches we were the only county this year to beat Essex who went on to win the National Finals at Stonham.

A number of the squad have had fantastic golfing achievements at home and abroad and will be mentioned in other reports. However two past County players have done well recently; Amy Taylor won her first professional title in Spain and Abigail O'Riordan won the PGA Order of Merit.

Norfolk lady golfers are certainly doing their County proud.

Roll-on next year when we can make the home advantage here at Wensum Valley count. Thank you.

b) I shall now update you on the **Seniors' results on behalf of Nicky Wylie.**

Norfolk has a great group of competitive Senior players. The squad totals about 30.

In 2022 the Team had another successful campaign in which 10 ladies from 8 different clubs played over three County Matches. Herts, Cambs & Hunts and Suffolk. Our match away against Essex at Wanstead was cancelled. We also played the County 2nd Team and County Juniors to give them valuable practice before their Regional tournaments.

We continue to welcome new faces to our squad. New faces this year included Sue Saunders (Thetford), Sarah Watts (Bawburgh) and Julia Payn (Eaton). We played three County Matches in 2022 – all scratch singles. Teams were reduced from 7 to 6 and a mini league was set up.

Herts at Royal Norwich Lost 2.5 – 3.5

Cambs & Hunts at Eaton Won 6.0

Suffolk at Ipswich Golf Club Won 3.5 – 2.5

Essex was cancelled due to availability the day after the Queen's funeral.

As mentioned we have had the first year of the East Region Senior Women's League in 2022. Bedfordshire didn't take part this year but there are hopes they may join in 2023. Norfolk finished a very credible 4th especially as we canceled a game.

We beat the Juniors at Bawburgh and had a good half against the County 2nd Team at Wensum Valley. Playing matches at 1pm has ensured the teams can travel to matches, have a sandwich, play and get away quickly afterwards. This proves more amenable to clubs who are extremely busy with members during the morning. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Norfolk Clubs, Royal Norwich and Eaton, for their generous hospitality which was greatly appreciated by both home and away teams.

Our congratulations go to Tracey Williamson for her brilliant National feats this year and we are extremely proud of her. It was a shame she was available for only one of our matches.

Also, Sue Saunders, a new member to our squad, for winning the Norfolk Seniors' Championships and both matches she played in.

Finally, my thanks to all Norfolk ladies who have played for the Seniors this year. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves.

Nicky Wylie (Senior Ladies Organiser)

President Carol thanked Sharon for her report and congratulated her on an outstanding Captaincy, not only at Harpenden but throughout the year in all aspects of County Golf. She wished Sharon and her Team every success in 2023 at Wensum Valley and commented that support of the ladies present would be most welcome and appreciated. There is also an added incentive as the Finals are in Norfolk at Kings'Lynn in 2023.

President Carol also thanked Nicky Wylie (unable to be here today) for her management of the Seniors' Team and how good it is to hear that there is now an Inter-County Seniors' League making matches more competitive and this can only raise the standard of play. Congratulations too go to Tracey Williamson and her daughter, Amelia, on a very successful playing season competing at the highest level.

c) Second Team Report (Clare Anderson)

After what seemed like a very long time since our winter training the County II season finally got underway in July with a match against the Juniors at Eaton in extremely hot weather. The juniors were victorious and it gave them some final match play practice ahead of their match days.

On an even hotter day in August we took on the Senior Team at Wensum Valley in what turned out to be a very competitive friendly! The match was eventually halved and gave us some valuable foursomes practice.

At the end of August we took part in the Second Team Trophy Match Days held at Colne Valley Golf Club

The team selected was:

Doris Thomas – Bawburgh

Jill Gooch – Bawburgh

Maisie Farrelly – Dereham

Beth Buckingham – Dereham

Julie Carpenter – Dunstan Hall
Jules Hutchinson – Royal Norwich
Jess Rutherford – Gt Yarmouth & Caister
Gemma Dunnell – Wensum Valley
Vanessa Mann – Barnham Broom

The new format of 3 singles and 2 foursomes matches against each county was extended to include Suffolk and therefore the event now took place over 3 days to accommodate the 5 counties.

We started well beating Bedfordshire 3 ½ - 1 ½, Thursday morning saw torrential rain but thankfully not the forecasted storms so play went ahead with Norfolk beating Cambs & Hunts 4-1 the team then had the afternoon off and out of the rain due to the odd number of teams.

