

Competition Report – Annual General Meeting 2017

It is with great pleasure that I present the SLCGA competition report for 2017. It has been a very busy year for all our Surrey golfers with a packed calendar of varied events.

SLCGA's biggest event of the year is the Druce Trophy and again this year 240 ladies from 60 clubs competed at Bramley Golf Club on possibly one of the hottest days of the year. As always, the electronic scoring system and live leader board proved exciting with the home club holding the lead for some time. However, in the final stages of play Leatherhead pipped the host team Bramley by just one quarter of a point to take the trophy with a final nett score of 60.5. It was a great day, enjoyed by all and extremely well organised by the SLCGA team and Bramley Golf Club

The other SLCGA meetings (Spring Meeting, Summer Foursomes, Bronze Fun Day, Autumn Meeting, and 65+ Autumn Meeting) attracted good entries and were generally well supported. The Summer Foursomes proved particularly popular perhaps, not surprisingly, as it was held at the beautiful The New Zealand Golf Club and the event was heavily oversubscribed. It was especially fitting that one half of the winning pair of the Molly Gourlay trophy was last year's Surrey Captain Alison Taylor.

The Inter-Club knockouts continued to prove popular, but, as in 2016, the entry numbers in some individual knockouts were disappointing. 'The Thornhill Trophy', the mixed foursomes knockout named after John and Jill Thornhill, that was introduced in 2016 continued to prove extremely popular with almost 60 pairs entered.

For 2017 we have reviewed some of the knockouts we provide and will be introducing a new 4BBB knockout. We have also amalgamated the Spring Match Play A and B and amended the Weekend Match Play knockout to a 7 Day Knockout. Sally has already mentioned this in more detail in her Captains report.

The Surrey Seniors Team played in the annual Inter Counties event which was held at Knebworth Golf Club in September this year. Teams of 4 players from 10 counties play 18 holes scratch stroke play with the best 3 scores to count. It was a drizzly day and the course was wet and played very long. The scores were close with the Surrey team in 6th place with a score of 239, and Berkshire winning with 232.

All the dates for the 2018 events have been posted on the website and entry forms will be available in the New Year. They will be emailed to the Delegates but also available to download from the website. I would like to thank the Delegates for publicising our events to their members and encouraging them to enter, and I look forward to their continued support next year.

A special thank you to Libby Hagdrup for all the hundreds of photographs she has taken at our Championships, Meetings and Finals this year.

Finally, a big thank you to all the clubs who have kindly allowed us the use of their courses and thanks to the Lady Captains, lady members and staff who have turned up to 'meet and greet', ball spot and make everyone feel welcome at their clubs. We do appreciate your continued support.