



SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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

Held at the Stockwood Vale Golf Club on Monday 18th October 2021 at 3pm

Yvette Gregg (President) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Stockwood Vale Golf Club before introducing the Lady Captain, Julie Poole, who also welcomed Members to the club, apologising that the weather did not behave, but hoping ladies had enjoyed playing the course enough to come back to play the full 18 holes! Yvette thanked Sarah, Martin Edenborough (Club Manager), Lee Jennings for all his work with the cards, setting up the putting competition and sorting out the results, Catering and Bar Staff & Pro Shop and also the volunteers from the club who helped the morning run as smoothly as possible.

Yvette then told the meeting that sadly three members had died during the past year. Judy Cutter, a member from the Isle of Wedmore, Joyce Forrester a member of Tall Pines and Meryl Williams from Saltford. Yvette asked everyone to keep a short silence to remember them.

Apologies Marilyn Kirby (secretary) gave the following apologies:

- a. Officers and Committee Members: Jill Paul (Captain) and Linda Trump
- b. Delegates: Anne Carpenter (Orchardleigh), Raz Chidgey (Minehead), Pat Follet (Taunton and Pickeridge), Greta Hillier (Wheathill), Marilyn Nash (Stockwood Vale) and Diana Webster (Enmore)
- c. Members: Sue Bamping (Wheathill), Sue Bowring (Wheathill), Jill Carter (Bath), Jenny Elliot (Minehead), Carol Lake (Saltford), Kay Lockett (Minehead), June Mills (Clevedon), Jan Scilly (Bath) and Anne Scott (Wheathill)
- d. Honorary Members: Jenny Davis and Cherry Kitton

Attendance

- a. Officers: Yvette Gregg (President), Carole Paterson (Vice President and Past Captain), Christine Harris (Vice Captain), Hilary Dennes (Treasurer) Marilyn Kirby (Secretary), Janet Handley (Competition Secretary), Fay Galley (Membership Secretary), Caroline Lumley-Frank (Past President, co-opted)
- b. Forty members were present, including Delegates.

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020** Yvette reminded the meeting that, as stated on the agenda, last year members received a set of reports which took the place of the normal AGM, which could not take place due to Covid restrictions. Therefore, as there were no objections to the reports Yvette then signed a copy of the reports to be filed with the minutes. There were no matters arising from these reports
2. **Captain's Report** Note this includes a report from South-West Veteran Ladies Golf Association (SW Vets). In the absence of Jill Paul, Marilyn Kirby read the following report:

After a difficult 2020, 2021 brought a sense of relief and optimism. However, everything was not back to normal. Meetings, apart from one Officers' Meeting, have been via Zoom. We have been on a steep learning curve to work with this medium, but I think, on the whole, it has been good. It has been such a treat to be able to hold Inter-County Matches. Although fewer ladies signed up to play there was still a good number of Clubs represented and a range of Handicaps.

Cornwall and Devon decided not to play so the SW Vets Shield was not played for. Hopefully, it will be back next year. We have had Friendly matches against Gloucestershire at Gloucester GC, Wiltshire at Long Sutton GC. Hampshire at Royal Winchester GC and Dorset at Ashley Wood GC. A good variety of Courses and weather greeted us. The team sheets had to be changed on a number of occasions for various reasons, but we had 14 ladies for each match. We beat Gloucestershire and lost to Wiltshire and Hampshire (although many were very close matches). We halved with Dorset. Some teams had more Division 1 ladies than us, but this won't be able to happen in the Shield Matches next year. Somerset ladies always looked smart and there was a great sense of camaraderie. I felt very proud.

The 5th match was one that I decided to hold to make up for not playing against Cornwall and Devon. It was held at Taunton and Pickeridge. There were 28 ladies and I mixed up Clubs and Handicaps to make a Captain's and Vice-Captain's teams. The matches were close: each team won three and halved one, so a glorious Draw! This was a fun day and maybe a fixture to be repeated?

