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Wiltshire Ladies' County Golf Association

Minutes of the AGM 2008

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire Ladies' County Golf Association held at North Wilts Golf Club on Friday 7 November 2008 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

Mrs Gillian Wood, President (in the chair)
Mrs Bev Dolman, Captain
Ms Karen Gosling, Vice Captain
Mrs Penny Telling, Hon Secretary
Mrs Anne Martin, Hon Treasurer
Mrs Sally Powell, Competition Secretary
Mrs Di Gritt, EWGA South West Region Representative
Mrs Pauline Hawkins, Handicap Adviser
Mrs Sue Long, Junior Organiser

Club Delegates: Jackie Hatton, Pam Barnard, Trish King, Elizabeth Kidman, Lorna Pearce, Barbara Britton, Margaret Adams, Dorothy Rendall, Christine Christie, Kate Lush, Jan Coombs, Jean Atkins, Katie Dove-Meadows

62 other members were also present (see attendance book)

Apologies: 35 apologies were received (see attendance book)

The President began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. She asked those present to stand for a minute's silence in memory of members of the Association who had died during the past year. These were: Frances Isherwood (North Wilts), Barbara Barnard (Ogbourne Downs) Peggy Pettingale (West Wilts) and Rose Bryant (Cumberwell Park).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the AGM held on 2 November 2007 had been circulated and the President requested that these be taken as read. However, there had been one correction requested by Felicity Pinder of West Wilts in connection with a question she had asked about the new County Bowmaker competitions. This has been incorporated as follows:

Page 7 - Any Other Business – corrected paragraph reads:-

“In connection with the introduction of a Bowmaker competition in 2008, Felicity Pinder asked what would happen if one member of the team changed divisions between entering and playing. The answer was that the team would stay in the division in which they were on the day of entry but the individuals would play off current handicaps.”

The President asked that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by Phoebe Lumley and seconded by Rosemary Barber and the minutes were duly signed. There were no matters arising.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Bev Dolman reported that the 2008 season has been a very busy one for the County and, in particular, the County 1st team. In the autumn of 2007, a training programme was set up with County Coach, Claire Waite, which encouraged our squad not only to play good golf, but to work on their mental attitude in match play and to work as a team. All three objectives were achieved in this year's Inter-county week.

The County Championships were played earlier than usual in Spring at Hamptworth. In a very thrilling and close final, Tidworth's Hannah Turland emerged the winner on the 37th hole, just beating Jo Shorrocks of Hamptworth. Hannah is the County's youngest ever Champion at the age of 13.

Our annual 1st team match against High Post men resulted in a narrow win for the men, but, having lost the foursomes 3 ½ to ½ on very tricky greens, the girls went on to win the singles 4½ to 3½.

Later in April, the 1st team squad attended a two-day session at Dudsbury in Dorset, the venue for this year's Inter-county week. Claire Waite also attended and her help with the course proved to be invaluable to the team. A further 36-hole foursomes match between the Captain's team and the Vice Captain's team at Bowood, resulted in a win for the Captain's side, but only narrowly in the afternoon session when it was decided to give shots to the Vice Captain's team.

On Sunday 11th May, the 1st team squad assembled at Dudsbury for the first of the newly format SW region Inter-county week. This involved playing against five counties, instead of the previous three, which meant 36 holes of golf each day for five days. The week turned out to be very exciting. On the first day, we met Gloucestershire, our old adversaries. Gloucestershire were a little depleted this year but our team played their hearts out and came out 5½ to 3½ winners, the first time we have beaten them since the 1990's. In the singles, 12-year-old Kyra Horlock, playing in her first match for the County 1st team, won on the last green, as did Jo Shorrocks. Hannah Turland playing with Jo Shorrocks and Sue Sutton playing with Bridget Cartwright in the foursomes also won their matches on the last green.

However, we were brought down to earth on the 2nd day when we failed to beat Cornwall. I think the euphoria of Monday's match led to a drubbing in the foursomes ½ to 2 ½ but the girls came back in the afternoon singles, with a good 3 ½ to 2 ½ win. A very exciting game on Wednesday saw us beat Devon 5 – 4. On Thursday, we played the hosts Dorset who had yet to lose a match. This was a really tough match with Dorset having flown home Fern Grimshaw from University in the States to play on the last two days. Our girls played so well but were just pipped 5-4, which left Dorset the only team with four wins and thus unbeatable. Unfortunately, Friday proved to be rather a lack lustre day and a poor result against Somerset meant we finished fourth overall.