Having heard that Essex only managed a half against Cambs & Hunts on Thursday afternoon we went into Friday in the lead and knowing we had everything to play for. Sadly, we lost the morning match against Essex 3 ½ - 1 ½ which meant we needed to beat Suffolk and hope that Beds could manage a half against Essex in the afternoon. We did our bit beating Suffolk 4-1, however Essex overturned a couple of games and won their match meaning they once again took the trophy with Norfolk just 1 point behind.

Excellent golf was played over the 3 days, some very strong foursomes partnerships emerged, in the singles Beth won all her matches and Doris was also unbeaten throughout the competition. Gemma proved to be an excellent addition to the team making a very successful debut.

The teamwork, support and level of camaraderie the team shows have made them a pleasure to work with over these last 3 years. It has been an absolute honour to Captain this Team and I will forever be grateful to have been given this opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol, Sharon, Sue and the whole of the committee who have supported me and been a great source of knowledge and encouragement throughout.

President Carol thanked Clare for her report and congratulated her and her team on a very fine performance at County Match Days, with all players giving 100% and alas, once again, runners up to Essex.

President Carol then introduced the Junior Organiser (Sherrell Chuter)

d) County Junior Organiser – Sherrell Chuter

County President, Carol, County Captain, Sharon, County Executive and Ladies
How lovely it has been in 2022 to return to our full programme.

Our year started with Winter Training at Mattishall with Tony Varney. A good number of our Juniors turned up to each of the four sessions and under Tony's beady eyes and the girls showed excellent progress with all the challenges they were set.

This training led on to the girls taking part in our Competitions and attending our Norfolk Academies. Eve Neild, Nellie Ong and Chloe Tarbard were again successful in attending East Coaching at Stoke by Nayland; Paul Ashwell, again, coached our elite Juniors during his busy schedule. This professional approach to improving and challenging our girls, is second to none.

We had a few matches in preparation for our main tournament – Junior County Match Days, in August. The progress of all Juniors in the East has been phenomenal and it is no surprise now, to face a team that all have a handicap of 6 and below! We set ourselves up well for winning our matches. The nail-biting match was Norfolk v Essex to take the title, we took the first match. The next 3 went to the 18th and unfortunately Essex just pipped us to take the title but our girls are to be congratulated on some truly terrific golf.

Our Junior County Champion, this year, is Nellie Ong; her golf continues to go from strength to strength, having set a course record at Gorleston last year in the East Ladies Championship, she went one better this year and won, beating some formidable players! Her U16 England call up to play against Switzerland and Ireland was well deserved.

Chloe Tarbard, a year younger than Nellie, took the English Girls' Schools title. As National Champion, she led the English Girls in a convincing win over Wales. Chloe was later to also play in an England U16 mixed team v Spain, joined Nellie in a draw against Switzerland and finished with a thumping win over Ireland.

Eve Neild, our Junior Captain, has always led from the front, her passion and determination to master the skills of the game and every course she visits, amazes us all. Eve took the Norfolk Girls' Schools title and later, in the summer, she followed this up with a professional performance against our Tracey Williamson at Sheringham to take the County Title. In one of her U18 tournaments, Eve finished near the top and earned herself a place in the Justin Rose Telegraph Tournament in Portugal. The sun agreed with her and she performed brilliantly to take 4th place amongst England's Elite Juniors.

Thank you, Eve for your commitment, enthusiasm and passion as our Junior Captain, we will miss you. Good luck in North Carolina next year. A truly exciting experience lies ahead for you.

Can I thank the lady golfers in Norfolk of encouraging our youngsters. How exciting for us to see you include Juniors in your teams in County Competitions. Thanks go to Heather Keeble and Carol Delf for assisting me in helping to guide and encourage

our future golfers. Thank you to my Junior Committee, who work tirelessly to ensure the girls always have a worthwhile experience and special thanks to Shelagh Rump for controlling the Junior finances for the last 20 years. Lastly, I say goodbye to 4 Junior players this year, the girls are all single figure golfers now and we wish them every success in the future and thank them for their commitment to Norfolk Junior Golf.

President Carol thanked Sherrell for her report. It is great to hear of the continuing outstanding success of the Junior Girls and our thanks too to the Junior Committee and to you, your coaching, encouragement and support, combined with your sense of fun has a significant impact on the girls' performance as individuals and their success as a team.

President Carol then introduced Sue Allen and Julie Carpenter (Handicap Adviser and Scratch Score Assessor)

e) Handicapping & Course Rating Leader's Report – Sue Allen

Time flies when you're having fun – 2 years have whizzed by since the beginning of the World Handicap System.