Thanks to Vice-Captain Chris for putting my Reports and photos on the website. I do hope you look at it from time to time as Chris has done a great job in making it more user-friendly.

SW Vets Report. (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset). Unfortunately, both SW Vets Field Days were cancelled this year as last, and also the Shield matches. The new ways of working, because of Covid have actually helped the SW Vets become a more coherent group because Zoom meetings have been held every 3 months. The AGM is on 25 October on Zoom and the updated Constitution will be ratified. Dorset have run the Vets well this year; they continue next year and then Somerset takes over.

Remember that as a Somerset Senior you are automatically a member of SW Vets so look at the website later in the year for information on the Spring and Autumn Field Days in 2022.

I would like to thank all the ladies who have played in Matches this year. At the start of the season, I wondered whether any would happen, so it was a real joy for me to organize a nearly normal year. It would not have happened without the Delegates (I have discovered what an important job they do), and a supportive, friendly and efficient Committee. Special thanks go to Chris, my Vice-Captain (she must have wondered if she would ever take over!) and President Yvette (a superb chair which stems from lots of work behind the scenes). It has been such an honour to serve as your Captain for 2 years; 2 years I will remember for all sorts of reasons! Finally, I would like to wish Chris and Carole a happy and successful year as Captain and President. Somerset Seniors will be in good hands.

There were no questions arising from this report.

3. **Vice-Captain's Report** Christine Harris gave the following report:

I have enjoyed my two years as Vice Captain although there have not been many matches to go to. I have really enjoyed working with Jill, her upbeat way of looking at things, her attention to detail and her efficiency have I fear, left me a very hard act to follow.

I would like to congratulate Jill on the success of this year's matches. It has been particularly hard this year because of not being allowed to travel until May, with cancelled and re-arranged matches and the inevitable self-distancing. However, Jill worked her magic and managed to get teams together.

Uniform sales have been good with white fleeces proving very popular, so much so that we are going to have to restock over the winter. Unfortunately, it has been decided that as Balmoral have ceased production of the green sleeveless sweater and we are unable to source a supply of

a similar colour, this item of stock will be discontinued. We will keep to white sleeve sleeveless sweaters for the future.

Matches for 2022 have been arranged, although we still await a date for the away Shield match against Dorset and a list of dates should have been included in paperwork given to you on arrival. I do have some additional copies if required. We can only hope that all Shield matches will be played next year, dates are already in place, but we will have to wait and see whether Devon and Cornwall feel the time is right to resume County matches.

An annual plea no doubt, but when you sign up to be considered for a match, please check the dates carefully. If you are nominated as a reserve, I would be grateful if you keep that date free because you may be needed, and sometimes at quite short notice. We do try to be as fair as possible and give everyone a game or be on the reserve list at least once. The matches are excellent value for money (£20 for a match followed by a meal).

I look forward to meeting many of you at next year's competitions and matches, but be warned, although I may well recognise your face, it is more than likely that I will have forgotten your name. Don't be afraid to come and say 'Hello, I am Candy from Cannington'. I can assure you I will be delighted and certainly not offended.

There were no questions concerning this report.

4. **President's Report** Yvette Gregg gave the following report:

I have been honoured to be your Somerset Senior Ladies President for the last 16 months. It's been a difficult time for all of us, but I hope you all agree that we've managed to keep you informed during the dark months of isolation. I cannot thank the delegates enough. You have had such a difficult job this year, responding and forwarding the mammoth number of emails we have sent to you.

Thanks also go to my committee. We have supported each other throughout, using the magnificent Zoom as one of our means of communication. It was only after several months of lockdown that we managed to meet up and I must admit that we all looked better in the flesh than on screen!

