



## SOMERSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 11am

**Present:** Maureen Charlton, Pauline Young, Kay Clarke, Farrington, Eileen Arundell, Carol Paterson, Long Sutton, Christine Harris, Carol Lake, Saltford, Ann Adams, Angela Webber, Claire Biggs, Sue Chambers, Cathy Olive, Deirdre Wheaden, Isle of Wedmore, Linda Johnson, Wheathill, Pat Pitt, Orchardleigh, Nadine Rosenthal, Alison Rowlesland, Yvette Gregg, Julie Poole, Stockwood Vale, Alison Lee, Clevedon, Glenda Latham Creasey, Tessa Williams, Zena Balcombe, Weston super Mare, Gill Prophet, Pauline Cornish, Sheila Claxton, Mendip Spring, Sam Robinson, Anita Bye, Mags Ashman-Marr, Angela Trenchard, Jill Carter, Bath, Kath Rushton, Caroline Lumley-Frank, Long Sutton, Lyn Gridley, Jill Paul, Taunton & Pickeridge, Jan Uhl, Sheila Rouse, Tall Pines, Patricia Brown, Sheila Grant, Oake Manor, Sybil Jones, Jean Booth, Pauline Thorogood, Jane Harries, Liz Bidelle, Fiona Hodge, Burnham & Berrow, Beryl Richards, Brean, Linda Moore, Enmore Park, Patricia Grinter, Minehead, Jenny Ead, Jenny Davis, Wells, Mary Dolman, Alison Kerr, David Owen, Saltford, Marian Speed, Anita Butcher, Margaret Allen, The Mendip, Janet Fear, Worlebury, Natalie McColl, England Golf

Past Presidents: Eileen Binding, Sally Irlam, Joan Cumming, Margaret Gliddon, Ellie Harper

Executive Committee: Amanda Mayne President, Linda Hill Vice President, Alysia Rees County Captain, Gill Brown County Vice Captain, Stephanie Moorfoot Hon Treasurer, Jane Pitcher County Competitions Secretary, Sandra Ford EGSW Regional Committee Rep, Lesley Matthews Hon Secretary

There was a minute's silence for ladies who had died during the last twelve months.

#### 1. President's Address

Amanda welcomed everyone to the 2019 AGM.

As the busy golfing season comes to an end, may I thank the clubs who have been kind enough to host Somerset events this year. I hope you have all found it to be an enjoyable experience and perhaps it has inspired you to attend more events next year.

Going forward, Alysia and Gill have an amazing team for 2020. All the players performed so well this year, and some things that I haven't mentioned during the last 12 months are:

Davina Khan and Patience Rhodes have been selected again for the South West training squad.

Aimee Sawyer broke the Mendip Course Record and her handicap is now plus 1.

Harriett Lockley was tied 5th in the Welsh Ladies Order of Merit for this year, and won the Welsh Girls Order of Merit, her handicap is now plus 1.

Both Patience and Mimi Rhodes qualified for the final of the Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Championship - They are the first sisters to play together in the final which was held at Quinta do Lago last week. Patience finished 5th, and if you have seen facebook you will realise that Mimi won the event. In the final round Mimi was tied after 15 holes but finished birdie, birdie, eagle to win by 4 shots. A great achievement from both girls. Mimi finished the year with a 10th place on the English Ladies Order of Merit and was 2nd on the English Girls Order of Merit for 2019. Abby Gray qualified at Taunton &

Pickeridge for the Junior European Open, which will be held later this month at Alcadeisa, in Spain. Notable past finalists have been Luke Donald, Nick Doherty, Justin Rose and Bronte Law.

Two of our juniors have reduced their handicaps dramatically this year. Frankie Dezies from Farrington started the year with a handicap of 14 and is now playing off 8 and Jess Haines from Burnham & Berrow started the year with a handicap of 11 and is now playing off a handicap of 6. We certainly have some talented juniors within our county. Match week was held at Woodbury Park this year, and it was lovely to see many of our Somerset ladies watching and supporting wearing their green. Several of our juniors also came and watched especially on the last day when it was - oh so close. Thank you, I know the team likes to see as much green as possible, and they appreciate that you have given your time to support Somerset.