EG said it would take 2 years for the new system to settle in – and it has!

It is still evolving - and of course it will continue to do so going forward.

Judging by the number of queries I've had this year, I feel that our handicap secretaries here in Norfolk have now got a good understanding of the system.

Club administrators using the WHS Platform will have found more and more helpful reports appearing pertaining to member handicapping.

These include:

Competition V General Play Score report / Handicap Change report / Penalty Scores report / Soft & Hard Cap report / 9 hole v 18 holes report / Handicap Review report.

To name but a few, all of which will help handicap committees to monitor the handicaps of their members.

Julie and I held a Handicap Secretaries Meeting in May at which we covered: The MyEG App / Penalty Scores / I golf / World Handicap System Platform / Terms of Competitions / Mixed Tee Competitions / Soft and Hard Caps / Playing Conditions Calculation. And we had lots of Question and Answers; it was nice to be able to get together for some face-to-face discussion after a couple of years of Covid19 restrictions.

Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

Following feedback from golfers about the lack of movement of the PCC compared to the old Competition Scratch Score, there was a change to the algorithm that calculates the PCC.

This small change came into effect this August, it is an algorithm built within the WHS and is not available for clubs to see.

f) Course Rating

All Norfolk courses were rated for the World Handicap System in time for the launch in November 2019. Ratings run on a ten-year cycle and the aim is to do four courses each year, again, Norfolk is on track to do this.

I recently attended an England Golf Workshop on "The Handicap Committee & World Handicap System". This presentation highlighted the importance of the handicap committee in overseeing the smooth operation of the WHS at club level. In the New Year the Ladies County Association, together with the County Union, will be organizing a similar presentation to pass on the knowledge to those concerned.

This is my last report as handicap adviser and I would like to thank all the handicap committee members and secretaries who have given their time and effort to ensure the integrity of the handicap systems – old and new – here in Norfolk. Your work is very much appreciated.

President Carol thanked Sue and Julie commenting that though their roles are less prominent they are equally important as they are vital to the running of our County Golf and take a lot of time.

President Carol then introduced Alex Mournian (East Region Representative)

g) England Golf County Voting Member & East Region Committee Representative – Alex Mournian

Early 2022 at England Golf saw a new Senior Independent Director appointed to the EG Board, Wasim Haq, who brings a high level of expertise in business management and knowledge of the sports industry and media. It was also announced that England Golf (EG) had secured 2 new Ambassadors, Tommy Fleetwood and Bronte Law. They have all had a busy year promoting the game they love across all age groups, in person, via podcasts and YouTube updates. The EG website was also refreshed this year and includes access to all the material and support needed for Individuals, clubs and Counties.

With free access to podcasts giving you the latest news on all that is happening in the Amateur golf scene around the country it is another great way of finding out the latest news.

The launch of the 5-year strategic plan, the Course Planner and Score Card outlined the 18 main topics of focus and are available on the EG website Course Planner. It details all the key topics that are the focus for England Golf to deliver their Mission to Lead, Support, Inspire and Deliver for the community of Golfers, Golf Clubs and Counties.

My role as EG Voting Member took me to Woodhall Spa for the Regional update meeting in March, the AGM and General Meeting in April and the General Meeting in September, as well as attending a number of regular online meetings with the

latest update news and information. All the information is then published in regular update letters from England Golf that I am sure many of you have signed up for and receive by email.

The key topics this year have been iGolf, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and the development of the National Golf Centre at Woodhall Spa, a big budget project, so important that we are working on your behalf to get the right outcome. All these topics have been brought to your Executive Committee for discussion on a regular basis and Mark Romasiuk the EG Regional Manager for the Central Region attended a NLCGA meeting in September to give us the most up to date information ahead of the EG General Meeting and so the whole committee are working hard for you on all topics.

In the East Region we continue to provide a variety of competitions throughout the season these were affected this year by the increase in fuel prices and general cost of living challenges. The uptake on a number of these competitions was low, but with some hard work behind the scenes promoting the events they all went ahead and so a big shout out to all those women and girls from Norfolk who took part in the events, in particular, to Nellie Ong on winning the East Region Championships in September.

These events are open to all players and offer the opportunity to play on some great courses outside of the County, meet new friends and maybe even win some silverware. The dates for next year which will all be advertised on the County website are as follows:

Foursomes Championships	27 Apr 2023	South Bedfordshire GC
Senior Ladies Championship	18 Jul 2023	Bedfordshire GC
Ladies Championships	September	Cambs & Hunts TBC

If anyone has any questions I will be available after the AGM.