Having said this, the girls played some great golf and a turn-round of just one game in the match against Dorset would have seen us in equal first place – that's how close it was. Bev said that she was extremely proud of the team. They gave their all and were fiercely competitive, but magnanimous in defeat and were a pleasure to Captain. They worked hard as a team both playing and supporting each other and I am certain they will succeed in the not too distant future. Congratulations must go to Jo Shorrocks who won all eight of her matches and to Emma Breen who gained her County colours with some exceptional play. Emma has now gone on to University in the United States.

The six South West Captains met later in the year to discuss Inter-county week and we all agreed that the new format, although creating a lot of extra work, had been a great success. From 2009, Inter-county week will be held at the end of June and next year's event will be at Bristol and Clifton on 22nd – 26th June. Bev hopes that as many people as possible will go along to support Karen and the team.

Dorset went on to contest the County Finals at Long Ashton, but, with a rather weakened team, were unable to make an impression. Yorkshire once again went on to lift the title.

During the summer, despite the weather, the County have hosted our Spring meeting, Autumn foursomes and Bowmaker competitions along with the Scratch Knockout and Foursomes Knockout.

The 2nd team have had a difficult year due to the changes in the Inter-county structure, as have the junior team, but these have been resolved for 2009 when new formats will come into place.

Wiltshire hosted the SW Junior Championships this year at North Wilts and Bev was delighted to accept the Team Shield on behalf of the winning Wiltshire Girls' Team. Congratulations to all our girls who took part.

In June, Bev and the President were delighted to attend a lunch at Tidworth to mark their Centenary. Congratulations also go to Ogbourne Ladies who also celebrated their Centenary this year.

Last winter saw the start of our new Winter Scratch Knockout and Winter Handicap Knockout Competitions which were kindly sponsored by Chic and Sue Carvell. Entries for these have been a little disappointing. Please try and support them next year as this is a great way to keep your golf going over the winter.

This year, we introduced a new league format with the first Division playing their matches off scratch. This format was subject to review after one year and, towards the end of the season, clubs were consulted on how the League should be further developed with a view to finding a format which would be acceptable to the majority. Several meetings and discussions were held and, in the end, the majority of clubs voted for the introduction of an all-scratch league, to commence in 2009. Full details are being sent to the clubs via the delegates.

Bev congratulated everyone who has had success in their golfing field this year at whatever level, whether it be a club competition, an Open, County event or a national event

As many of you will be aware, after 11 years in Wiltshire, 6 of them working with the County, Bev has now moved back to her native Leicestershire (Rutland to be precise). She said how much she had enjoyed her time within Wiltshire and thanked everyone who had supported her during her time in office, from club Captains and delegates, teams and players, our County Coach, Claire Waite who has been such an inspiration to us all, but not least the wonderful committee, who work so hard on your behalf.

VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Karen Gosling explained that her main role as Vice Captain was to look after the 2nd team.

This year, there had been only three matches. These were against Gloucestershire, Dorset and a friendly against Hampshire. Unfortunately, we lost all our matches and, although this seems like a really poor result, many matches were closely fought, going to 17th or 18th hole.

Other Counties are able to field 2nd teams with handicaps averaging 5 or 6. Where as in Wiltshire, being such a small county, players with handicaps at this level are usually playing in our 1st team. The average handicap for our 2nd team this year was nearer 10. Having said this, Karen feels that we do have a lot of potential especially with a number of up-and-coming juniors, so we can look forward to some improved results in the next few seasons.

Karen made special mention of players who were new to County golf this year. They were: Sarah Watts from Tidworth, Alison Charles and Nancy Pallas from Hamptworth, and Katie Warren from Wrag Barn. We also saw the return of Roxanne Roberts, from Wrag Barn, who has been unable to play for a few seasons due to injury.

Many thanks go to all those who have played for the 2nd team this year. Despite not being on the winning team, Karen felt that the players enjoyed the competition and experience of playing matches at this level.

2nd team coaching days were held over the summer and we have already started the Winter Squad Development sessions with County Coach, Claire Waite, for both 1st and 2nd teams.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sally Powell began her report with mention of the County Championship played in April at Hamptworth. The second flight qualifiers played for the new Gillian Wood trophy, which was won by Sarah Carvell who beat Sophie Newman, both girls from Broome Manor. Hannah Turland won the Hoare Salver, for the best 36 hole qualifying score with rounds of 71 + 75 = 146. She also won the Deacon Cup, the best scratch score for those under 21. Jo Shorrocks won the Sybil Parsons Trophy, for the best scratch score for those aged 40 and over. The Team Shield was won by Hamptworth, with the combined scores of Jo Shorrocks, Kyra Horlock and Alison Charles.

