



SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Somerset County Senior Ladies golf Association Annual General Meeting

Held at Long Sutton golf Club on Monday 10th October 2022 at 3p.m.

Carole Paterson (President) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Long Sutton Golf Club before introducing the Lady Captain, Aideen Roche, who also welcomed Members adding that she hoped those who played in the 9 Hole Bowmaker competition had enjoyed the course. Carole thanked all those at the club who had helped run the day, making special mention of the Senior Men - Steve Uzzell (Senior Men's Captain) and his team of helpers and Aideen Roche (Ladies Captain) and ladies who helped on the welcome desk.

Apologies Marilyn Kirby (Secretary) gave the following apologies:

- a. Delegates: Maureen Charlton (Farrington), Pat Follet (Taunton and Pickeridge), Judith French (Mendip Spring), Gill Magrath (Wells), Marilyn Nash (Stockwood Vale) and Glynis Nicholson (Mendip Spring) Pat Campbell (Oake Manor)
- b. Members: Marlene Ewens

Attendance

- a. **Officers: Carole Paterson (President), Christine Harris Captain), Kay Lockett (Vice President), Sue Bamping (Vice Captain), Jan Bishop (Treasurer) Marilyn Kirby (Secretary), Janet Handley (Competition Secretary), Fay Galley (Membership Secretary), Yvette Gregg (Past President) and Jill Paul (Past captain)**
- b. **Forty-Two members were present, including Delegates and Honorary Members: Jenny Davis, Mary Dolman, Cherry Kitten, Caroline Lumley-Frank, and June Mills.**

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021 Copies of the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising from these reports. Caroline Lumley Frank proposed, and Marilyn Tricker seconded that the minutes be accepted: agreed unanimously.**
2. **Matters arising from Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2021: None**
3. **President's Report Carole Paterson gave the following report:**

An AGM is an opportunity to look back over our past year and what we have achieved and how we have progressed, a chance to reflect. I have been honoured to be your President.

It has been a pleasure to lead and work with our dedicated Committee:

Our Secretary Marilyn who agreed to undertake an extra year as we were unable to recruit to her position last year. Marilyn has been amazing. With AGM approval we have Kate Smith stepping into the role, we look forward to both supporting her and working closely with her.

Our Treasurer Jan Bishop has taken us financially into the modern era. Jan has made a real difference to how we operate. Jan has set up BAC's systems both for our normal Committee business and a new additional account for next year when we operate the SW Vets programme. Janet Handley our Competition Secretary goes above and beyond in order to fill our events and encourage Senior Golfers to participate. Janet has developed really strong working relationships with our host clubs. Janet has kindly agreed to continue in her role for another year.

Fay Galley our Membership Secretary who keeps track of names and contact changes and liaising closely with you, our delegates. We are pleased to add that Fay has agreed to do an additional year for us, we must recruit for a couple of posts ready for 2024.

Christine Harris our Senior Captain, I have really felt for her at times. She has juggled and struggled to get late replacements for her matches. Whilst Covid affects have lessened, it has still cast quite a shadow over this past year; fewer players sign up for events and matches, and people are not so keen to travel, also late withdrawals from Matches and Golf events due to Covid infections. Christine did manage to field teams for all our Inter County Matches and Friendlies. Thank you, Christine, for all your hard work.

Delegates, today is an opportunity to thank you, without you we would have no Senior Section, a massive thank you.

Trophies We have been discussing and considering how best to use the many trophies we have, which have been donated over the years. Many events have changed, i.e., we no longer hold a Medal / Stroke play event. That left us with a number of trophies to either reallocate or store. Again, the Delegates worked closely with us to contact people who had donated. This work is on-going, we are changing the Stableford event to a team event, more trophies to reassess. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Finally, I look towards 2023 and want to wish the incoming officers all the best for a successful year. Kay Lockett in her role as President. Sue Bamping as she becomes County Senior Captain, Jill Paul both as Vice-President and in her lead role for the SW Vets responsibility for the next two years. Thank you.