President Carol thanked Alex for her report. Keeping up to date with England and Regional Golf requires a lot of travelling, research and circulating the information to the County and Clubs. We are in good hands and very much appreciate your time.

6. To Elect the County Vice Captain, Jo Herd (Royal Norwich). Proposed by the Executive Committee and seconded by Sharon Black

It gives me great pleasure to propose Joanne Herd as my County Vice Captain for 2023. Jo is a member of Royal Norwich and Thetford Golf Clubs and has been playing golf since she was 13 years old. Having already represented Essex and Cambridgeshire, Jo was quick to switch allegiance on moving to Norfolk in 2013.

In researching Jo's Norfolk history, it would seem that she is destined to be my Vice Captain. Jo made her debut for the County in 2014 in a friendly against Hunstanton men where her foursomes partner was none other than myself; the following month Jo became County Champion at Eaton, becoming one of a select band to win the title on debut and take the trophy from the current holder, yours truly! Jo has been a member of the County First Team ever since.

Despite her job as a Regional Sales Manager for Marks & Spencer, taking Jo away from Norfolk, she remains committed to the County competing in all the Norfolk events as well as a number of other major competitions around the country on an annual basis. As such Jo has great experience in playing different courses and match play experience along with organization, management and technology skills.

I have no hesitation in recommending Joanne to you and I am certain she will serve me well as my Vice Captain next year and as your County Captain in the years following.

The nomination was agreed by a show of hands from the floor.

Joanne Herd then thanks Sharon and said she was looking forward to supporting her in a successful year during 2023.

7. To Elect the County Second Team Captain, Jules Hutchinson (Royal Norwich). Proposed by the Executive Committee and seconded by Clare Anderson

President Carol thanked Clare Anderson for her tenure as Second Team Captain. The qualities of a good Captain are a good organizer, a leader who encourages, supports and care for her team and who is also a team builder and you are all these and more. Thank you for your excellent captaincy over the past three years, which we and your team have all enjoyed and we would like you to accept this gift in appreciation on behalf of the County.

Clare supported Jules Hutchinson's nomination for Second Team captain, Jules will do an excellent job in leading the Second Team and had no hesitation in nominating her for the role.

The nomination was agreed by a show of hands from the floor.

Jules Hutchinson thanked Clare for all the hardwork she had put in during the last three years adding that she felt it was a real privilege to take on the role and she hopes to build on Clare's achievements and beat Essex.

8. To Elect two Executive Committee Members : Barbara Fielding (Dunston Hall) proposed by Sharon Black (Dunston Hall) and Seconded by Chrissie Owens (Dunston Hall) and Sue Heeles (Sheringham) proposed by Carol Delf (Great Yarmouth & Caister) and seconded by Denise Whiting (Thetford).

Both ladies are elected unopposed to the Executive Committee and the nominations were agreed by a show of hands from the floor. President Carol then thanked Sue Allen and Barbara Fielding for filling the vacancies of Elected Members for last year.

9. To Confirm the Executive Committee Members to be voted en-bloc :

County President, Carol Delf; County Treasurer, Helen Ayres; County Secretary, Denise Whiting; County Captain Sharon Black;; County Junior Organiser Sherrell Chuter; England Golf Voting Member and East Region Representative Alex Mournian, Committee Member Chrissie Owens.

The members gave unanimous agreement to these appointments by a show of hands.

10. To Confirm the Appointment of Handicap Adviser, Clare Anderson

President Carol: Before we confirm the appointment of the Handicap Adviser, I would like to make a special thank you to Sue Allen, who has been Handicap Adviser for the past nine years. Throughout that time, Sue has fully committed to the task, working with Clubs, Handicap Secretaries, organizing and holding informative seminars, travelling to National Conferences as well as working with the Executive Committee and assisting us with the Rules of Golf. We are very indebted to her. Carol presents Sue with a gift of appreciation.

11. To Confirm the Appointment of Course Rating Leader and Senior Team Organiser

Course Rating Leader, Julie Carpenter and Senior Team Organiser Nicky Wylie were re-elected and confirmed by a unanimous show of hands.

12. To vote on the Amendments to the Rules of the Association previously circulated to the members.

President Carol asked the members to vote on the amendment reminding them that a 2/3rds majority in favour was needed for it to be carried. Non-votes and abstentions would not count and asked for a show of hands. The Amendments were accepted unanimously.