This year, the Championship was for Silver players only and the Bronze Championship was not played. Sally said that, if the bronze division players want it back in the calendar, they will really have to support it. When it was last played in 2007, only 12 ladies entered. Sally said that she would like to see the Bronze Championship resurrected, as there are two lovely trophies available for this sitting on a shelf gathering dust.

In June, the Spring Meeting was held at Salisbury & South Wilts. In the Silver Division, the Scratch and Handicap Cups were both won by Karen Gosling from Marlborough and, in the Bronze Division, the Dorothy Dykes Scratch Cup and the Taunton Handicap Cup were won by Carolyn Phillipa from Broome Manor. The Kennard Cup, for the combined 36 hole scratch scores in the Championship and the Spring Meeting, was won by Hannah Turland from Tidworth Garrison.

In September, the County Foursomes was held at Tidworth Garrison during the club's Centenary Year. The winners of the Glendinning Cup, for the best scratch score were Gill Loughrey (Wrag Barn) & Jayne Long (Tidworth Garrison) with a gross score of 78. The Hart Cup, for the best nett score was won by Janie Sharpe & Chris Marshall from Chippenham with a net 71.5.

In October, we held the inaugural Silver & Bronze Bowmaker on a very wet and windy day at Wrag Barn. In spite of the weather, there were only two nil returns out of the huge field. The winners of the Silver Bowmaker were Aurora Edwards, Barbara Field & Maxine Woods from West Wilts with 76 points and the Bronze Bowmaker winners were Hazel Sheppard, Pat Povey & Verity Manners from Wrag Barn with 77 points.

Sally expressed our thanks to Hamptworth, Salisbury & South Wilts, Tidworth Garrison and Wrag Barn golf clubs for allowing us to hold these events at their clubs. She also thanked all the Ladies' Captains, delegates and other willing helpers during these events.

Sally reported that a donation of £477 was made to the Junior Development Fund from the County President's Prize. £381 was raised from the Coronation Medal and £492 from the County Captain's Prize. In addition, £261 was made from the wine raffles held at the Spring, Autumn and Bowmaker Meetings, making a grand total of £1134 in aid of County Funds. Sally thanked everyone for participating in these events and raising these large sums of money.

Sally reminded Competition Secretaries and League captains of the need to send all results to her successor by the due dates, together with the Christian names of players. All the results of League, Scratch, County Captain's Prize, County President's Prize, Coronation Medal etc are sent to County Delegates and Sally asked them to ensure that these were posted on notice boards to keep members informed.

Sally thanked all the Delegates who have worked hard this year. She said that, surprisingly, she had enjoyed her four years' as Competition Secretary and hoped her successors will receive the same support.

Finally, Sally thanked the County President, County Captain and all the Officers on the County Committee for all their hard work on the members' behalf.

At the end of Sally's report, the President thanked Sally for all her hard work on behalf of the County over the years and presented her with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the members.

(Competition winners were announced at the presentation of prizes at the end of the meeting.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Anne Martin reported that the County had budgeted for a deficit of over £2000 for the year ended 30 September 2008. However, thanks to a number of factors, in fact, we had a net surplus of £1316. These factors included increased receipts for subscriptions, sale of County cards, entry fees for County competitions, sponsorship, interest received and the distribution of Wiltshire's share of the dissolution of ELGA South West division.

As expected, the expenditure for the South West Inter County Match week was £2436 more than last year, and we need to budget for a similar cost next year.

There was an increase in Officers' travel expenses due to the need for attendance at many more meetings than usual associated with the reorganisation of ELGA and the South West Region and the consultations about the new Wiltshire League.

Expenditure on matches was down by £1284 but this trend will not continue as it is planned to replace some of the lost second team and friendly matches next year.

The Youth & Development Fund showed a deficit of £1819. This was due to the drop in all areas of income. The County is budgeting to put an additional £1200 into the fund in the next financial year. We have also been advised that the Golf Partnership will request a contribution of £500 in 2009 towards its costs. This will be an ongoing commitment.

Anne feels that we are in very uncertain times at the moment, with projected membership falling. However, we hope that all the hard work being put in by the Partnership will bring in new people of both sexes and all ages, whether they are 7 or 97! If this is achieved, our income from membership fees, county cards and competition entries should be increased pro rata.

Our reserves at 30 September 2008 total £29,702 which are allocated to the following funds:

General fund	£18,451
Youth Development	£9,236
Peggy MacKenzie	£1,865
Hole in One	£150

Isobel Henry (Marlborough) proposed and Wendy Hodgson (Kingsdown) seconded the motion that the accounts be accepted. This was carried.