### **The Honorary Secretary convened the meeting for 2018**

**2. Apologies for Absence** – Martha Perriam, Susie Gibbins, Fran Davies, Joan Kendall, Ruth Dowell, Erika Klim, Jenny Hobbs

### **3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Proposed by Sally Irlam. Seconded by Carole Paterson.

Matters arising – none

### **4. Hon Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts**

Stephanie Moorfoot presented the accounts with explanations of certain items. (See attached). There were no questions and the accounts were adopted.

Proposed by Eileen Binding. Seconded by Janet Fear.

The President thanked the Hon Treasurer for all her hard work

### **5. Reports**

#### **(a) County Captain – Alysia Rees**

After such an amazing year for the Somerset ladies' team, next year is going to be even more positive. This year we came so close at the Inter counties as you all know, but things are changing for next year. It is going to be held at Dudsbury and instead of five days it will only be three and so careful planning and team selection is going to come under close scrutiny, by everyone involved. Practice day will be the Sunday and then matches start Monday morning, where we will be playing our first county, 3 singles and then two foursomes. Then we play the next county in the afternoon. This is going to be a very different mind set for the ladies but is going to help with the time off that some of the working girls and volunteers find difficult and the great expense that is growing each time we go. Our coaching squad for next year is very similar to this year's, it is just their handicaps that are not. This year has seen some phenomenal drops and I have no doubt that it will continue making it very difficult for selection for County week the hardest it has ever been.

My squad for the end of this year and beginning of next is as follows. Amanda Mayne Saltford, Hannah Woodley Enmore, Amie Sawyer The Mendip, Lizzie Stephens Mendip Spring, Jade Cope Weston Super Mare, Harriet Lockley Wedmore, Patience Rhodes Burnham, Davina Xahn Mendip Spring. Polly Clark is joining us, a previous County player but with a host of knowledge from Wells. Abby Gray Wells, Jess Haines Burnham, Frankie Dezis Farrington, Ellen Reakes The Mendip, Carys and Kim Parker Saltford, Evie Brimfield Mendip Spring, Helen Hayward. And last but not least Mimi Rhodes from Burnham who is very keen to join us if her international schedule allows. All of these players are very keen to join us. Some of these players will be still able to play in our second team who after only losing by one game in the league this year are very keen to take us to the league finals next year. Our Coaching started yesterday with Terry Williams our ladies team coach over at Wells. We then continue next year on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, when we hope the weather will be kinder. In the meantime Devon Ladies squad have asked for a warm up match and so have Monmouthshire, dates are still being sorted. We will be having a ball fitting with Titleist at Burnham in the new year and of course our Second team league matches. I am now entering my final year as Captain, 3 years has gone so quickly, but I feel this next year could be so exciting for Somerset both for our squad and the amazing juniors coming up fast and furious. Our executive is thriving and passionate about improving our vision for Somerset, both at county level and in our clubs where this all starts.

The President thanked the Captain for all her work

**(b) Vice Captain – Gill Brown**

I can't believe it was year ago that I became Vice Captain, the year has flown by, with some amazing times over the year. The second team season started with a match against Devon at Weston at the end of May. On a damp and windy day the team played some exceptional golf to win 7½ to 1½ . We then travelled down to Launceston in late July, where we encountered a very strong Cornwall team, both teams played some terrific golf, there was a tense finish to the match with the last game being decided on the eighteenth, Cornwall narrowly winning the match 5/4. Cornwall then went on to play in the second team final where they lost to Gloucestershire.

I would like to thank the following players who were selected for our second team - Davina Xahn Mendip Spring, Abby Gray Farrington, Carys Parker Saltford, Jess Haines Burnham, Frankie Dezis Farrington, Ellen Reakes Mendip, Kim Parker Saltord, Shane Bordier Burnham. I was delighted to award team second team colours to Abby, Carys, Jess and Kim – Congratulations to the girls. Next year we move groups and will be playing Gloucestershire at home and Wiltshire away.

It was a great pleasure for me to be part of the Ladies and Junior match weeks where both teams played so well, finishing second in each of the events. The Somerset Ladies and Junior teams are going from strength to strength and I'm sure we will be rewarded with some fantastic results over the next few years.

I would like to say a big thank you to Alysia for all her help and support over this year and I'm looking forward to the challenges the 2020 golfing season will bring.

The President thanked the Vice Captain

**(c) Junior report – Eileen Binding** Full report attached

Dave Owen then gave a detailed report on the Somerset First4Golf Mini Tour.