13. To vote on the Executive Committee proposal to increase the per capita Affiliation Fee by £1.50 to £10 for adults and by £1 to £6.00 for juniors, to take place from January 2024.

Helen Ayres (Honorary Treasurer proposed the increases which were accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

President Carol then introduced Chrissie Owens to give the Chair of Competitions Report

14. Chairman of Competitions' Report and Presentation of Trophies – Chrissie Owens

President Carol, County Captain Sharon, Ladies of the Executive Committee and fellow members of the Association....

2022 has been another fabulous year for our championships and competitions. It's been good to see new players coming through as the winners, and very encouraging that more ladies entering the Division 3 & 4 Championship.

The inaugural year of the County Stableford was very well supported by 23 clubs. Qualifying round was played as a club stableford with the county providing a 1st & 2nd prizes. Winners then invited to play in the final at Mundesley. The Cup was kindly donated by County Captain Sharon Black, who on the day was the deserved winner with 4pts ahead of the runner-up.

Sadly the County Medal & Brister Salver was not played this year due to a late race meeting been booked at Gt Yarmouth & Caister, due to the lateness and the size of the entry another course was unable to be booked.

Please remember the two competitions for a Lady and Junior girl from the same club, Young Cup and Fowler Trophy, encourage the girls to enter with you.

The trial for the Carrick Cup being playing on fixed dates finally took place this year. Out of the 17 clubs who played in the Carrick this year 85% voted for play by dates, will revert back to these for next year.

The introduction of WHS and Slope has made quite an impact on the leagues. In the old world the maximum handicap was 28 but now the playing handicap ranges up to 33 across the different club. (5 shots more). To attempt to bring this back in line for 2023 the handicap index will be reduced from 28 to 26, giving maximum playing handicap of between 27-31 across the different clubs. In addition, an introduce of five cards will be require to have been entered through WHS (casual or competition), twelve months prior to a match being played. This will be monitored by competition organiser.

It takes many hours behind the scenes organising and running the leagues and competitions. So I would like to thank all the competition organisers for all their hard work and commitment, for embracing ClubV1 so that the Association can now independently run the scoring for all their competitions. To Margaret Fisher who, ensures the trophies are always in the right places and engraved correctly. Richard Tidy of Richard Tidy Wealth Management who sponsors the prizes for our raffles.

If anyone is interested we do have a couple organiser vacancies for 2023, so if anyone is interested, please do come and have a chat.

President Carol thanked Chrissie for her report and reiterated that as an Association we are indebted to our Competition Organisers and as a mark of appreciation and thanks and we would like to present a small gift of our appreciation to : Liz Dann (Wensum Valley) – Diamond Knock Out organiser for 9 years; Margo Horsborough (Thetford) – Competitions Organiser for many years; Shelagh Rump (Sheringham) as Junior treasurer for 20years.

Winners 2021

Before we begin a reminder to all trophy winners to stay at the end for photographs and sign the Trophy Book.

Inter Club League Winners

Division 1 – Bawburgh 1

Division 2 – Royal Cromer 1

Division 3 – King's Lynn 2

Division 4 – Caldecott Hall 2

Division 5 – Mundesley

Division 6 – Bawburgh 2

Division 7 – Wensum Valley 2

Scratch League Winners

Division 1 – Eaton 1

Division 2 – Thetford

Division 3 – Bawburgh

Division 4 – Swaffham

Congratulations to all the teams for their efforts this year.

Marion Scott Salver

Presented to the winner of the Division 3 or Division 4 Handicap Championship with the highest number of Stableford points.

This year presented to Brenda Payter from Bawburgh Golf Club with an amazing score of 45 points on countback.

Seniors' Championship

Held at Thetford with Sue Saunders winning on her home course.

12. Any Other Business

There was nothing to discuss under Any Other Business. President Carol did have one item as she would like to congratulate Swaffham Golf Club on everyone's behalf for reaching their Centenary Year. Representing the Association President Carol, County Captain, County Secretary and Chair of the Executive were invited to play their course and enjoy a celebratory lunch. It was a wonderful day and a privilege to have taken part. Thank you.

President Carol then closed the meeting : Thank you for attending today and for your support throughout the year. We look forward to 2023 with keen anticipation and for success at Club and County level. I wish you all a safe journey home and now formally close the meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.05pm

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 27th November 2023 at Wensum Valley Golf Club at 10.30 am.