

## **Competition Report – Annual General Meeting 2016**

It is with great pleasure that I present my first SLCGA competition report. 2016 has been a very busy year for all our Surrey golfers and for me a real eye opener as to how much work goes on behind the scenes by your committee to run such a successful and packed calendar of events.

SLCGA's biggest event of the year is the Druce Trophy and this year 240 ladies from 60 clubs competed at The Drift. The electronic scoring system and live leader board proved exciting as the lead changed hands several times during the final hours play., The victorious team from Wimbledon Common, entering the event for the very first time, scored a net 61.75 beating the Royal Automobile Club by just 0.25 shots.

The other SLCGA meetings (Spring Meeting, Summer Foursomes, Bronze Fun Day, Autumn Meeting, and 65+ Autumn Meeting) all attracted good entries, were well supported, and on occasions oversubscribed. The Bronze Fun Day came about as a result of the competition survey conducted in 2015 and was, as the name suggests, for Bronze division players only. Over 70 ladies competed, many of whom had come through club academies and were playing in a Surrey event for the first time. It was a most successful day and will be repeated in 2017.

The Inter-Club knockouts continued to prove popular, but, as in 2015, the entry numbers in some individual knockouts was disappointing. 'The Thornhill Trophy', our new mixed foursome knockout named after John and Jill Thornhill, was run in conjunction with Surrey County Golf Limited. Albeit at different times John and Jill are the first husband and wife within Surrey to have held the positions of Captain and President. It proved to be the most popular knockout of all times with an entry of 68 pairs. A new Surrey record!

In September Surrey hosted the annual Inter County Senior Team Championship at Royal Mid Surrey. Teams of 4 players from 10 counties play 18 holes scratch stroke play with the best three scores to count. In this sociable, but hotly contested competition Surrey finished in a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

All the dates for the 2017 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.