The President thanked all the Junior Committee and Dave Owen for their work with Juniors throughout the year.

**(d) England Golf SW Regional Committee Representative and Voting Member – Sandra Ford**

This is my first year in the new role and whilst I have managed to make all the SW meetings I have failed to get to Woodhall Spa due to other commitments. However, England Golf provide all the documentation from the meetings so the only missing element is the personal interaction with other members. I am trying to persuade the England Golf meeting organisers to use technology to allow representatives to be able to participate remotely. Shall I just say I think it will take a fair amount of effort.

The main thrust of England Golf at the moment is the new Worldwide Handicapping System of which you will hear more from Janet Fear.

Support for the regions has changed from being individual county representatives to regional. The Exec has met with our Regional Support Team to discuss on going issues relating to managing Juniors and also recruiting volunteers for Committees.

England Golf has now provided all golf club members who sign on to England Golf with basic insurance. Your club's management team should have all the information.

The SW Region has successfully held all its allotted events. Congratulations to all the winners especially Alysia's team for their outstanding performance at Woodbury Park in ICMW.

Somerset held the SW Bowmaker at Isle of Wedmore and I was delighted that 3 ladies from my club won the event. I must congratulate Isle of Wedmore for being such wonderful hosts. Jane as usual was extremely helpful in preparation before the event and running the event on the day.

Next year Somerset are hosting the SW Ladies Championship which is open to both ladies and girls with prizes in age categories including 50+. This will be at Weston Super Mare on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Can I please encourage the County Delegates to advertise the SW events as well as the County ones.

The President thanked Sandra for her work

### **(e) Competition Secretary – Jane Pitcher**

All winners of the season's competitions are listed on the SLCGA website. Congratulations to the successful girls and ladies.

I must thank the Exec for all their support this year and especially Chris Harris who has been my technical expert and has done most of the work in updating and refreshing the website.

I welcome Zena Balcombe, Weston Super Mare, as my new assistant who will take over as Competition Secretary in Nov 2020 and she will be searching for an assistant!

Next year the County are making several important changes to our competitions which I will now outline to you.

The Fowler Brooch Foursomes will now be played as a 4BBB with 90% handicap

The Championship will be a 36 hole stroke play event with the handicap limit raised to 28c with a maximum entry of 36 players. Should the competition be oversubscribed the highest handicap players will be withdrawn and refunded. The change has been brought about by the increasing difficulty of finding a course that would host the event over 3 days of the early May Bank Holiday weekend and the costs involved were prohibitive.

No changes to the County Bowmaker or the 50+ Championship.

The Bronze and Silver will now be a combined event and renamed. I am still searching for a title for it going forward, it is currently listed as the Category Championships but after the implementation of the WHS in November 2020 there will not be any categories! This new competition will incorporate the Barlow and Dickinson winners from the home clubs and will also include a new competition for higher handicaps. We are requesting Clubs to run a qualifying 9 hole stableford for handicaps 37-54c in May and they would be the qualifiers for the newly revamped Grass Roots Trophy to be competed for at the Category Championships over 9 holes.

The Fowler Lock Greensomes medal will now be played as a Greensomes stableford.

Could I draw all Clubs' attention to the SLCGA and SGU Champion of Champions 9 Hole competition that has been running for the past 2 years. There are 4 categories, Men, Seniors Men, Ladies and Senior Ladies who compete in a home competition and the winner of the categories are invited to participate in the finals held at Burnham and Berrow on the Channel Course in October. There is a £5 administration fee for each entrant. I will get a poster and details from the SGU and put it on the website for the 2020 event.

Finally, I would like to tell you about the SLCGA's collaboration with the SGU. The Exec of the SGU has generously offered us the use of their Intelligent Golf software to administrate our competitions. Free of charge. We are in the process of setting up a portal from the SGU website to ours and hope that by 1 January 2020 we will be ready to accept entries. Payment and entry may be by either cheque or BACS transfer and you have the option of booking yourself into a list of participants or filling in and printing out and posting/emailing an entry form to me. Tee times will be allocated.

By entering online I shall have access to your email addresses and will be sending out start sheets to you but will continue to disperse them to the Delegates to post onto your notice boards. I will take it as read that you accept under Data Protection that this is an acceptable way to contact you.