Progress has been made in the areas of the new handicap system, which have had knock on effects on running Competitions together with their associated trophies. We have also tried to become more environmentally aware, using less paper resources and more electronic means of disseminating information. The website is magnificent, thanks to the expertise of Chris and is becoming much easier to use. However, we are most aware that I.T. is not everyone's cup of tea and will always talk on the phone or mail items to any lady that is having difficulty. We are very approachable!

Committee: I couldn't have done my President's job without any of you. (I have a card for each of you expressing my personal thanks)

I would like to mention two of our outgoing Committee members:

Linda Trump joined the committee this year and has been a huge help sorting out the Trophies with our Vice president, Carole. It has been a big job due to the implementation of the WHS. The task is not yet complete, but much work has been done to make certain that this year's prizes are in place and more progress will be made next year. So, in your absence many thanks Linda and we wish you well in the future and will no doubt meet up in Opens and matches etc. (Note Yvette will give Linda a plant as a token of appreciation at a later date)

Caroline Lumley-Frank kindly accepted the position as a co-opted member of the Committee. Her vast knowledge as a Past President and running the SW Vets has been invaluable to me.

Although Caroline is leaving the Committee, I know that she will always take an active interest in the Section. I think you have been a Senior from 2002 when you joined Long Sutton. In recognition of all that you have done Caroline, I am delighted present you with an Honorary Life membership, which has been fully endorsed by the Committee. Thankyou Caroline for all your help and friendship. (Yvette then presented Caroline with a plant as a token of appreciate)

Unfortunately, no one has come forward to take on the position of secretary for next year and Marilyn has very kindly volunteered to continue in her post **for 1 year only**. This would be the ideal opportunity for a member to come forward and shadow Marilyn and learn the ropes in preparation on becoming the secretary for the year 2022 onwards. Yes, it is daunting, but the committee is so friendly and supportive and the plus points of the camaraderie and the satisfaction of completing a worthwhile job is immense. So, please, spread the message amongst your Ladies.

My last mention is to Carole. I asked Carole if she would consider becoming my Vice President when I hurriedly had to take over as acting President. Thankfully, she agreed and has been my rock since then. If any of you know Carole, you will be aware how hard she works and together with her vast knowledge of golf, we have not only worked well together, but have developed a good friendship (well I think so anyway!) I shall be leaving you all in the best of hands when Carole takes over as President.

Thank you everyone.

There were no questions regarding this report.

5. **Vice-President's Report.** Carole Paterson gave the following report:

I feel both honoured and privileged to be taking on the Somerset Senior Ladies role of President for 2022. I will follow a long list of Past Presidents who have Steered our County forward. This past 2 years have been especially challenging for our President Yvette and her dedicated Committee. Yvette has dealt with various Covid issues affecting our events and sorted out many problems, with a smile and efficiency. I was thrilled and surprised when Yvette contacted me regarding Vice President, I had no hesitation in taking on such an honour.

I think we all hope that 2022 and onwards will resemble more of a normal life and we can get out and play our golf.

I am extremely grateful to Marilyn Kirby for agreeing to do an extra year as secretary, she has done an amazing job and I really look forward to working closely with her. We do, of course need to find a replacement, ideally so Marilyn can work with them during coming year.

We also need a General Committee Member, a Lady golfer to add comment and ideas from her and her playing colleagues perspective. We have a great committee for someone to join and to learn more about County Senior golf.

I would now like to present my vice President to you. I presented my choice for my vice President to our Senior Committee as per constitution and the choice was unanimously agreed. Therefore, I am delighted (in her absence) to introduce my Vice President for 2022 Kay Lockett: Member of Minehead Golf Club, A Past Club Captain. A Past County Senior Lady Captain. A super golfer and a super person.

Finally, may I wish you all well for the remainder of this year and for a really enjoyable golfing 2022. Thank you.

There were no questions regarding this report.

6. **Competition Secretary's Report.** Janet Handley gave the following report:

I need to say THANK YOU to so many people!

For the use of office equipment at both Cricket St Thomas and Brean which made filling in the cards and scoring the matches so easy. Thank you to the staff who fed in the necessary information to make this possible and for letting us use your venues to host the Competitions. There are results and reviews of the Competitions on the website. I am hoping that the venues booked for 2022 will be able to be as helpful.

The dates and venues for 2022 competitions are:

SPRING MEETING - PAIRS BETTER BALL

Mendip Golf Club on Monday 9th May.

SUMMER MEETING - 3 BALL BOWMAKER

Weston Super Mare Golf Club on Thursday 30th June

AUTUMN MEETING - INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD (playing in 3's)

Tall Pines Golf Club on Thursday 15th September.

DELEGATES - you are the backbone of the County Senior Ladies and I feel you have had to work hard this year. Emails starting SCSLGA must by now fill you with dread. Cancelled - not cancelled. Entry forms stating "competition date" then Entry forms stating "closing date" to be used on cheques. Posters to remind and encourage members to take part, to mention just a few. Despite this you have remained polite, encouraging and understanding in your responses. Thank you all so much for that. Hopefully next year there won't be so many.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS have been so generous in their support, sharing their expertise and providing encouragement when errors have come to light. If delegates thought they received a lot of emails, think yourself lucky you weren't on the Committee!! Thank you to all of them. Hopefully 2022 will not suffer any further catastrophes and we shall be able to enjoy our golf for the whole twelve months uninterrupted. Thank you.

There were no questions about this report.

7. **Treasurer's Report** (Note Copy of audited accounts filed with these minutes). Hilary Dennes gave the following report:

Copies of the Annual Accounts are available to examine. They showed an overall profit for the year of £124.16. After two very unusual years, the Association's finances are gradually getting back to normal. However, the accounts bear little resemblance to previous years', for the following reasons:

- Subscriptions this year amounted to only £95, reflecting the fact that existing members were not asked to pay this year, as the previous year's subscriptions had been largely unused. Only new members were asked for subscriptions.
- Travel costs have been minimal compared with 2019 and prior, as most meetings have been held by Zoom.
- Officers' honoraria were not paid this year, apart from one new eligible Officer, who had not received an honorarium the previous year.
- Match fees were all for Friendly matches, as Shield matches did not take place this year.
- No engraving costs were incurred during the year, since there had been no trophies presented which needed engraving.

In future, it is hoped that payments for entries to matches and competitions can largely be carried out using internet banking, since most members are now accustomed to internet banking, rather than using cheques.

In spite of my trepidation when I agreed to take on the role of Treasurer, I have very much enjoyed working with the SCSLGA Committee during my three years in the post. They are such a supportive, friendly group that I have always felt able to ask for advice if needed. I am sure the new incumbent will feel the same.

There were no questions about this report.

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

It doesn't seem possible that it's three years since I was appointed Secretary. While there have been challenges, I have really enjoyed the role; especially working with such a great group of ladies. While the Covid Pandemic has presented the Committee with many problems during the past year, thanks to Zoom Meetings, we have actually met more frequently than in normal times, which in turn has meant we have really bonded together as a team.

As Yvette has just said I have agreed to stand for a further year as Secretary. However, this is definitely for **one year only** as I have several holidays, including to Australia, that have been postponed due to Covid travel restrictions and are now re-booked for late 2022 and later in 2023. Also, I strongly believe both the Secretary and the Treasurer posts should be for a maximum of 3 years. Any longer and it is likely to deter ladies offering to take these roles on. So, **please** think carefully about whether either **you** or a member in your club could take this on. If anyone here this afternoon feels this might be something they could do, then **please** talk to me at the end of the AGM and find out more about what's involved.

There were no questions about this report.

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

We have currently 460 Seniors lady members in Somerset.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the delegates for sending me their lists of members. At the same time, I need to remind you that I, and the Secretary need to know every time the Seniors Delegate changes in your club. The Delegate is the main point of contact for all of our officers. County Matches and the Competitions are more difficult to organise without this information. Please let both of us know as soon as a delegate changes.