4. **Captain's Report** Christine Harris gave the following report:

2022 was supposed to be a year when life became more normal. We were finally able to ditch Zoom meetings, and meeting in person gave us renewed enthusiasm, however, Covid 19 still had a surprise up its sleeve for us. Matches got under way again with Devon and Cornwall playing for the first time in two years. We did not do very well, only winning one Friendly match. I will leave Jill to explain to you the problems we had regarding handicap limits for matches. Because Devon and Cornwall had not played during the Covid years, it had been decided to re-arrange the matches and I ended up having to organise four home matches instead of two.

Thankfully, members put their names on the sign-up list quite enthusiastically, I thought, and it was relatively easy for me to pick teams and try to ensure that anyone who had signed up got a game and/or a reserve place. However, there were more difficulties ahead with members testing positive, sometimes on the day of the match, and if it were not for the efforts of Carole, Jill, Sue and the County Delegates, I could have been in a lot of trouble. Mind you, I can get into trouble on my own and as Connie Stolworthy knows, there was one occasion when I had failed to replace a lady who had told me she could not play, and Connie had to go out on her own.

The Captain versus Captain Elect again proved to be a remarkable success. We started off with thirty-two players and ended up with twenty-four. The Captain Elect's team were only slightly victorious.

Regarding the SW Vets, the Spring Meeting went ahead as planned and proved to be successful, however, the Autumn meeting, scheduled for 19 September had to be cancelled because of her late Majesty's funeral. The Chairman of the SW Vets rang me to tell me and told me that the meeting had been cancelled. I thought my phone had developed a fault, only for her to tell me that she had just shredded my cheque! Somerset take over the running of the SW Vets from October 2022 and the dates and venues for the Field Days are as follows:

Spring Field Day: Monday 8th May 2023, Bowood Golf Club, Cornwall: £23

Autumn Field Day: Thursday 21st September 2023, Stover Golf Club, Exeter: £25

I would like to thank all ladies who have played in matches this year, with some of you stepping in at the last moment. It has been wonderful to meet so many very enthusiastic ladies who have been happy to travel to various parts of Somerset. I am hoping that for 2023, Sue will have less Covid problems.

Special thanks to the all the members of the Senior's Committee and the County Delegates, all of you have helped me so much and without whom I would not have managed to get through the year.

Best wishes to Sue (Bamping) and Ros (Chidgey) as they embark on their terms of office and to Kay (Lockett) next year's President and her Vice President Jill (Paul).

5. Vice-President's Report Kay Lockett gave the following report:

I am very honoured to have been asked to take on the role of President for the year 2023 for Somerset Senior Ladies. I have to say I was surprised when I received the call from Carole asking me to be her Vice President for this year, a position I was very pleased to accept. My Vice President's role has been to observe and prepare for the forthcoming year, the hard work and team spirit within the Committee led by our very efficient President Carole is second to none. Please support the competitions and matches organised throughout the golfing season when you can, there is nothing better than meeting new & old friends and having an enjoyable day away playing golf.

I must say a big thank you to Marilyn our retiring Secretary, I remember four years ago having a long conversation with her and hopefully persuading her to come on the Committee, all I can say Marilyn is: brilliant job. We now have a new Secretary Kate Smith; I am sure it will be a pleasure to work with her.

I would now like to present my Vice President to you. When I presented my choice to our Senior Ladies Committee the choice was unanimously agreed. I am delighted to introduce my Vice-President for 2023 Jill Paul: member of Taunton & Pickering Golf Club, Past Captain, a Past Senior Lady Captain. I have known Jill a long time, and I know she will make an excellent President.

Finally, I would just like to say enjoy your golf in 2023. Thank you

6. Vice-Captain's Report Sue Bamping gave the following report:

Much to my surprise, my year as Vice-Captain has gone by very rapidly. I started the year with a certain amount of trepidation but was soon reassured by Chris's friendly and supportive manner. She always appeared very calm irrespective of what was thrown at her, even if it was at the last minute!

