



SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting at Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 10.00a.m.

President Jill Paul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club for the AGM of the Somerset County Senior Ladies Golf Association. May I introduce you to our captain, Emma Smith.

Emma also welcomed the Senior Ladies and wished them a successful game of golf on our lovely golf course on such a beautiful day.

Thank you to our Club Manager Dean, Rose in the office, Jason in the Pro shop, Paul Hewton (for getting the scorecards prepared), and the Catering and Bar staff.

Thanks also to Marlene, the T&P Delegate and her helpers – Jackie on the desk, Lennox putting comp, Janet taking photos and Emma as Starter.

Before we begin, please observe a minute's silence in memory of Val Boothman, a founder of Wheathill Golf Club, a Past President and an Honorary Seniors member.

1 Apologies

- a Delegates** - Barbara Shaw (Cricket St. Thomas), Jenny Davis, Stephanie Moorfoot (Bath), Sue Kinch (Worlebury), Glynis Nicholson (Mendip Spring), Linda Edmondson (Brean), Gina Howard (Mendip), Alison Powlesland (Stockwood Vale), Jenny Elliot (Minehead), Tricia Grinter (Minehead).
- b Hon. Members** – Jenny Davis, Mary Dolman

Attendance –

- a Officers:** Jill Paul (President), Kay Luckett (Past President), Ros Chidgey (Captain), Christine Harris (Vice President) Gill Magrath (Vice Captain), Jane Harries (Competition Secretary), Jan Bishop (Treasurer), Sue Vowles (Membership Secretary), Kate Smith (Secretary), Sue Bamping (Past Captain)
- b Delegates:** 30 Members attended, including the Honorary Members.
Hon. Members: Yvette Gregg, Carole Paterson, Caroline Lumley-Frank, June Mills.

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 19th October 2023

Copies of the meeting were circulated before this meeting

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting

Proposer Sue Bamping

Secunder Ros Chidgey

3 Matters arising, there were no matters arising.

4 **The President's Report**

It has been a real privilege to serve as your President this last year. It has gone quickly. The County Seniors has continued to run successful and happy competitions (thanks Jane). Although in common with other organisations the number of participants has decreased. Let's all try to keep the dates free for next year.

As usual, we have held Shield and Friendly matches against other Counties. Ros has done an excellent job as Captain. A good number of ladies signed up, and some have played in their first inter-county matches this year. Please sign up next year; you play with a partner, and they're good fun.

None of this would happen without the support of our Delegates. They are a link to the clubs and the way information is disseminated. Thank you!

The Officers' Committee is very much a team; the number of emails flying backwards, and forwards never ceases to amaze me. How did ladies manage only with the phone?! Thank you all so much for working hard in your respective roles for the ongoing success of the Somerset Seniors.

Our 2 new ladies, Jane Harries, the Competition Secretary, and Sue Vowles, the Membership Secretary have slotted into their roles effectively.

Finally, I'd like to wish the incoming President Chris, and the incoming Captain Gill, a successful and happy year in 2025.

Please go and enjoy the Putting competition (free) and the 9 holes of golf. Prizes will be presented at the end for those of you able to stay.

5 **Captain's report**

Where have the last twelve months gone it seems just a short while ago when I stood before you and accepted the Captain's badge from Sue.

I am so grateful to the Committee, especially Jill our lady president and Gill my vice-captain for their constant support and help, both before and, on the day of the matches. I have to thank Jan our treasurer for keeping me on the straight and narrow, Chris our vice president for putting the match information on the website, Kay our past President for her constant support throughout the year and also the remaining members of the committee for being just an email or phone call away.

Last but not least I would like to say a big thank you to all the Somerset Senior Ladies who have played in the matches, who put their names up on the lists to play in our matches and those who just signed up to be members of the Somerset Senior Ladies, without you and your support we would not exist.

We have had quite a successful season winning both our friendlies against Gloucester and Hampshire, narrowly losing to Cornwall and Dorset but winning well against Devon in the shield matches. As I now pass the baton on to Gill, I hope that you will give her the support you have given me, I know we have the players to win the shield so please sign up and we can show the other counties we mean business.

Thank you once again for supporting me this year.

6 Vice Captain's report

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as vice-captain for Somerset Senior Ladies and being able to support Ros Chidgey with the matches. Meeting so many ladies from the Somerset Clubs has been very interesting.

Regarding uniforms, the sales have been steady during the year with quite a bit of interest in the new logo on the polos and fleeces, this shows the Somerset griffin in green.

The polos have been selling for £15 and the fleeces for £25.

We still have some of the older polos and jumpers left, which we have been selling at a reduced price.

I would like to thank Alison Lee from Clevedon Golf Club for agreeing to be my vice-captain for next year, I am looking forward to working with you.