I will also, when the information for 2022 is finalised, be distributing the leaflet with all the Seniors County information on, to the delegates. Thank you

There were no questions about this report.

10. **Proposal regarding Committee Membership** On behalf of the Committee Marilyn read the following proposal: "The President, having served her year, remains on the Committee as Past President for a further year to aid continuity and to support the incoming President". Marilyn then asked the meeting, by a show of hands, to approve this proposal; agreed unanimously.

11. **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.

Note all appointments were agreed by the Committee prior to the AGM. In the case of the Treasurer, Jan Bishop was the only lady to put her name forward by the closing date of 5th March 2021 and the Committee was very happy for her to serve in this position.

President	Carole Paterson (Long Sutton)	Vice President	Kay Lockett (Minehead)
Captain	Christine Harris (Saltford)	Vice Captain	Sue Bamping (Wheathill)
Past President	Yvette Gregg (Stockwood Vale)	Past Captain	Jill Paul (Taunton and Pickeridge)
Treasurer	Jan Bishop (Weston-super-Mare)		

The following Officers remain in their positions:

Secretary Marilyn Kirby (Bath) **Note this position will become vacant in 2022/23**

Competition Secretary Janet Handley (Minehead)

Membership Secretary Fay Galley (Bath)

Christine Harris responded by saying that she was honoured to be the Senior County Captain for 2022 and also very fortunate that Sue Bamping has agreed to be her Captain Elect. Sue is a very capable lady whom Christine was looking forward to working with next year. Christine then told the meeting that she was also very lucky to have Carole Paterson as President, Yvette Gregg as Past President, Jill Paul (immediate Past Captain) and the Committee. She added “How can I go wrong with backup like that?”.

12. **AOB.** None

13. **Dates and Venues for 2022 Meetings** Next year’s AGM will be held on 10th October 2022 at Long Sutton 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.

14. **Presentation to retiring Officers** Yvette and Hilary were presented with a paperweight to mark their service on the Committee. As Jill Paul was unable to attend the AGM she will be given her paperweight at a future date.

15. **Presentation of Trophies and Prizes** These were presented as detailed below:

PRIZE GIVING STOCKWOOD VALE 2021

PAIRS BETTER BALL COMPETITION @ BREAN GOLF CLUB

HART AND WILMOT BOWLS (X2) with a score of 44 points

BERYL RICHARDS and LINDA EDMONDSON from BREAN GOLF CLUB

3 BALL BOWMAKER STABLEFORD @ CRICKET ST. THOMAS GOLF CLUB

THE LUMLEY-FRANK TROPHIES (X3) with a score of 83 points

ANDREA JORDAN, HELEN WORMALD and PATSY HURST from STOCKWOOD VALE G.C.

9 HOLE COMPETITION ON 18TH OCTOBER AT STOCKWOOD VALE.

	TEAM NAMES			CLUB	SCORE
1 st	JACKIE LONG	ALISON POWLESLAND	LYNDA SAGE	STOCKWOOD VALE	44(31)
2 nd	JUNE HARRISON	BARBARA MILES	JAN SCILLY	BATH	44(29)
3 rd	MARILYN KIRBY	FAY GALLEY	JILL CARTER	BATH	40

PUTTING COMPETITION ON 18th OCTOBER AT STOCKWOOD VALE

DIVISION	TROPHY	NAME	CLUB
1 ST	WILSON CUP	PAT JONES	ORCHARDLEIGH
2 ND	FEAR HILL TROPHY	JILL CARTER	BATH
3 RD	VICE-PRESIDENT GLOBE	VANESSA WILMOT	STOCKWOOD VALE

WINNERS OF THE SHIELD: WHEATHILL 227

LONG SUTTON 193

STOCKWOOD VALE 188

Yvette closed the meeting at 3:50 and wished ladies a safe journey home.