The President thanked Jane for all her work during the year.

**(f) Handicap Adviser – Janet Fear**

This time next year we will all have been allocated a “Handicap Index” using the Worldwide Handicap System. For a few weeks we will have been looking it up on the slope table to find out our Course Handicap and if we have been playing a competition, we will have used the new handicap allowances, depending on what type of competition we are playing, to find our Playing Handicaps. In October most of your Handicap Secretaries attended a handicap workshop within the County and found out even more about the new system. In the new year a few more details will be released and Countries across the globe will start to use the new handicaps. It won't be our turn until 2<sup>nd</sup> November and before then I plan to run another get together for the Handicap Secretaries. During the summer next year, you will be able to see what your new handicap Index will be in advance of WHS day. Between now and then we all need to do enough cards to ensure our Handicap Index will reflect our current playing ability not one from a few years ago.

With my other hat on;

The New golf rules have been in since 1<sup>st</sup> January, and we have now decided if we like the pin left in, and how best to reach down to our knees to drop the ball when taking relief. How interesting has it been to hear how the Professionals have coped with these changes, a record 58 penalties to one senior lady who didn't know her caddy couldn't line her up anymore, and that was in October! Generally, I think most golfers have learnt some of the new rules, I wouldn't like to guess how many have actually read the players rule book but I do hope they have at least picked one up! Let's hope the transition for the Handicapping goes as smoothly as the rules changes, luckily for the Pro's it won't affect them this time!

Thanks to Janet for her work during the year.

**(g) Senior Ladies Association – Carole Paterson**

I have just completed my year as Somerset Senior Ladies County Captain and it has been a delight. To be involved with so many Senior Ladies and observed their dedication and commitment to their golf has been super. We play 6 Inter-County matches per season against other SW Counties. It's a great opportunity for our Senior Ladies to experience high level competitive golf. Last January I had 120 ladies sign up for the matches, I needed 14 plus reserves for each one. We had handicaps from 9 to 32 and some great players. As you can imagine, many were disappointed at not being selected but I tried to spread selection as far as I could. Somerset won 3 matches and lost three, the losses were all tight games and decisive putts on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole often made the difference. The season's highlight was to beat Cornwall at Trevoze GC, back in June, we were the only County to beat them. I was fortunate to have 5 really good links players in the team and they helped the non –links golfers.

The Senior Association also arranged golf events through the year, which are really successful and fully booked, often oversubscribed, we hope to get more tee times in 2020. You can find all the details on the SCSLGA website, recently revamped and updated by Christine Harris, who also happens to be the Senior Vice-Captain for 2020. A high percentage of lady golfers are over 60, the Association gives you chance to play with golfers of a similar age and ability.

I do want to mention our out- going President Caroline Lumley Frank, she is the first President to serve a two year office. She has been a major support to me and the Senior Ladies Association.

South West Vets. Somerset Senior Ladies are automatically subscribed to the SW Association, when they join Somerset.

Finally, may I wish Captain for 2020 Jill Paul and President Judith Rowsell a happy and enjoyable term of office.

## **(h) Hon Secretary – Lesley Matthews**

It will soon be time to update the Delegates' details for next year.

Natalie McColl is now the England Golf Supporter for the South West region. Natalie gave us a brief introduction to England Golf and her role within Somerset. She will attend the meeting in January to lead a discussion on how we can attract more volunteers to support the County.

## **(i) Representative of Past Captains' Association – Sandra Ford**

It gives me great pleasure to deliver a short report on behalf of the Somerset Ladies Past Captains Society as we celebrate 25 years of existence.

Our aim as a committee is to match our members' expectations and to run events where golf, fun and camaraderie are all equal whatever the weather throws at us! To make sure that we were still matching expectations we did a survey this year around the team event fundamentally. As a result the team event entries for 2020 were subject to a ballot rather than a first come first served.

Once again, we held our Spring Cocktail, Summer Four Ball Better Ball followed by the AGM and our Autumn four ball better ball with the Past Club Captains. Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you to Oake Manor, Worlebury and Enmore Park for hosting us and making the events run so smoothly.

The team event had its first year at Woodbury Park this year and congratulations to all who participated in a very enjoyable two days masterminded by Susie Gibbins.