During 2025 I am sure I can rely on the Committee, the Delegates and members for their support at the matches, three of which are at home and three away to Cornwall, Devon and Hampshire. We have done well this year but maybe we can do even better.

I look forward to meeting so many of you at the different matches in 2025.

7 Vice President's report

I am delighted to be taking on the role of Senior Ladies President for 2025 and I am very much looking forward to the challenge and meeting as many senior ladies as possible during the year.

During the past year, I have observed and, hopefully, supported our outgoing President, Jill, who has worked tirelessly for us during the year. I probably haven't been as much help to her as I should have been.

In addition, as Somerset took over responsibility of the SW Vets for 2023 and 2024, Jill, Kay and Carole have been responsible for hosting the SW Vets for the last two years, making sure the Spring and Autumn meetings went as smoothly as possible.

Being part of the Senior Ladies Committee has been an absolute pleasure, and they can always be relied on for support and advice and fresh ideas. Likewise, the Delegates, who play such an important part in getting all the information to the members at the various golf clubs and for their help in setting up for matches and competitions.

Congratulations to Gill as she moves into her role as Senior Ladies' Captain. I can assure her of my support for the year ahead and congratulations also to Alison on her appointment as Seniors Ladies' Vice Captain.

8 Competition Secretary's report

Spring Meeting - 4BBB entering in pairs 85% handicap

This was supported by 28 entries (equating to 14 tee times) and was held at Worlebury on 15th May.

Summer Meeting - 3 Ball Bowmaker in teams of 3 supported by 9 entries and was held at Wheathill on 20th June.

Autumn Meeting - Florida Scramble in teams of 3, was well supported by 16 teams (with another who had to pull out last minute) and played at Mendip Spring on 12th September. The standard Scramble format was slightly altered for this competition, to increase fun value and decrease time taken and proved to be a popular and enjoyable day - apart from the hail!

For your information for 2025, no food is included in the prices here.

All these dates will be published in the minutes and our notebook and circulated to all delegates.

Spring 4BBB in pairs - Cricket St Thomas (£20) Weds 14th May 2025

Summer 3 ball Bowmaker - Tall Pines (£23) Weds 18th June 2025

Autumn Florida Scramble - Burnham & Berrow Channel Course (£30)

Thurs 11th September 2025.

9 Treasurer's report

The accounts for the 12 months to 30th November 2023 have been independently verified and you will all be pleased to know we still have some money!

When comparing 2023 with 2022 please remember that 2022 figures are for 15 months as we changed the year-end date so that it reflected the golfing year and allowed more time to prepare the accounts for the AGM.

The surplus for the year was £530.65 which reflects 2 away shield matches as the home team covers costs in full.

Subscriptions remain the main source of income with 321 lovely ladies paying their fiver in 2023, but this is reduced from 355 in 2022.

Matches made a small profit of £58.40 and competitions £82.95.

Expenses have increased a little as everything seems to be more expensive these days.

For 2024 subscriptions were down a bit with 321 Ladies joining.

Competition figures for 2024 are not yet finalised but as always, the aim is to cover costs and return as much as possible to you as prizes

Match costs this year have been helped enormously from the County grant of £1,050 but still show a small loss as this year we have held 2 shield matches at home. Plans are afoot to change this to each County covering their meal costs as this will even things out and this will be discussed more fully at the SW Vets AGM next week.

We have requested another grant from County for 2025 matches but are waiting on a response, so I am unable to confirm the match fee for next year.

The Treasurer read and asked for acceptance of the accounts (attached)

Proposer Sylvia Coach-Tucker

Seconder Yvette Gregg

10 Secretary's report

As I had been away from golf and out of the County for quite some time, I realised how much I missed this beautiful County of Somerset.

Once I'd found a lovely new house in Somerset and a super golf course in Oake Manor. Volunteering for the post of secretary seemed a good way to get to know everyone and to start playing competitive golf again.

And, although I could be fitter it has worked, apart from the new dreaded WHS, I don't think I will ever get my head around that one.

Two years have flown by since I took on the job. Full of confidence!!!

I remember thinking, what have I done? I am a hairdresser, not a secretary.

But I jumped wholeheartedly into the task, not seeing the learning curve before me – it's still there – a bit.

Without the help of Marilyn, my predecessor, and the committees, past & present, for gently guiding me through everything within Senior Ladies' golfing nuances, I don't know where I'd be without their support. Thank you.

But here I am – still standing – so much easier for a hairdresser!!!

The time has gone so quickly, this is now my final year, and I will shortly be seeking help to find other volunteers who would like to take over from me next October.

If you know anyone within your golfing fraternity willing to volunteer for this rewarding post, please let me or the committee know.