Uniform sales have been good this year and the ladies have adjusted well to the new method of payment by BACS. Thank you for that. Most of the Matches for 2023 have been arranged, although we still await the date and location of the Friendly match against Gloucester. Our first Shield match, which is against Cornwall, is at Carlyon Bay. As this is quite a long journey, I am going to investigate the possibility of a favourable package at the hotel for an overnight stay. I will repeat the plea made last year that you check your diary carefully before you sign up to play in a match. However, if you are unsure about signing up because you think you are not good enough, or have not had much match experience, please be assured that the format is very user friendly. Teams are arranged in seven pairs with a low and high handicap playing together. On each hole you play your own game and the best score of the two scores counts! Very few of us are perfect on every hole! The dates arranged so far should have been included in the paperwork given you on arrival. I appreciate that circumstances can change e.g., hospital appointments etc. so please notify me as soon as possible in order that a replacement can be organised, even if it is on the morning of a match.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at next year's competitions and the matches. I would hasten to add that I will not know all your names, as there are over 400 of you whereas you will only have one new name to remember, so please don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Hope you all manage to avoid too many infections over the winter and are able to enjoy Christmas.

7. **Competition Secretary's Report.** Janet Handley gave the following report: Here we go again with yet more 'Thank You's', and praise for Delegates. There is no way I would be able to organise and run the Competitions without your help and support.

At The Mendip and Weston Super Mare the Delegates not only organised helpers but also took time out to meet with me at their individual Clubs so that I was able to see how they would be organised on the day. I was also able to meet with management and some of the helpers.

The use of the IG system does take time to set up but is invaluable to myself on the day so an extra thank you goes to those who took on this task.

There is a write up of both these competitions on the website where Christine Harris does a wonderful job keeping the information on the website up to date. Thank you, Christine.

The BAC's payments have worked well although how Jan Bishop manages to keep track of all the different aspects of the finances involved, I do not know.

Having to cancel the Competition at Tall Pines was a huge disappointment. There were concerns even before the Competition at Weston as we only had 4 teams booked at that time for the Autumn Competition. Delegates were asked to carry out an informal survey amongst their members. Was it the Club? The timing? The Format? Many Delegates responded it seemed to be mainly the timing and the format. Many emails followed until it seemed only fair to allow those who had entered to look around for other venues and to return the tee times back to Tall Pines. The committee decided to go ahead and award the Shield using the agreed format which fortunately did just give us an overall winner for this year. How these points are awarded next year will need to be discussed as will the trophies to be presented for the Waltzing Bowmaker.

The Competitions arranged for 2023 are:

Long Sutton: Pairs Better Ball Monday 15th May 2023

Cricket St. Thomas: 3 Ball Bowmaker Monday 19th June 2023

Taunton & Pickeridge: Waltzing Bowmaker teams of 3 Monday 11th September 2023

I would be really pleased to be able to organise all three of these Competitions in my final year as Competition's Secretary! **The AGM and 9-hole Bowmaker next year will be held at Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club on Thursday 19th October** and I look forward to welcoming you to my home club. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report (Note Copy of the accounts filed with these minutes):

Copies of the accounts for the year to end August have been circulated; you will note they are in draft form as they have not been audited and more on that in a minute!

The finances are in good shape, and it's been nice to hold competitions and matches this year, which have been well supported, although Covid has not completely gone away with some last-minute match substitutions needed.

Our main source of income is subscriptions which came to £1,775 for 2022. This is naturally higher than the previous year as the 2020 membership was carried over to 2021.

Our competition secretary has been selling off the silverware and we received £100 from the sale of surplus trophies.

Competitions made a small profit. The aim of these is to cover costs and pay out as much as we can in prizes. Matches made a loss. This is mostly due to the way the Shield matches operate as we had two at home and one away. Next year it will be one at home and two away.

Travel expenses have increased a little as we have returned to in person meetings although we still held some via Zoom.

BACS payments for membership, competition and match fees have gone well so thank you to everyone for embracing the change. Even with a need to issue refunds, it was quicker than finding a Bank and far more efficient. Having had the benefit of the years' experience on this I believe we can

make some further system improvements with references to quote and when we ask you to pay match fees.

As we are in good financial health, Subscription, match and competition fees/costs will remain unchanged for next year.

Turning to the year end: the financial year currently ends on August 31st and has done since 1999 having previously finished on September 30th. This is still a tight timescale to have everything in place for the AGM in October, especially if your Treasurer is not retired and has job commitments as it means having it all done and then independently checked within a 5-6 week period, which also necessitates the good will of the auditor.

And it makes far more sense to me if the financial year reflects the golfing year, and the accounts reflect the competitions and matches for the year for the respective Captains and President.

The constitution merely states that the Treasurer should keep records to present to the AGM so there is nothing to prevent a change. So we will have accounts for 15 months to November 30th 2022, and then the financial year will run from December 1st to November 30th annually.

The reason for not going with a straightforward calendar year is that some of you very efficient delegates start sending in your club's membership subscriptions in December and part of the reason for making the change is to avoid having payments carried over from one year to the next.

You may note the slightly different format to the accounts this year. The idea was to make the sheet less busy whilst still presenting the information needed. For those of you who would like more detailed information this can be provided, as another benefit of changing the financial year end is that the accounts can be emailed to you with the AGM agenda so in advance of the meeting and you can forward to your members if you wish.

We can also save printing costs and paper, as I am sure that the majority of you will leave the accounts sheet provided today on the seat when you leave!

NOTE The meeting agreed with the suggestion to change the date of the financial year to the 30th November annually

8. **Secretary's Report** Marilyn Kirby gave the following report:

Let me begin my final report by saying that it has been an honour to serve as your Secretary for the past four years. Although it certainly has been challenging at times, especially as we coped with all the problems thrown up during the Covid Pandemic. I want to say how much I have enjoyed working with my fellow Officers and Committee Members, as well as with our hard-working Club Delegates.

Shortly, you will be invited to confirm Kate Smith as the new Honorary Secretary. Kate has been involved with golf in Somerset for a number of years, including having been Lady Captain at Bath Golf Club in 2012 (where I first met her). So, she has excellent previous experience of Golf Committees A few years ago she moved to Sidmouth but will be moving back to Somerset in early December. We have had several in-depth discussions on what the role involves, and I am fully confident in her ability and very importantly enthusiasm to be our next Honorary Secretary and look forward to passing on the famous Secretary's Black Briefcase to Kate shortly!

I have agreed to write the Minutes from the AGM, and get these completed, before setting off for my long anticipated Australian holiday in a couple of weeks. Kate also knows she can contact me at any time if she needs help.

9. **Membership Secretary's Report** Fay Galley gave the following report:

We have 355 senior members in Somerset this year, considerably down on last year's numbers. But this is a trend throughout all the county societies. Thank you to all those that re-joined. A big thank you to the Delegates who collate the membership lists and collect the money. This year you managed the new bacs system well and on the whole the membership lists were good. Just a little reminder that I and the Secretary need to know when the delegate in your club changes. The

Delegate is the main link between the senior members and the Captains of the County teams and the Competition Secretary for the competitions. Finally, when the diary is completed, I will distribute it to you via the delegates.

10. **SW Vets Report** Jill Paul gave the following report:

The Counties affiliated to this are: Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. It is open to all ladies over 60 who are members of their County Association. You do not need to pay a separate affiliation fee. The other Counties Seniors are called Vets. Each County takes it in turns to run the SW Vets for 2 years. During this time, they arrange 2 Competitions, called Field days, per year, 1 in each of the Counties. The Captains of each County arrange the Shield Matches.

This last year has been a busy one, with meetings on Zoom (the AGM last October and three meetings since). Each County is represented by 2/3 delegates, usually Officers of each County. The main topic of discussion was the Constitution which needed updating before this year's AGM. A lot of emails have been flying backwards and forwards mainly because of an error about the handicaps in Shield matches. It has now been agreed.

Shield Matches have taken place this year, the first time since 2019. Chris has reported on this. Unfortunately, this year's Autumn Field Day was cancelled because of the Queen's funeral. This year's AGM is on 24 October, again on Zoom.

Dorset will be handing over to Somerset so we will have a busy two years. We will have a Sub-group to run it; Jan Bishop has already opened a separate Bank Account and Fay Galley is working on posters for **next year's Field days**.

These will be at Bowood, Cornwall on 08 May and Stover on 21 September. I do hope lot of Somerset ladies support these. Some of our Officers will make up the sub-group, headed up by a Chairperson and Secretary.

11. **Proposals** No formal proposals were received.

12. **Ratification of Officers** Marilyn read the list of Officer appointments (see below) for the coming year and asked the meeting, by a show of hands, to approve the appointments en-bloc. The meeting approved these unanimously.

President Kay Luckett (Minehead) Captain Sue Bamping (Wheathill)

Vice-President Jill Paul (Taunton and Pickeridge) Vice-Captain Ros Chidgey (Minehead)

Past President Carole Paterson (Long Sutton) Past Captain Christine Harris (Saltford)

Secretary Kate Smith (former Captain Bath moving to Taunton area)

Continuing: Treasurer Jan Bishop (Weston-super-Mare) has two further years to serve

Competition Secretary Janet Handley (Minehead) has a further year to serve

Membership Secretary Fay Galley (Bath) who has agreed to serve for an additional year

Note all appointments were agreed by the Committee prior to the AGM. Carole told the meeting that the Committee considered that it was important to have a General Member on the Committee and discussions where on-going with a possible candidate.

13. **Presentation of Badges** Current Officers presented their Badges to the new Officers. Note the Past President retains their badge in recognition for their years of service on the Committee.

14. **Presentation to retiring Officers** Carole, Christine and Marilyn were presented with paperweights to mark their service on the Committee.

15. **Presentation of Trophies and Prizes 2022**

Carole presented the prizes as detailed below.

PAIRS BETTER BALL COMPETITION at THE MENDIP GOLF CLUB

WATTMAN TROPHIES (X2) with a score of 45

JILL CARTER AND JANET SCILLY from BATH

3 BALL BOWMAKER STABLEFORD at WESTON- SUPER- MARE GOLF CLUB
THE LUMLEY FRANK TROPHIES (X3) with a score of 83 points.
HAZEL BEVAN, TRICIA FOLLAND and JANE MORETON from BURNHAM & BERROW

9 HOLE COMPETITION ON 10TH OCTOBER at LONG SUTTON GOLF CLUB

	TEAM NAMES			CLUB	SCORE
1 st	Sylvia C. Tucker	Aideen Roache	Tina Blackwell	Long Sutton	36
2 nd	Jill Paul	Marlene Ewens	Jackie Pike	Taunton & Pickeridge	34
3 rd	Yvette Gregg	Lynda Sage	Jackie Hallett	Stockwood Vale	34

PUTTING COMPETITION

DIVISION	TROPHY	NAME	CLUB
1 st 0-20.4	WILSON CUP	Jill Carter	Bath
2 nd 20.5-36.4	FEAR HILL TROPHY	Jan Scilly	Bath
3 rd 36.5-54	VICE-PRESIDENT GLOBE	Tina Blackwell	Long Sutton

WINNERS OF THE SHIELD:

BURNHAM & BERROW with 4 points

BATH with 3 points

MINEHEAD and STOCKWOOD VALE each with 2 points.

16. A.O.B. None

17. **Dates and Venues for 2023 Meetings Next year's AGM will be held on 19th October 2023 at Minehead Golf Club, being the President's home club. All information regarding Delegates' Meetings will be found on the website and be on the Membership Leaflet.**

Carole closed the meeting at 4pm and wished ladies a safe journey home.