Congratulations to all the winners. The event has once more become very popular with more teams than can be accommodated entering for 2020. If we increase the number of teams we will struggle to find suitable accommodation and courses.

Our Inter County Matches continue to be played in great spirit. Four wins and four losses is a great result. Unfortunately, the first match against Cornwall at Point of Polzeath Somerset could only field eight players most of whom were Committee members. I would particularly like to thank the committee and other ladies who turned out at very short notice.

I would like to thank Chris Harris for all her hard work in continuing to improve our website. If you have any suggestions for improvements please let us know.

It is sad to hear that several Somerset Clubs have not been able to appoint Lady Captains for the next season. However, I encourage all the current Lady Captains to join our group and have some fun when their captaincy is over!

Our finale to the year was our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch which was a great success. Thank you to Lesley Organ for giving us such an entertaining potted history.

## **(j) Standard Scratch Assessor – Susie Gibbins**

In Susie's absence, Lesley read the following report:

All clubs in Somerset have now been rated. The issue regarding the Farrington Park Manor Course (9 hole) will be resolved once one of the holes has been lengthened to comply with the USGA standard. I would like to thank the rating team of Di Yates, Gill Prophet, Lesley Wicking and Margaret Allen for their hard work and commitment over this year – we have had to work extremely hard to achieve the goal of completing all the outstanding courses.

## **(k) County Welfare Officer – Carole Paterson**

I always welcome my slot on the County AGM, mainly to remind delegates and their clubs that I am here. I am available for advice, support with worries or concerns however big or small.

EG expect every club to have a Welfare Officer who must be trained. This is not just for juniors and young people. We all have a "Duty of Care" to each other Be sensitive, try and understand if any issues arise, e.g. Is this out of character, can I help.

Call me, let's talk it through if you have a concern. All should be safe in their chosen sport. I have been contacted a number of times this past year and I hope ( I believe) my involvement has been helpful. Should any serious matters arise then I have direct contact with EG Compliance Officers and the PGA compliance Officers, which I have used in previous years. Please don't feel awkward if you have a concern. I operate on a Need to Know basis and in

confidence unless I tell you otherwise. I have asked our web manager to ensure my contact number is easily available. I find people prefer to talk first, rather than put anything in writing.

The President thanked for her help throughout the year,

## 6. The Election of Officers

To confirm the election of Officers duly nominated for vacant positions. With no amendments, with your approval these were to be taken 'en bloc'.

### NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconded
Sandra Ford	County Vice President	Past Presidents	
Zena Balcombe	Assistant Competitions Secretary	Weston super Mare	Burnham & Berrow
Anita Butcher	County Junior Organiser	The Mendip	Enmore Park

### The meeting voted in favour of the election of the above officers

**President welcomed the new officers and expressed thanks to the Committee and retiring officers. She then presented badges and retiring gifts.**

Amanda presented a gift to Carol Lake who is retiring from the position of Merchandiser.

Linda Hill passed the Vice President's badge to Sandra Ford.

Amanda passed the President's badge to Linda Hill.

Linda presented Amanda with her Past President's badge and retiring gift. Linda then presented Amanda with an Hon Life Membership Award in recognition of her long association with the County, both as an outstanding player and as a tireless member of the Executive Committee, culminating with her work as President over the last two years.

Amanda then gave her farewell address:

I would like to welcome the two new ladies, Zena and Anita to the Executive and hope they will enjoy their time on committee, I know their hard work and the time they will give will be appreciated by everyone.

A very big thank you to the current Committee, who have all been extremely dedicated and have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, without their time and commitment the county couldn't function.

Thank you to Alysia and Gill who have worked hard with both the first and second teams Somerset now have 7 players with a handicap of 1 or better, what a team for next year.

Thank you Jane for running our competitions, it is all too easy for us to take the planning and running of these competitions for granted, but there's a great deal of work that goes into these events and often many hours sat on hand throughout the day. Jane should have finished her term of office today, but has very kindly agreed to stay on and help Zena for next year, a very kind gesture.

Stephanie - I know that a County can only run well if it has a firm hand on the finances and we are very fortunate to have you as our Treasurer, thank you

Lesley, who has been and will continue to be an excellent secretary, organising meetings, writing minutes, drafting Agendas, collating reports, forwarding information and keeping us all up to date, thank you

Sandra our South West Rep - has kept us up to date with everything to do with England Golf and run a very successful South West Bowmaker this year, thank you

Thank you to the Junior Committee Eileen, Margaret, Dave Owen, Gill and Alysia who have all worked tirelessly in the absence of a Junior Organiser.

Thank you to Janet Fear and her team of referees who have been out in all weathers, I know we all appreciate having them to hand just to make sure we are doing the right thing. And, with her other hat on, thank you Janet for keeping Handicap Secretaries up to date with the World Wide Handicap System coming in at the end of next year.

Thank you to Susie Gibbins and her team of Assessors, who have worked really hard to get our courses slope rated. When Susie gave her talk at the last Delegates Meeting in September, I am sure there weren't many of us who realised just how time consuming course rating is.

Thank you to Carole Paterson who as Welfare Officer sits quietly in the background but it is comforting to know that if we have any problems we can ring her for advice and help. I know I have spoken to her a few times during my two years and very much appreciated her wise words. Her knowledge and experience is extremely valuable to the county.

Thank you to Chris Harris and Margaret Allen for keeping the Web Site up to date.

And a final thank you, to all of you, the Delegates for coming to meetings and updating your ladies sections with information from England Golf and Somerset Ladies.

So I say farewell after 2 great years. I have had a wonderful experience and I thank those who nominated and supported me for this role as your President, it has been an honour and a privilege. I will have many fond memories of starting various competitions and awarding trophies and Cups to the Somerset ladies and girls. I have enjoyed watching some amazing golf, and seen juniors begin as quiet, shy, young girls at training sessions and then play for the second and first teams, growing in confidence, and developing friendships all the time. I will also take away some great memories from both junior and ladies match weeks, and the friendship and support from all of you.

As I hand over to Linda Hill shortly, I would like to wish her every success and enjoyment during her 2 years as the Somerset Ladies President.

## **7.Competition Results 2019**

These have been circulated to all Club Delegates for display on Ladies' Notice Boards. Fixture lists for 2020 will be posted on the website in December/January.

## **8. Presentations**

The President, assisted by the Competitions Secretary, presented the following trophies and photographs were taken for the website.

<b>The Grass Roots</b>	Winner	Michele Fairweather, Orchardleigh
	Runner-up	Nadine Rosenthal, Stockwood Vale
<b>The Centenary Plate</b>	Winners	Bath GC
	Runners up	Burnham & Berrow
<b>The Rogers Cup</b>	Winners	Farrington Park
	Runners up	The Mendip

## **9. AOB – none**

**10.** Linda Hill thanked Isle of Wedmore for hosting the AGM. She also thanked everyone for their support and help during the year and looked forward to the coming year. The AGM was declared closed at 12.30.

The next AGM will be on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club. Date of next General Committee meeting is Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11am at Burnham & Berrow GC.

Signed ..... Date .....

## APPENDIX

### Junior Report – Eileen Binding

#### 1. Background

This year the Juniors have been run by a Junior committee in the absence of a CJO. The Committee has been chaired and led by Eileen Binding who has been supported by committee members: Gill Brown, Dave Owen, Fran Davies and Margaret Allen (admin). As you will see from the Agenda, Anita Butcher of The Mendip, will be taking over as CJO from this month. We are delighted to welcome her.

The Committee have organised the three main events this year: Spring Meeting, Junior Championship and the SW Junior Inter Counties event along with the Autumn meeting and 4x 9hole competitions for those girls with higher handicaps or those with no handicaps at all.

#### 2. Annual Results

- a. Winner of the Spring meeting (42 entrants) and Chivers Trophy was Frankie Dezis of Farrington Park with 41 points
- b. Junior Championship which this year was over 18 holes and 36 holes with 20 entrants

36 hole event

- a. Junior Champion Abby Gray of Farrington Park with a gross of 163
- b. Best Nett Evie Brimfield of Mendip Spring with a nett 53
- c. U15 winner was Jess Haines of Burnham & Berrow with gross 177
- d. Best stableford Leah Bowden of Burnham & Berrow with 65 points

18 hole event

- e. Best gross and winner of Harper Rose Bowl Jo Champion of Burnham & Berrow with a gross 100
- f. Best nett was Alex Champion of Burnham & Berrow with a nett 65
- g. U15 winner Beth Williams of Isle of Wedmore with nett 74
- h. Best stableford Alex Champion of Burnham & Berrow with 38 points

