

## **Competition Report – Annual General Meeting 2019**

It gives me great pleasure to present the SLCGA competition report for 2019.

As you know we have a very busy calendar, with 10 meetings and 16 knock out competitions, and Surrey teams competing in a number of Inter-County Events. Once again, these events have been supported enthusiastically by Surrey ladies across the board.

Amongst our meetings, the Druce Trophy was our biggest event for 2019. It is always hugely popular and again this year, we were at maximum capacity with 240 ladies from 60 clubs meeting at Kingswood Golf Club to enjoy the day. With the scores displayed on the live leader board we were all kept guessing as the afternoon's scores were added onto the morning's feed and the eventual outcome was a win for Worplesdon with a score of 62.75, with Cuddington runners-up on 64 points. We were really lucky with the weather, enjoying a beautiful day and the team at Kingswood really looked after us well.

Another stand-out event was the Senior Championship, which again was at capacity with 63 players. While we were delighted to host the event at Sunningdale Old Course, the weather was not so kind and was sadly one of the wettest days of the year. Our Senior Champion this year is Jackie Kingswell from Tyrrells Wood and the runner up at this year's event was Debbie Richards from Burhill.

In July we returned to the New Zealand club for the Summer Foursomes. We were last there in 2017, and once again, the event was fully subscribed. Two trophies are contested – The Molly Gourlay trophy which was won by Marian Bridgen and Marion Condie from Walton Heath and the Pam Barton trophy, won by Dasha Bleyze and Sheila Fleming from Foxhills. It was a wonderfully relaxed event and we are very happy that we will be back at the New Zealand again for a third year in 2020.

Amongst the Knock Out competitions we have the team events - The Hicks, The Derry, The Centenary Bowl and Plate – and this year we introduced the new Bronze team event, the Wallis trophy. This proved extremely popular and was eventually won by West Hill. At present there is no 'plate' as we have for the Centenary Bowl or the Hicks, but this could be considered if clubs felt it was worthwhile.

The Individual knock outs were reasonably well supported, although the Winter competitions continue to suffer with slightly lacklustre entry numbers. We will continue to review the appetite for these and amend as appropriate, but if you have any thoughts please do let us know.

The knock-outs culminate in a 'finals' weekend event, but we are currently assessing if this is the best way to continue given the difficulties in finding venues willing to host a full day's programme at the weekend. If we decide to change this format we will let you know.

Surrey Teams have also been very active. The Surrey 1st team successfully defended the South Region Trophy at County Match Week and so qualified again for County Finals in Cheshire. They finished third to Gloucestershire who won for the second year running.

Junior County Match Week was badly disrupted by rain but our young team fought the elements and came second. They also took away some great lessons that they will no doubt be able to use when Surrey host the 2020 Junior County Match week in August next year at Puttenham GC.

And our Senior team played in the annual Inter Counties event which took place at Woburn in September. Teams of 4 players from 10 counties play 18 holes scratch stroke play with the best 3 scores to count. The scores were close and the Surrey team did well to finish 4th, the event being won by Sussex for the second successive year.

The dates for the 2020 events are now on the website and entry forms will be available in the New Year. They will be emailed to Delegates and will be available to download from the website in January.

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.

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 very much appreciate your continued support.