JUNIOR ORGANISER'S REPORT

Sue Long reported that County Girls' Coaching continues to be very successful and an important part of the girls' development as golfers. The coaching programmes for this year have been with Emma Brown, Katie Dawkins and John Jacobs. We have four groups of girls: Fledglings, Swifts, Birdies and Eagles. Next year, we are extending the number and adding an extra group who will be called Mini Eagles. This group will also be coached by John Jacobs. Girls who have been selected for Birdies, Mini Eagles and Eagles will be informed in the next few weeks

There have been four County Girls' Matches this year. The latest was played last week at North Wilts, against the Senior County Ladies. This proved to be an enjoyable event and resulted in an honourable half. The other matches against Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Somerset were closely contested. Although we lost all three, it was by a very narrow margin with many games being settled on the 18th green and the result of the matches often depending on the final game.

Bearing in mind that match play is a very specific game, the girls do need your help. Sue asked all clubs to help their girls by taking them out on the course and teaching them the differences between match and stroke play. It is so important that they know how to play this game.

There have been several adult/girl events this year, the last one being at half-term which was a Bowmaker, held at Marlborough. Sadly, we couldn't all complete our rounds due to the intervention of thunder and lightning. However, the winning girls were Sarah Gee (West Wilts) and Georgia Wise (Kingsdown)

Sue went on to report on this year's achievements. This list is so long that Sue could not mention everybody, so she highlighted just a few. She apologised to those girls whom she could not mention.

Hannah Turland (Tidworth) is both Wiltshire County Champion and Wiltshire Girls Champion, and has been selected and played for England twice this year. Hannah has also been selected for the England Future under-18 coaching squad and came fourth in the Faldo Series regional finals.

Kyra Horlock (Hamptworth) has recently won the National finals for her age group in the Young Masters and was overall winner of Wee Wonders in the National Finals at St Andrews, where she played golf with some top Pro's and celebrities, including Colin Montgomerie. Kyra came 6th in the regional finals of the Faldo Series and has been selected for the England SW Super Birdies squad.

Two of our Wiltshire girls did well in the 18-hole competition at the SW Girls Championships. Sarah Gee (West Wilts) won the Buchanan Trophy with Jane Askey (North Wilts) as runner-up. Sarah also won the under-15 cup in this competition and, with the good scores that both Sarah and Jane accumulated, they won the County Shield for Wiltshire. Sarah has reduced her handicap from 36 to 21 during the course of this season.

Jessica Iles (North Wilts) has reduced her handicap by 11 shots and gone from 36 to 25, Charlotte Lucas (High Post) is down to 13 and Yasmin Brooks (Wrag Barn) to 15.

However, our Most Improved County Girl Golfer for this year and winner of the Jean Kain trophy for 2008 is Katie Warren (Wrag Barn). Her handicap this time last year was 21 and she now plays off 10. Katie has also been selected for the England SW Super Birdies Squad. The runner-up for the County's Most Improved Girl Golfer is Rebecca Ruddock (Wrag Barn) who, as a late starter, got her handicap this spring and very quickly came down to 20.

Sue had two requests. The first is that clubs involve all their girls and invite them to play in qualifying competitions to get their handicaps down and to teach them the rules and etiquette of the game. They will add a different dimension to your ladies section and this in itself will be a great asset.

Sue's second request is on the subject of girls' organisers. It is our aim for every club in Wiltshire to have a girl's organiser. If your club doesn't have one, please consider appointing one. Sue reassured anyone thinking of getting involved that the position is not a daunting one. We have a County Girls' Committee and all the club girls' organisers are invited to attend our meetings. We meet about three times a year and any new members will be given help, advice and support from us.

Finally, Sue announced that Ellena Farrow (Kingsdown) is to be County Girls' Captain for 2009.

HANDICAP ADVISER'S REPORT

Pauline Hawkins reported that the year has been quiet with very few queries. She congratulated Handicap Secretaries and their committees who are really up to date with everything that is going on in their clubs.

Following feedback on the question of Lapsed or Starring of handicaps, the preferred option was "starring of handicaps". The EWGA Handicap Committee, at their meeting in October agreed to adopt this procedure for commencement in 2010 on qualifying scores returned in 2009. Handicaps will be referred to as Active or Inactive with the identifier symbol (i). Full details will be announced shortly.

Pauline reminded clubs who have not started their 9-hole competitions, and want to do so, that they must apply to EWGA for this.

Pauline has visited Cricklade Golf Club, with deputy Anne Fisher, to talk to them about handicaps. She was very impressed with the setting of this 9 hole course and intends to play there as soon as she gets the opportunity.

Pauline thanked Anne for her help and encouragement. Pauline said that, if anyone has any queries, they should contact her or Anne who will do our best to help you.

Pauline also thanked the County Committee for all their encouragement.

STANDARD SCRATCH ASSESSOR'S REPORT

In Mary West's absence, Penny Telling read her report, as follows.

This year has been very quiet as most courses have been visited by the USGA Course Rating team and have received their Standard Scratch (SS) certificates from the EWGA office.

Cumberwell Park's orange course has been rated this year and the SS should be issued by 2009. Until then, there is a temporary SS in operation. We hope to finalise Woodbridge Park in April or May next year.

If there are any significant changes to your course, Mary needs to be notified. For example, if there are any additions in length which add over 100 yards to the course length, this may require a re-assessment of one or more holes to see if the SS will be affected.

To keep records up to date, please tell Mary of significant alterations to fairways, but not just shaping the edges. Also, if the hole order is changed, please let Mary know. This has no impact on the course rating but should be included in the EWGA record of the course. Mary relies on the Ladies Captains or Club Delegates to notify her of any relevant changes.

Mary would like to thank fellow course rates, Hilary Tapley and Sheila Lewis, for their help and enthusiasm. If anyone needs help over the winter, please contact Mary via e-mail (as per address in the Year Book) or Hilary Tapley on 01380 830215.

EWGA SOUTH WEST REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Di Gritt reported that the English Women's Golf Association's first year as a company limited by liability has certainly been eventful!. Di felt that enough has been said about the Extraordinary General Meeting which thankfully did not have to take place. Recruitment for new non-executive directors is underway and hopefully we can all now look to the future.

We were delighted this year to welcome three new clubs into Wiltshire, i.e. Cricklade Hotel & Country Club, Bassett Down near Wootton Bassett and Woodbridge Park near Brinkworth. Although each has only a few lady members, Di felt sure they will be delighted to receive contact from other clubs, possibly for friendly games.

One of the priorities for the new EWGA has been to improve communications and a number of actions are in hand to achieve this.

- ? A new electronic newsletter has been launched and you can opt in or download copies from the website at www.englishwomensgolf.org
- ? The website itself has been developed so that it is much more informative, with online entry to tournaments as well as live scoring. There's also a new 'Frequently asked Questions' section.
- ? The much-awaited New Members' Pack is promised for next year and sponsorship is being sought for a Junior Members' Pack.
- ? There have also been developments on the golfing front to help make the sport more accessible, such as the launch of a nine-hole standard scratch for courses. This will be ideal for golfers who are short of time as well as those who maybe cannot manage 18 holes any more.

Di reported that, from 2009, LGU medals cease to exist and will be replaced by EWGA medals. Club delegates have all the details but key features include:

- ? No alternate days. Clubs can arrange between 4 and 24 medals – at the beginning and end of the month if you like, but half of these should be at weekends. Anyone can play on any medal day.
- ? No written notice, no compulsory draw and no entry fee. Just sign up before you go out.
- ? No separate silver & bronze divisions – one competition, one field & one winner.
- ? The club player with the best four nett scores will qualify for a regional final and the top 10 players from each region will go forward to the national final.
- ? The first Regional Medal final in 2010 will be in Wiltshire.
- ? EWGA medals can be run in conjunction with club competitions

More details can be downloaded from the EWGA website.

Di also mentioned that, when playing EWGA medals, Distance Measuring Devices (GPS) are NOT allowed, regardless of whether there is a local rule in place. This also applies to National and County competitions.

Di went on to congratulate Tidworth's Hannah Turland who was selected to represent England at the R & A Junior Open. Over 40 countries sent one boy and one girl to the three-day event which was followed by two days at the British Open. Hannah received her competitor's badge from Pdraig Harrington! Hannah was also unbeaten in England's Under-16 match against Spain and finished 7th in the English Under- 15 Championship. Most recently, she was selected for the England Boys v Girls match at Woodhall Spa. Di also congratulated Kyra Horlock from Hamptworth for finishing 7th in the English Under-13 Champs and to Kingsdown's Portia Abbott on her first win on the US College circuit.

The Regional Championships are now being organised in rotation by the counties which meant this year we held the SW Girls in Wiltshire at North Wilts. We were delighted that the winner, Micah Carrol from Cornwall, set a new Ladies' Course Record. The runner-up was Dorset's Hayley Davies.

Winner of the South West Championships at Tiverton was Gloucester's Charlotte Ellis beating Polly Clark in the Final. The South West Foursomes at Ferndown was won by the Dorset pair, Hayley Davies and Marketa Mann. Wiltshire was mentioned in despatches in the Spring Bowmaker, when our own Sue Long, Jane Carver and Vicki Leigh from North Wilts finished 4th. The event was won by Sally Watkins, Eve Bolton & Jan Stanlake from Teignmouth & Enmore Park.

The ELGA Trust has given over £4000 to counties this year and £3960 to individuals. The Trust desperately needs funds. As the LGU no longer produce a diary, the ELGA Trust will look at offering one from 2010. Also, the Trust also hopes to hold an AmAm next April. If you would like to support this charity, which does so much good work helping girls in golf, then please encourage your club to hold a fundraising event – or consider becoming a Patron. Di will be happy to give you details.

Di reported that 2009 subs will increase by 30p to £8.15. These are collected by the clubs along with the members' subscriptions.

GOLF PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Di Gritt reported that, In December last year, the fledgling Wiltshire County Golf Partnership submitted two hefty documents to England Golf – one setting out the state of play of golf and club membership in Wiltshire and a Development Plan put together by ourselves, the Wiltshire County men and the Wiltshire PGA. We were delighted when, in January, we were awarded funding of £10,000 over three years to put that plan in action.

Our sole purpose is to get people into golf and ensure their integration and retention. It is not a fast process, and, unlike some counties, we do not have a paid development officer – merely a group of volunteers from the Partners, From the ladies, these include Sue Long representing the junior girls, June Poffley representing club junior organisers and Di as chair.

In the past year, we have made significant process.

On the training front :

- ? a Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop has been held at Bowood.
- ? 10 volunteers have completed PGA Level 1 coaching and are working with Pros in their clubs. We also managed to secure bursaries to help fund the two-thirds of the cost.
- ? A further 10 volunteers have completed Tri-Golf training to help deliver golf with plastic clubs in schools
- ? A Junior Organisers workshop has been piloted, a concept now rolling out nationally.

Tackling communications:

- ? We have a Partnership website at www.wiltshiregolfpartnership.com .
- ? We have launched a newsletter distributed to all clubs.
- ? We have had one to one meetings with half the clubs in the county to discuss different techniques and grants available to get people into golf, alternative membership strategies and focus on their specific issues and requirements.
- ? We have launched a Resource CD for clubs bringing together a wealth of information from various sources, from child protection manuals and etiquette video to recruitment posters and best practice ideas. The concept has not only been copied by other counties but now looks like being launched nationally.
- ? We have supplied Psychology CDs so that Junior Organisers can work with girls and boys to help them with the mental side of golf.
- ? Most recently, we have applied for, and should be awarded, separate funding of £13,500 over two years. This is for a Club and Coaching initiative to help coach young players below county standard and, more importantly, to help train more coaches to a higher standard so they are better equipped to take on more work attracting people into the game.

On the volunteer front , as Bev Dolman already mentioned, we were delighted when June Poffley from North Wilts was named national club volunteer of the year.

Five clubs have also achieved Golfmark, incorporating Clubmark, the standard that ensures they are truly 'beginner friendly'. These are North Wilts, Cumberwell, Hamptworth, High Post and West Wilts. A further five clubs are working towards Golfmark, i.e. Bowood, Chippenham, Kingsdown, Tidworth and Wrag Barn.

Golf taster sessions have been held in clubs across the county including special girls-only sessions funded in partnership with the Golf Foundation.

For the future, as well as piloting new schemes to get people into golf and into golf membership, we are looking at the possibility of Town Centre exhibitions and potentially forming a Partnership Golf Club to host people interested in the game and eventually steer them into clubs.

We are hopeful that eventually we will get our own Development Officer, paid for by England Golf, to help drive this very important project. In the meantime, Di felt that she will be leaving it in very capable hands when she steps down as chair in January.

At the end of Di's report, the President thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of the County over the years and presented her with a small token of appreciation of behalf of the members.

PAST CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Judith May reported that, on a personal level, she had had a difficult year but had enjoyed great friendship and support from the ladies of the Past Captains. Bowood had become a member this year so, in all, we have members in 20 clubs participating in matches. The match results are as follows:-

The match against the Wiltshire Men's Past Captains at Chippenham was enjoyable, though once again, the ladies retained the wooden spoon,

Match vs. Oxfordshire – Draw
Match vs. Hampshire – Draw
Match vs. Dorset – Lost
Match vs. Somerset – Lost
Match vs. Berkshire – Lost

The match versus Gloucestershire was postponed, and played this week. We also drew that match. This was not a spectacular success, but not as bad as it looks, as a lot of the matches were very close. One highlight of the match against Dorset at Broome Manor was a hole-in-one from Wendy Swain (Marlborough) .

At all home matches, we were given courtesy of the course and Judith thanked the clubs for that.

The Peggy Mackenzie Trophy was played at Cumberwell and Heidi Roberts (Manor House) won with 35 points.

The June medal winners were:-

Silver Division – Pam Barnard Nett 71, Tidworth
Bronze Division – Wendy Channon Nett 74, Upavon

The Autumn Greensomes was won by Malvina Whitten (West Wilts) and Carolyn Phillippo (Broome Manor)

At the AGM, Liz Coward from West Wilts was formally accepted as secretary/treasurer and Jackie Hatton from Chippenham was introduced as Gill's Vice Captain.

Judith ended with thanks to all those who have helped her this year, especially Gill. Thanks also go to Wendy Swales for her hard work acting as secretary/treasurer for the past six years. Judith ended by wishing Gill, Jackie and Liz all the best for the forthcoming year.

VETERANS' CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Jennifer Moffatt was pleased to report that, during one of the wettest summers on record, the Vets we were very fortunate. All events took place in the dry and mostly in sunshine!

The first event was the Spring Open which was held at High Post. Starting at both tees made the day a reasonable length but only 93 ladies could be accommodated, which left the awkward task of having to ballot some ladies out.

The Peggy Mackenzie Plate was won by Pat Povey from Wrag Barn with 35 points.
Silver Division was won by Sally Price from Chippenham with 34 points;
Bronze A was won by Pauline Marshall from Broome Manor with 33 points.
Bronze B was won by Liz Baylis from West Wilts with 32 points and
.Bronze C by Mary Henning from Chippenham with 34 points.

Well done to these ladies and all the other prize winners. Everyone was very generous and the raffle raised £195, 24 for the Wiltshire Girls.

Matches

Unfortunately, there are not enough places for all the ladies who volunteer to play in the matches and special thanks go to all those reserves who kept the day free right up to the last minute.

We started the season well at High Post, with a win over Somerset 5-2. Our second match was away to South Gloucestershire at Chipping Sodbury, where the games were very close. We only just lost 3-4. The third game was at Marlborough against Berkshire and here we managed a half. Our next away match was at Royal Winchester against Hampshire and this we lost 2-5. Our last game was at Hamptworth when we halved. Only two losses is an improving result for Wiltshire.

Congratulations and thanks to all the ladies that played. The matches have been played in a very friendly atmosphere and Jennifer felt sure that the memories most people have of their day is not the result but the enjoyment of playing a different course and meeting members from a variety of clubs.

The Autumn Meeting was held at North Wilts Golf Club - 71 ladies took part.

The Autumn Salver was won by Pat Hiscock from West Wilts with 35 points and the division winners were:

Silver - Daphne Willett from Wrag Barn with 32 points, on a count back from Sheila Dawson and Jean Atkins

Bronze A - Sue Gray from Kingsdown with 34 points

Bronze B - Jean Ellis from West Wilts with 34 points.

The team shield was won by West Wilts with total of 130 points.

The raffle raised £135.00 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Jennifer expressed thanks and appreciation to the Marlborough, North Wilts and Hamptworth for allowing the use of their courses and looking after us so well. A special thanks must go to the management and catering staff at Jennifer's own club, High Post, for all the support they have given me during the year – particularly the fabulous buffet at the Spring meeting or the scones and cream at the AGM!

Grateful thanks must go to Jean Arnell and the County reps, without their help and support our Association could not exist.

Jennifer ended by wishing Jane Cox and Dorothy Comley a successful year, and I hope they enjoy the time as much as she has.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President read out the read out the list of nominees for election as Officers to the WLCGA Committee. These were:

President	Phoebe Lumley	Nominated by Gillian Wood
Captain	Karen Gosling	Nominated by Bev Dolman
Vice Captain	Anne Martin	Nominated by Karen Gosling
Treasurer	Carol Main	Nominated by Karen Gosling Seconded by Jackie Hatton
Competition Secretary	Mo Turner	Nominated by Elaine Wheeler Seconded by Sally Powell
EWGA SW Representative	Anne Martin	Nominated by Di Gritt Seconded by Mary West
Secretary	Penny Telling	Nominated by Bev Dolman Seconded by Rosemary Denman
Junior Organiser	Sue Long	Nominated by Di Gritt Seconded by Pat Nicholson

It was noted that Penny Telling and Sue Long had been co-opted onto the Committee at the end of 2007 but had not been formally elected into office. As there were no additional nominations, the President asked the meeting for a show of hands to formally accept the above nominations. This was duly achieved.

