

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE  
CLUB, WOODCOTE ROAD, EPSOM, SURREY KT18 7EW  
ON MONDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008 AT 11.00 AM**

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**Present:** Mrs Frances McAdam (President), Mrs Joan Rothschild, Mrs Jill Thornhill (Vice Presidents), Mrs Rosemary Wallis (Captain), Mrs Sheila Stirling (Vice Captain), Mrs Cathy Pritchard, (Junior Organiser), Mrs Caroline Warren (Training Officer), (Miss Yvonne Warren (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs Libby Hagdrup and Mrs Joyce Dennison (Handicap Advisors), Mrs Anne Mills (Pearson Trophy Organiser and EWGA South Region Representative), Miss Janice Buswell, Mrs Arlene Castle, Mrs Lynn Cox, Miss Sally Hubbard, Mrs Angela Mark, Mrs Christine Staff (Executive Committee) and Mrs Penelope Hall (Secretary)  
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The President opened the meeting by welcoming the Vice Presidents, Mrs Jill Thornhill and Mrs Joan Rothschild. The President reported the death of Mrs Elizabeth Price-Fisher and spoke of her many achievements in amateur golf. The President also reported the death of Mrs Jean Young and said a few words about her achievements in golf.

1. **Apologies** 20 had been received and these were taken as read.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting having been circulated, were unanimously approved and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

Ginie Bell (Surbiton) stated that she felt the AGM minutes were too long and should be précised. To be discussed at Committee meeting, following AGM.

**4. a CAPTAIN**

Mrs Rosemary Wallis reported: Following a turbulent 2007 the Association has sailed into calmer waters. The Captain confirmed that the outstanding legal fees would not be paid from Association funds. To date funds had been received, to cover half of the costs, from generous individuals and Clubs. The Captain thanked the Clubs and who had hosted SLCGA events and the Committee members who ran them. Surrey did not win County Week, which was held at North Hants GC. Sussex went through to represent the South Region; Yorkshire were the overall winners. Sussex also won the Junior County Week. The Senior Team Event for South East Region was held at Northwood GC. Surrey tied with Kent and Berkshire, but lost on count back. Thank you to Joan Kent for running the Seniors Team and good luck to Liz Clarke who will be taking on the role. Congratulations to Elis Keenan (Sunningdale), Jo Stocks (Worplesdon) and Tana Churchill (Surrey Downs) who all earned their County Colours this year. Special thanks to Libby Hagdrup who has attended all the Surrey events and taken some wonderful photographs, which have been sent to all the winners in these events. Under our new rules we welcome two new Honorary Life Vice Presidents Joan Rothschild and Jill Thornhill. The Captain relayed her thanks to Frances McAdam and Penny Hall for their support. To retiring Officers Sue Hill, who agreed to stay on as First Team Captain, Yvonne Warren Honorary Treasurer, also Val Howard and Heather Hutton Executive Committee members. The Captain also wished Sheila Stirling Vice Captain every success in her role as Surrey Captain 2009.

**4. b. COMPETITIONS**

Mrs Penny Hall thanked all the clubs who had hosted Surrey finals this year. She also thanked the committee members who had run events throughout the year and of course Libby Hagdrup for taking the all important photographs. The pictures are on the website and can be sent by e mail to any members who would like a copy. Lisa McGowan (Worplesdon) retained her crown as Surrey Champion beating 16 year old Nicola Taylor (Walton Heath) in the final round. Nicola won a staggering six trophies in the Championship. Kirsty Rands (Burhill) won the Bissett Quaich (best intermediate). Roz Adams (Addington Court Ladies) won 50+ Championship; Ailsa Dooley (St George's Hill) won the Handicap Trophy. Following the Competition Survey, which was sent to all Clubs., a few competition changes will be made in 2009. The Winter Scratch League is proving to be popular and clubs were asked if they felt

there would be any interest to run a competition in handicap brackets (6-9) or (17 – 24). The Gold Medal will be replaced with an Inter Club Champions Knock Out, to be played off Scratch. The Centenary Bowl will now have an additional competition The Centenary Plate, for first round losers. There will be a section on the Centenary Bowl entry form to indicate if you your club does not wish to play in the Plate. The Summer Foursomes for the Pam Barton and Molly Gourlay Trophies will be played on the same day this year; the format will still be 27 holes Stableford foursomes. Due to a cancellation last year, through lack of support, there will be only one Autumn Meeting next year. One small change to the buggy rule. Players, who can produce a doctor's letter confirming a medical reason why they temporarily require the use of a buggy, may do so in all competitions except the Championship. The letter must be sent to the competition organiser or SLCGA office prior to date of play. This rule does not affect registered disabled players. The use of GPS or artificial measuring devices will not be permitted in any SLCGA competitions during 2009. The Druce trophy will be held at Betchworth Park on 29<sup>th</sup> June, Championship at St George's Hill 2<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April and Junior Championship at Royal Mid Surrey 17<sup>th</sup> April. The 2010 Championship will be held on East Course Wentworth GC 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April. There are currently 98 clubs in Surrey and 74 are participating in the County Card Scheme. There are currently five counties in the scheme and it is hoped this will increase to 17 counties for 2010; this will give couples more opportunities to play on different, courses throughout the UK. The Delegates Pack I have produced a new insert for the SLCGA Folder to which I have added Competition Entry Forms. There are two copies of the competition dates and organisers; one for your club notice board and one for the front of the SLCGA Competition Folder. There is also a letter from the Handicap Advisers requesting feedback re 9 hole qualifying competitions. The Delegates Brief has been updated; one change requests that your Delegate is contactable by E Mail. If you have a lot of ladies signing up for a county Card, please can you photocopy the form so that you have enough room to accommodate all requests. Please keep in touch with the SLCGA website, there is lots of news and entry forms for Surrey, EWGA and National Competitions. If any clubs have news they would like posted on the website, please let me know.