Thank you.

11 Membership Secretary's report

I am pleased to welcome both Philippa Gowen, Wells Golf Club, and Eileen Arundell, Long Sutton Golf Club, as the new delegates for their respective clubs replacing Gill Magrath at Wells and Sylvia Coach Tucker at Long Sutton. Our thanks go to Gill and Sylvia for all they have done for us in their respective roles. I am also pleased to see Diane Squance, from Vivary Park is here today as we've not had any members from Vivary for a few years and Diane joined us earlier this year – welcome Diane

My role as Membership Secretary concentrates on two areas:

- Creating and maintaining our central database of members' details which, as you will appreciate, is only as accurate as the information you provide to your delegate who then shares this information with me. Please let your delegate know if you change any of your details, e.g. telephone number, Email address etc, throughout the year as this will then reach me and we can ensure our details are up to date at any given time. The central database is used by other committee members, particularly our competitions' Secretary and our Treasurer, to ensure everyone entering our competitions/matches is a member and they can clearly see their CDH number to accurately record their handicap on their competition card.

- Keeping a close eye on membership numbers, which unfortunately reduced by 21 members this year compared with last year: noting that last year's numbers also reduced on the previous year. I am therefore hoping you will share your thought and ideas on how we can encourage more ladies to join us in 2025. One suggestion at September's Delegates' meeting was to hold competitions/matches on Mondays and/or Wednesdays to avoid club competitions which are generally held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are keen to hear other suggestions for increasing our membership numbers so please feel free to provide feedback.

12 SW Vets – Kay Luckett, Secretary

It has been another busy year for the SW Vets.

The Spring Meeting took place at Yeovil (Dorset) and the Autumn Meeting at Weston super Mare (Somerset). Both competitions have been enjoyable occasions. Although numbers were down this year, the competitors enjoyed sunny weather on both Field Days.

Carole Paterson again did a great job collecting entries and preparing start sheets. Fellow subgroup members have also contributed along with other Somerset Senior Ladies. Thank you to Jan Bishop for her efficient work with regard to finance and balancing the Books. The winners at Yeovil Spring Field Day were Parry Trophy (best overall), Maria Woodham, Weymouth GC.

Spring Trophy (best over 70); Stephanie Barnes, Honiton GC. At Weston-Super-Mare, Autumn Field Day, Fulford Bowl (best overall); Elaine Cullen, Burnham & Berrow GC.

VV Cup (best over 70) Maureen Hammond, Falmouth GC.

I am sure the subgroup ladies have enjoyed working together, we wish Cornwall every success for the next 2 years as they take over the organisation of the Field Days 2025 at the South West Vets AGM Monday 21st October.

Look on the Somerset Seniors website for the dates and venues for the Field Days 2025.

From Jill Paul – The Shield matches seem to have gone more smoothly this year thanks to the Captains and the changes we made in the Constitution.

The overall result was closer. All won at least one match.

Devon and Dorset won 2 and lost 1, but Dorset had a better win/loss ratio.

So, the Shield goes to Dorset. Well done.

By having Ball Draws at the 4 SW Vets Field days and Competitions and 2 of the Seniors Comps this year, £570 has been raised for the Childrens Hospice SW. Todays will be added to this. I will also sell the flowers if someone would like to see me afterwards.

I'd like to thank my fellow subgroup ladies, Kay Luckett, Secretary, Jan Bishop, Treasurer and Carole Paterson, Competitions. We have enjoyed working together, although it's not been without a few frustrations!

It's been good to work with ladies from other Counties.

We wish Cornwall all the best for the next 2 years.

13 Funding – Jill Paul

We are grateful to Somerset County Ladies for the Grant they gave us this year which enabled the Match fees to remain at £20.

14 Ratification of Officers

President	Christine Harris (Saltford)
Captain	Gill Magrath (Wells)
Vice President	Sue Bamping (Wheathill)
Vice-Captain	Alison Lee (Clevedon)
Past President	Jill Paul (Taunton & Pickeridge)
Past Captain	Ros Chidgey (Minehead)
Secretary	Kate Smith (Oake Manor)
Comp. Secretary	Jane Harries (Burnham & Berrow)
Ass. Comp. Sec.	Elaine Cullen (Burnham & Berrow)
Treasurer	Jan Bishop (Weston Super Mare)
Membership Sec.	Sue Vowles (Burnham & Berrow)

Committee Member TBA.

15 Presentation of Officers Badges

Current Officers presented their badges to the new Officers. Note the Past President retains their badge in recognition of their years of service on the Committee.

16 Presentation to retiring Officers – Jill Paul and Ros Chidgey were presented with paperweights to mark their service on the Committee.

17 Presentation of Prizes and Trophies 2024

Jill and Jane presented prizes as detailed on the last page.

Jane Harries, Competition Secretary, reported

The raffle held today, run by Caroline Lumley-Frank, in aid of the South West Children's Hospice raised £100. Such a worthwhile cause. This will be included to the rest of the year's collections for this charity and a cheque will be handed over at the South West Veterans AGM which Jill Paul will attend on our behalf.

Thanks to those who helped enormously - Ladies' Captain Emma organised the layout of the putting green and was the starter, Jason in the pro shop, Rose and Jane in the office, the bar staff, caterers, and a special mention to the green staff for keeping the course open after all this rain.

Thanks to Pam Kinnear and Alison Lee who joined our newest Delegate Diane Squance – they won, and we expect them back next year to defend at Saltford G.C. Monday 20th October AGM.

Congratulations to all the winners yesterday and throughout the year, many thanks to our President for her meticulous organisation and for providing the prize vouchers and flowers. I do believe she enjoyed her day. And thanks to everyone for making the day happen.

Without you paying your tiny subscription of £5 and bothering to attend and play, this event would not happen.

PAIRS BETTER BALL COMPETITION at WORLEBURY GOLF CLUB

WATTMAN TROPHIES (x2) with a score of 34 points

The Winners were Jackie Hallett and Andrea Jordan from Stockwood Vale

Second place on countback were last year's winners, Sue Kinch and Cheryl Saunders

3 BALL BOWMAKER STABLEFORD at WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB

THE LUMLEY FRANK TROPHIES (x3) with a score of 77 points

The Winners were Janette Stewart, Ann Gates and Jill Byrne from Wheathill Golf Club

Second place, Jan Street, Karen Forward and Fiona Cruse, also from Wheathill.

FLORIDA SCRAMBLE at MENDIP SPRING GOLF CLUB

AUTUMN COMPETITION TROPHIES (x3) with a score of net 64 points

The Winners were Anita Bye, Mary Perkins and Alison Rushgrove from Bath Golf Club

Second place, Shirley Gooding, Marilyn Jackson and Sue Stilwell from

Weston Super Mare with net 65.

9 HOLE BOWMAKER COMPETITION at Taunton & Pickering Golf Club 17 October 2024

Place	Name	Name	Name	Club	Score
1 st	Diane Squance (Vivary G.C)	Alison Lee (Clevedon)	Pam Kinnear (Oake Manor)		36 points
2 nd	T. Parker	P. Morgan	C. Lyon	Taunton & Pickering	35 points
3 rd	Jill Paul	Marlene Ewens	L. Heath	Taunton & Pickering	33 points

PUTTING COMPETITION

Divisions	Trophy	Name	Club	Score
0 – 20.4	WILSON CUP	Terina Parker	Taunton & Pickering	13 puts
20.5 – 36.4	FEAR HILL TROPHY	Sylvia Coach-Tucker	Long Sutton	17 puts
36.5 – 54	VICE PRESIDENT GLOBE	Sue Jacobs	Saltford	16 puts

WINNERS OF THE SHIELD – WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB with 8 points.

18 THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD at SALT FORD GOLF CLUB

on

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER

See page 9 for all Competition Dates for 2025 –

SCSLGA – 2025 Dates

Officers Meetings

Dates	Time	Location
February 17 th	11a.m.	Wedmore G.C.
June 9th	11a.m.	
August 4 th	11a.m.	

Delegates Meetings

March 10 th	11a.m.	Wedmore G.C.
September 1st	11a.m.	

Competitions	Date	Golf Club Venues
Spring pairs 4 BB	Wed, 14 th May	Cricket St. Thomas G.C.
Summer Bowmaker 3s	Wed, 18 th June	Tall Pines G.C.
Autumn Florida Scramble	Thursday 11 th September	Burnham & Berrow G.C. Channel Course
Pre AGM 9-hole B'maker	Monday 20 th October	Saltford G.C.

Shield Matches

Cornwall (A)	Monday June 2nd	11.30 a.m.	Newquay G.C.
Dorset (A)	Wednesday June 11 th	11.00 a.m.	Wheathill G.C.
Devon (H)	Thursday July 3rd	10.30 a.m.	Tiverton G.C.

Friendly Matches

Somerset V Glos (H)	Thursday 8 th May	12.00 noon	Worlebury G.C.
Capt v Vice Capt	Thursday 31 st July	11.00 a.m.	Wells G.C.
Somerset v Hants (A)	TBA		

SW Vets			
Spring Field Day Stableford	Monday 19 th May		Launceston G.C,
Autumn Field Day Stableford	Thursday 25 th Sept.		Staddon Heights G.C.