At this point, the President handed over her badge to Phoebe Lumley. Phoebe expressed her pleasure at receiving this honour and said she is looking forward to fulfilling the role of County President. Bev Dolman then handed her Captain's badge to Karen Gosling and Karen passed the Vice Captain's badge to Anne Martin. On behalf of the members, Karen gave Bev a small token of our appreciation of her leadership and hard work as County Captain and wished her good luck in her new home.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

WLCGA Centenary 2010

Pauline Hawkins is chairing a sub-committee to put forward proposals as to how we should celebrate this milestone. Other members of the sub-committee are Gillian Wood, Phoebe Lumley and Sally Powell and Pauline invited anyone who would like to become involved to contact her. Initial proposals include a Centenary lunch, several new competitions for which trophies have already been offered, a Centenary book and a memento for each club. These proposals are being costed and full details will be given to delegates early in the New Year.

Distance Measuring Devices

Caroline Bouwens (Tidworth) queried the decision that Distance Measuring Devices would not be allowed in EWGA or County competitions. She explained that their use was permitted at Tidworth. Di Gritt confirmed the ruling and explained that it was felt that use of these devices would not be fair as they were not accessible to everyone. Diana Salisbury (also from Tidworth) queried whether this also applied to club qualifying stableford and Di replied that, as these were club competitions, the ruling need not apply.

Silver & Bronze Divisions

Melanie Derham (West Wilts) asked whether the abolition of Silver and Bronze Divisions in EWGA medals also applied to County competitions. Di explained that this applied to the EWGA medals only and that County and club competitions could still use the divisions if they chose to do so.

Diana Salisbury enquired whether there were any plans to award the Sybil Parsons trophy and Sally Powell confirmed that this had been awarded this year at the County Championship to the best scratch score over 36 holes by a player over 40 years of age.

WLCGA Website

Di Gritt mentioned that we are looking for someone to take over the running of the County's website. Di will be keeping the website going for the time being but, if anyone with relevant expertise in this area would be prepared to take this on, please would they contact her.

County Championship Format

Jayne Long (Tidworth) asked about the format for next year's County Championship. Karen Gosling confirmed that, in response to feedback after the 2008 Championships, it is proposed to go back to the previous format for 2009 onwards. This will be a 36-hole scratch competition on the first day with the top sixteen going forward to play match play at the weekend. The eight players who get knocked out in the first round will then play for the Gillian Wood trophy. Full details will be in the 2009 Year Book.

DRAW FOR THE SCRATCH KNOCK-OUT

Sally Powell said that there were 16 entries this year and therefore there would be no byes. The first clubs drawn will be at home.

Marlborough v Chippenham
Ogbourne Downs v High Post
Salisbury & South Wilts v Rushmore
The Wiltshire v Kingsdown
North Wilts v Upavon
Erlestoke v West Wilts
Tidworth v Wrag Barn
Cumberwell Park v Broome Manor

THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

The following prizes were presented:

County President's Prize				
Silver Winner	Linda Scrace	41 pts	Salisbury & S Wilts	
Bronze Winner	Anna Poon	40 pts	Broome Manor	

County Captain's Prize				
Scratch Trophy	Sarah Carvell	77	Broome Manor	
Silver Winner	Sue Roberts	-4	Cumberwell Park	
Bronze Winner	Alyson Fairchild -4		Ogbourne Down	

County Foursomes Knock-Out				
Winners	Bridget Cartwright & Lynne Chivers		Upavon	
Runners up	Gillian Wood & Melanie Derham		West Wilts	
Semi finalists	Aurora Edwards & Malvena Whitten		West Wilts	
	Sue Tulloh & Trish King		Marlborough	

Coronation Medal				
Silver	Winner	Jackie Pethen	-3	Rushmore
Bronze	Winner	Anne Marie Dutton	-9	Broome Manor

County Medal Cup	Arlene Allen	-14	Broome Manor
(for the best three medal scores between April and September)			

Peggy Mackenzie Plate West Wilts
 (for the two best net scores from Silver and Bronze divisions at the Spring Meeting with the scores of Aurora Edwards & Zella Mossman in the Silver division and Gill Newton & Melanie Derham in the Bronze division. Total 310.)

League Team Shield		Marlborough
Runners Up		Chippenham

League Division 2	Pakeman Cup	Ogbourne Downs
Runners up		Salisbury & South Wilts

Scratch Knock Out Trophy	Tidworth Garrison
Runners up	Marlborough

At the end of the presentation, Karen Gosling presented Gillian Wood with a small token of our appreciation for her support during her term of office as President and wished her good luck for the future.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 2.25 p.m.

Minutes accepted as a true record of the meeting:

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

Signed by _____ Date _____