There will be three vacancies for Executive Committee in 2010, these need to be proposed and seconded by 2 members of your club and sent to the Surrey Office by the end of February. I will also need a letter from the person being proposed to confirm her agreement of the nomination.

#### **4. c JUNIOR ORGANISER**

Miss Cathy Pritchard reported: Ellis Keenan (Sunningdale) won the Junior Championship and Handicap trophy at Hankley Common GC. Charlotte Griffith (Walton Heath) won the Under 15 Trophy. Four Juniors Nicola Taylor, Niamh O'Connor, Hannah Lovelock and Ellis Keenan all qualified for the last sixteen places in the Ladies Championship, Nicola Taylor made it all the way through to the final. Lizzie Prior (Foxhills) won the Under 13 Championship, Claire Olney (Tyrrells Wood) won the Under 10 Championship. The Junior County Week was held at Wyke Green GC, Surrey came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. In addition there is a Stableford Foursomes competition which Surrey won by a staggering 23 points. Surrey retained the Sue Coombe trophy for the fourth consecutive year. Samantha Fuller won the first US Kids Golf European Championship at Gullane, Scotland from last year's champion from Mexico by 7 shots. Five Surrey girls competed in Callaway World Junior Championships in San Diego. Claire Olney made the cut in the 7 – 8 years old age group, scoring the second best round with a 60, 2 over par, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Ellis Keenan will be heading to the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. She has had a terrific year being selected for the EWGA Futures Select South East Squad; she won the Hampshire Rose, Junior Championship, the Bridget Jackson Bowl and cut her handicap from 4 to scratch during the year. Daisy May Kenny (Cuddington) Charlotte Griffith (Walton Heath) Samantha Fuller (Roehampton) have all been selected for England Coaching, Charlotte and Samantha have also accepted an invitation to the Super Birdies South East Squad. Congratulations and good luck to the girls. Daisy May Kenny won the Surrey Lady's Captains Society prize for the most improved golfer, Daisy cut her handicap from 12.2 to 4.6 a reduction of 62%, second prize went to Samantha Fuller who cut her handicap, during the same period from 25.6 – 9.8 a reduction of 61%. Samantha Fuller has had a very successful year with 9 first places in various competitions. Lizzie Prior also had many successes this year winning the Burhill Family Foursomes with her Dad. Lizzie who is 11 years old has reduced her handicap from 31 – 21 this year. Claire Olney has also had a successful year winning the British Junior Golf Tour Summer Final at Celtic Manor, a 36 hole competition

Claire who is 8 years old won her age group by 13 shots. Cathy conveyed her thanks to her fantastic committee, Frances McAdam, Rosemary Wallis, Sheila Stirling and Penny Hall for all their support

#### **4. d COUNTY TRAINING OFFICER**

Mrs Caroline Warren reported: At the instigation of PGA Professional Fiona Brown and James Lockrose, Surrey has a much more concerted training programme this year. The Pros now see squads from the First Team right down to the Junior Third Division. This helps with progressing the girls through the team and enables a more unified approach to the coaching sessions. In particular there is a specialised five session scheme in place for the First Team Squad. The First Team; a squad of twelve is selected by the Team Captain; they attend regular coaching sessions at Hoebridge and sign a letter of commitment. Second Team are invited to join the Hoebridge practice sessions. Arlene Castle Second Team Captain arranged some practice days in May prior to the start of the Stovold Trophy. Julia Brook has been organising training with Fiona and James for the Juniors. Thank you to Hoebridge, Burhill and Worplesdon golf clubs for making their practice facilities available. We hope that this more focused approach will generate greater enthusiasm amongst the players and improve the standard of Surrey Golf.