The Daily Telegraph winners were Abby Gray and Beth Williams

- c. Autumn Meeting

This was open for the first time to all members of the Junior Coaching squads and 34 girls attended. The competition was a stand aside Texas Scramble which proved to be a very enjoyable format as all the girls across all levels were able to compete. The Courtesy Cup was awarded to Amber Thorp of the Development Squad for her helpfulness and consideration and Kim Parker was selected as the Junior Captain for 2020

#### d. Girls 9 hole competitions

This year, due to the increased number of girls joining the coaching programme, the Junior Committee led by Dave Owen organised a series of 4x 9 hole competitions with a total of 84 entries. The competitions were set up at two levels: girls with CONGU handicaps off red tees and girls with no handicap playing off forward tees. Thank you to those ladies sections who made donations as these partially funded these competitions. The girls paid an entry fee which covered the cost of a meal thus making the day a social

event. Thanks also to all the parents who helped out on the day. Next year we will be running 4 more 9 hole competitions events across the county, dates are on the website, and we will be writing to the Delegates as we would really appreciate extra help on what have been really fun days.

### **3. SW Inter County Girls 3 day event at Dudsbury**

The girls were accompanied and looked after by Alysia Rees, Gill Brown and Amelia Matthews a past Junior Captain. The girls were a credit to Somerset and came a creditable second after Dorset.

- 4. Friendly matches:** The higher handicap Junior Girls played a friendly match against The Mendip Ladies on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The girls chosen to play were selected from the Development Squad. The match was halved. For most of the girls it was their first experience at representing Somerset and also playing in a match and they absolutely loved it! Their parents said that the girls took them through every shot and couldn't stop talking about it. A match against Devon was unfortunately cancelled due to the bad weather but it is hoped to rearrange this next year.

### **5. Achievements:**

Some of our Juniors have achieved great results in their golf and have represented England/Wales in a number of prestigious tournaments. They do not take part in local Junior events as they are too busy! Mimi Rhodes Burnham & Berrow, Patience Rhodes (Burnham & Berrow) and Harriet Lockley (Isle of Wedmore). Their successes are all listed on EG website as well as SLCGA. Although Davina Khan (Mendip Spring) has not represented England, she has had some notable success in Regional and National competitions

We wish all the girls well for the future in their competitions in at Regional and National level.

## **Coaching Programme 2019-2020**

This year has seen an increase in the number of young girls who want to be in coaching programmes so we have maintained the number of squads to 5 to accommodate them.

Performance squad with 23 girls based at Burnham & Berrow

Development squad with 12 girls based at Burnham & Berrow

Futures North with 25 girls based at Wells

Futures South based at Taunton & Pickeridge with 9 girls

And Academy squad with 11 girls based at Saltford.

This gives us a total of 80 girls receiving Junior coaching across the county. Eileen has done a brilliant job organising coaches, squads, funding, dealing with EG and all the admin that is involved.

Funding from EG has been reintroduced this year and will help cover the costs for the next three years or so. The balance of the costs are met by a contribution of £750 from SLCGA and parental contributions of £55 from for each child.

We have been very fortunate to get sponsorship from Vado, bathroom specialists based in Cheddar I think for new shirts for the top squads. Also for headbands for the squads sponsored by Gould and Swayne in Street.

We have appointed two new coaches this year from October 2019: Nicola Stroud (Lead coach) and Katie Rule to work with Performance and Development squads

## **6. Future Plans**

Dates for next year have been set and the Junior Committee will continue to run the Junior Competitions with Anita as CJO. We have more 9 hole competitions planned for next year for the higher handicaps. SLCGA and SGU and will continue to fund the Mini tour for boys and girls with h'caps higher than 28/36 respectively. Dave Owen from Saltford will continue to run the Mini tour and the 9 hole comps.

## **7. Website**

The website [somesetjuniorsgolf.co.uk](http://somesetjuniorsgolf.co.uk) has been completely overhauled and will go live in the next few weeks. It broadcasts and celebrates the achievements and all that is happening in Junior golf in Somerset for both boys and girls. The Twitter and Facebook accounts are popular and we have 393 followers on Juniors FB page. The website gets 500 + hits a week in the season. Our aim for this to be accessible to provide as much as information as we can and to be used by Juniors, their Coaches and parents.