#### **4. e EWGA SOUTH REGION**

EWGA appointed a new Finance Director/Company Secretary in November, Mr Jim Green who is a Qualified Accountant. Following on from the resignation of the four National Executive Directors, these positions are currently being advertised and any new appointments will be notified as soon as possible. Sue Whittaker, Chairman of the Management Board, is planning to visit all regions during 2009. The EWGA/EGU are launching a system of active and inactive handicapping, which is hoped will identify the competitive nature of all golfers in England with a CONGU handicap. EWGA AGM will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January in Birmingham. The dates of the South Region meetings and the minutes of these meetings will be posted on the SLCGA website.

#### **4. f. SURREY GOLF PARTNERSHIP**

Mrs Sheila Stirling reported: That the SGP have three main projects. Firstly the Surrey Futures which ran four talent assessment days. These were attended by hundreds of boys and girls, who were put through their paces. We now have 30 girls who can either go into the development training squad or be slotted into a golf club and given some coaching. These girls will start on the coaching programme in January 2009. Second initiative is Surrey 1000 which will be renamed Surrey Start Up this is to encourage new girls into golf, we are looking at up to twenty clubs in the County, who are prepared to take girls who are new to golf. Susan Carpenter has been researching clubs for the Start Up Scheme. Clubs are encouraged to contact Sheila Stirling or Susan Carpenter if they feel they may be interested in joining the Start Up Scheme. Third initiative will be Child Protection Workshops. These are to help Junior Organisers work through all the red tape. The first work shop will be at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club. Fiona Brown is also Regional Coach and Co-Coordinator for the SGP as well as coach for SLCGA. Susan Carpenter and Julia Brook (Junior Training Officer) were thanked for all their support and hard work.

#### **5. RECEIVE AND APPROVE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Miss Yvonne Warren reported. The levy due from Surrey members in 2009 will be £7.00 per member to SLCGA (£1 of this to be donated to SGP), £2.50 per member to LGU and £8.15 per member to EWGA a total of £17.65. In addition each club will pay £15 affiliation fee to Surrey and £15 affiliation fee to EWGA. In 2008 83 clubs over paid their affiliation fee to EWGA, in 2009 these clubs will not be charged an affiliation fee to Surrey. In 2008 SLCGA shows a year end surplus of £743 against a deficit of over £6,000 in 2007. £3,713 was refunded to SLCGA following the closure of SE ELGA, this money has been put into a contingency fund to cover expenses incurred during County Week, the fund currently stands at £7,713. Due to many generous donations by clubs and individual members to the Legal Fund the outstanding balance is now £3,550. Thank you to Chris Braidwood for auditing the accounts and best wishes to Janice Buswell who will be taking on the role of Honorary Treasurer

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mrs A. Castle (Camberley Heath) and Seconded by Mrs L. Clarke (Effingham)

## 6. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS & COMMITTEE for 2009

President	Mrs Frances McAdam	In Office
Honorary Life Vice Presidents	Mrs Joan Rothschild Mrs Jill Thornhill	Proposed: The Committee Proposed: The Committee
Vice Presidents	Mrs S. Birley Mrs A. Cotton	In Office Proposed: The Committee
Captain	Mrs Sheila Stirling	Proposed: The Committee
Vice Captain	Mrs Ann Gems	Proposed: Malden Golf Club Seconded: Royal Mid Surrey
Honorary Treasurer	Miss Janice Buswell	Proposed: The Committee
Junior Organiser	Miss Cathy Pritchard	In Office
County Training Officer	Mrs Caroline Warren	In Office
Executive Committee	Mrs Lynn Cox Mrs Arlene Castle Miss Sally Hubbard Mrs Angela Mark Mrs Christine Staff	In Office In Office In Office In Office In Office

New executive Committee member elected at the May 2008 Delegate Meeting

Mrs Gill Nichols  
Mrs Rosemary Wallis retires under rule 8 (i) (d)  
Mrs Sue Hill & Miss Yvonne Warren retire under rule 8 (i) (g)  
Mrs Val Howard & Mrs Heather Hutton retire under rule 8 (ii) (a) (ii)

Miss Lisa McGowan appointed (First Team Captain). Mrs Rosemary Kennett appointed (The Pearson Trophy Organiser). Mrs Anne Mills (EWGA South Region Representative), Mrs Anne Mitchell & Mrs Sarah Mortimer (Handicap Advisers), Mrs Sue Birley & Mrs Diana Marchant (Standard Scratch Score Assessors) are all in office.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mrs Vivien Harris (Roehampton) asked why there was no parity between EWGA/EGU regarding the use of GPS /Laser measuring devices, this ruling discriminates against women playing in mixed competitions. Question to be discussed at Executive Committee meeting.

## 8. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Mrs Penny Hall announced the trophy winners for 2008. And The President presented the prizes. The President announced that the Molly Gourlay Award for Outstanding Golfing Achievement in 2008 to Miss Ellis Keenan who won the Junior Championship, South East Championship, Hampshire Rose and Bridget Jackson Bowl. Currently 21<sup>st</sup> in the EWGA Order of Merit and now playing off a handicap of Scratch.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm