

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SURREY LADIES COUNTY
GOLF ASSOCIATION HELD AT SURREY NATIONAL GOLF CLUB,
CHALDON, NR CATERHAM, SURREY CR3 5AA
ON SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011 AT 11.00AM**

Present: Shirley Newman (President), Diane Bailey MBE, (Honorary Life Vice President), Sue Birley (Vice President), Ann Gems (Captain), Debbie Edginton (Vice Captain & EWGA Representative), Janice Buswell (Hon. Treasurer), Scilla Millar, Gill Nichols, Sally Parrish, Sophie Warner, Elizabeth Yule (Executive Committee), Anne Mitchell (Handicap Adviser), Hazel Corstin (Pearson Trophy Organiser) and Penny Hall (Secretary). 124 members.

Item	Subject
1.	The Secretary convened the meeting. APOLOGIES – Jill Thornhill (Honorary Life Vice President), Anne Cotton (Vice President), Brenda MacCormack (Junior Organiser), Sandy Bull, (Executive Committee), Sarah Mortimer (Handicap Adviser), Arlene Castle (Second Team Captain), Betty Clarke (Past President), Sue Stradling (Past Captain), Yvonne Warren (Past Honorary Treasurer) and 12 clubs
2.	Minutes of Meeting 10th January 2011 - were signed as a true record of the meeting.
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none
4.	REPORTS
a)	CAPTAIN – Mrs Ann Gems Thank you to everyone for making the effort to attend today’s meeting. I would also like to thank my Committee, President Shirley Newman, my Vice Captain Debbie Edginton and Penny Hall for all their help and support during the year. We currently have a British Champion in Surrey Felicity Christine (Woking) is the British Seniors Champion, Felicity along with Roz Adams (Addington Court) represented England in the Seniors Home International Team. We have an English Championship Sammy Fuller (Roehampton) who is the English Under 13 Champion, Lauren Blease (Burhill) won the South Region Championship this year and Roz Adams (Addington Court) won the South Region Seniors Championship. May I congratulate all these ladies on their wonderful achievements this year. We also have a worthy County Champion Lisa McGowan (Worplesdon). Lisa will be retiring after three years as our First Team Captain; she has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into fulfilling this role I would like to thank her for being such a successful Captain, especially as she also has a full time job. County Week was at Camberley Heath and I would like to thank all the people who came to support Surrey, the volunteers and Camberley Heath for hosting the event. The Stovold Trophy Team play matches against Hampshire, Kent, Middlesex and Sussex. Surrey won the trophy for the second year in a row I would like to congratulate all the players involved and their team captain Arlene Castle who is retiring after five years. Arlene will be taking a well deserved rest. Congratulations to Roehampton who not only won the Surrey Leg of the Pearson Trophy, but the Pearson Trophy finals at Hartsbourne GC, in the Pearson Trophy’s Centenary Year. I would like to thank Hazel Corstin and Rosemary Kennett for managing this very popular and competitive competition. Thank you to the coaches who are under the leadership of James Lockrose. Thank you to Liz Clark for running our seniors matches, anyone who is 50+ please get in touch with Liz if you would like to play in these friendly matches. Thank you Janice Buswell our Honorary Treasurer for keeping the finances in order. Thank you to Julia Brook for running our Junior Girls training. Finally I would like to thank all the Delegates for their support and helping us to keep in touch with your clubs.

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FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN- Mrs Lisa McGowan

Our preparation for the 2011 season actually started at the end of 2010 with open days held once again at Burhill Golf Club. All single figure players, who are members of SLCGA, were invited to attend a two hour session and get introduced to the coaching team and show off their skills. Over 60 players attended one of 4 sessions and from that the members of the two funded coaching squads were selected. In 2011 we had 30 players in funded coaching and over 20 players who participated in self-funded sessions with our coaching team. The formal coaching began in January with James Lockrose taking on the role of head coach with a supporting team of Rachel Adby and Matthew Paget. For the develop squad James brought in consultants in the areas of nutrition, psychology and fitness to ensure we had a complete coaching programme for the year. At the county championship at West Byfleet we saw some fantastic performances from players and particularly from our junior and senior ranks which left the team selection for county week, as always a difficult one but taking into account our 1st team selection criteria which includes performance, experience, fitness, teamwork and commitment the team selection was made for County Week.

The selected team was Roz Adams, Felicity Christine, Carly Cummins, Katie Fewster, Maggie Lowe, Lisa McGowan, Katie Shepherd and Janine Snodgrass. As we had home club advantage we were able to meet weekly at Camberley Heath prior to county week to fine tune our preparations and by the time the week came we were well prepared.

Unfortunately after weeks of practice on a dry course in humid conditions, day 1 at county week was a wet and cold affair and we did not get the fast start to the week we had hoped for and we were down to Sussex in the morning foursomes. We adapted our game plan in the afternoon and came out much stronger in the singles yet could not overturn the morning deficit and ended the day 5-4 down to Sussex.

Day 2 was a similar affair, a tough match against Hampshire, a slow start in the foursomes and a good performance in the singles. Once again we came up short and lost to Hampshire 5-4. Having lost our first two matches we were very disappointed but had a rest day to fit in some practice and team bonding so we came back stronger for our last 2 matches. The team came back well to beat Middlesex 6-3 and Kent 5.5-3.5. Surrey finished 3rd overall and Sussex went on to win all their matches and once again qualified for County Finals in Essex where they finished 4th.

Although we were very disappointed not to win the week we had some positives to take through to next year. A focus for us in 2011 was to improve our results in the singles as this tends to be our weakness. This year Surrey was unbeaten in the singles sessions against any county – this is something we had not achieved since winning county week at Littlestone in 2007. Once we master the art of both formats during the same week we can book our place in the finals!

This is my last year as first team captain and having been involved with Surrey as a player since the age of 12 I was honoured to be asked. It has been a pleasure to be able to contribute towards the development of the county and a big thank you to Penny, Janice and Julia for their help over the years, thank you also to Frances and Shirley for making me laugh constantly and especially thanks to Sheila and Ann who have given me 100% support and made the whole experience fun. We have a fantastic coaching and player structure in place and a team of dedicated volunteers who make it all happen. There are exciting times ahead for the 1st team as we see the benefits of the coaching programme and with the juniors coming through so strongly I think I will sign off and head to the practice ground in the hope of making the first team next year!

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COMPETITIONS – Mrs Penny Hall

I would like to thank West Byfleet & Foxhills for hosting the ladies and girls championship., Worplesdon, St George's Hill, Burhill and Walton Heath for allowing us to

hold the Surrey Ladies finals and all the clubs who held Surrey events this year.; it is very much appreciated by the Association and Finalists. During the year I have to find venues to hold over 30 match finals, so maintaining good relations with the Surrey clubs is important. This is the main reason why we have a clause in our competitions rules that there are no courtesy practice rounds. Please remember that practice rounds are an optional extra and not an additional round in the competition you are playing in. I know this only applies to a minority of players, but I do get telephone calls from perplexed club secretaries from time to time, who have been asked to give courtesy of the course.

Thank you once again to the Executive Committee who have organised and given their time to help run competitions in 2011. A very special thank you to Libby Hagdrup for attending all these events and taking such high quality pictures of the trophy winners, for the Surrey website. Libby whenever I have my picture taken I will make sure that I sit with my knees together with my hands on knees

Lisa McGowan (Worplesdon) is the Surrey Champion for the sixth time; she beat Maggie Lowe (Woking) in the final. Despite the Royal Wedding being arranged on the qualifying day we had a full field for the championship and the members of West Byfleet kindly agreed to live off courtesy rounds at other clubs on the qualifying day. 8 Girls entered 5 qualified for the last 16. This year the handicap limit was 9 which will now apply to all competitors. Debbie Richards (Burhill) won the Seniors Championship she shot a level par at 73 Woking. The Handicap trophy was won by Sheila Stirling (Royal Mid Surrey); Sue Stradling (Worplesdon) won the 60+ gross and Jill Rabin (West Byfleet) nett trophy.

The Druce trophy was held at Chobham this year; we had a fantastic day except for the weather. Chobham were wonderful hosts. The staff and members worked really hard to make sure the day went well. It was an exciting result with Wimbledon Park and Wentworth tying for the lead with a great score of 59.75 beating RAC club's score of 60.00 by just a quarter of a shot.

The Spring Meeting this year was open to players with handicaps 10 – 30 and was played in two divisions. We had a good field for this competition, which was played in three's.

Vicky Henry (Hoebridge) was overall winner with 38 points.

This year the Hicks Trophy and Centenary Bowl will have a preliminary qualifying round, following the result of this round teams will be then be entered into either the Hicks Trophy/Plate, Centenary Bowl/Plate.

A new rule was added last year that seven days notice be given when offering dates, this year three days notice must be given when accepting dates.

If you qualify to use a buggy in a competition please check the buggy policy at the club where you are playing.

We had a new competition this year the Stirling Scratch Salvors Foursomes Knock Out. Players entering the competition do not need to be from the same club, so a similar format to the Centenary Foursomes. It proved to be very popular with some very strong partnerships entering. Jenny Justice and Alison Gee (Walton Heath) beat Arlene Castle (Camberley Heath) and Gill Brooks (Woking) in the final on the last hole.

The Derry Cup is on the way again this year and I must say how impressed I am that most clubs have really got going and played a lot of their matches, I think last year's weather was a good motivator. This year the winning team from each group will play for the Derry Cup and the runner up team in each group will play for the Helme Shield. I would just like to clarify a rule in the Derry Cup in the event of a walkover or conceded match, the Home club will receive two points and the Away club three points.

The Delegates Day in 2010 was a great success; it is so nice to be able to meet with the Delegates outside of an official SLCGA meeting. The next Delegates Day will be held on 27th September at Sutton Green GC.

Next year Surrey will be hosting the EWGA South Region Championship at Betchworth Park from 10th – 12th July. Lauren Blease (Burhill) is the current champion, so it would be nice to keep the trophy in Surrey next year. As soon as I get the entry form I will distribute to all Surrey clubs. Surrey will also be hosting the Regional Final of the Australian Spoons; this will be held at Woodcote Park during their Centenary Year on 2nd August

Dates for 2012

5th July @ Druce Trophy - Cuddington Golf Club

13th – 15th April Championship - Hindhead Golf Club

2nd April Junior Championship - Hankley Common Golf Club

1st August Seniors Championship - Effingham Golf Club

County Card - There are now over three quarters of the clubs in Surrey participating in the County Card Scheme. There will be 27 counties in the scheme for 2012. The card cost will remain the same at £10. I will issue the individual application forms for 2012 at the beginning of March (after the clubs have submitted their application forms) and will post this on the website on the County Card page. This year you will notice that the Delegates meeting will be on the 20th February, the reason, is so you can collect your County Cards at that meeting.

Delegates Pack

All the entry forms for SLCGA member, club and junior competitions are in your delegates pack. Please don't forget to photocopy the entry forms for member and junior competitions, please keep this as a master copy. I have also included a list of dates of competitions for the committees/competitions organisers so that they keep track of the closing dates. This information is also in the Pink Year Book.

Website - The entry forms for SLCGA and Surrey competitions will available on the website, EWGA and National entry forms will be uploaded as I receive them. Delegates please keep in touch with your DELEGATES webpage, to see if there is any additional information available to you. You will see that there is now a page for the Stovold Team and the Pearson trophy.

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JUNIOR ORGANISER – Mrs Brenda MacCormack (read by Mrs Ann Gems)

The Surrey Junior Girls had a splendid year in 2011 and I have reported at the Delegates' Meetings on almost all of our results as the year has progressed. Some of the special moments are: Sammy Fuller, Roehampton, was the U 13 English Girls Champion and Lizzie Prior, Foxhills, came 5th in the U 15's after leading in 3 of the 4 rounds, in the English Junior Girls Championships. Many of our young players qualified for this event and achieved honorable placings. Samantha Fuller, age 12 and handicap 3, from the Roehampton Club won the Wee Wonders Championships at St Andrews. Samantha shot a winning score of 71. She also created history by becoming the only player in the 17 year history of the Wee Wonders to win four British & Irish Championships in all four age groups! She first won in 2005 at age 6. Following her successes at the English Girls' Championships, Lizzie Prior, Foxhills, was chosen to play for England against Spain at Pannal GC. Lizzie played great golf in the match shooting 4 under par to achieve a half with her opponent. Martha Lewis, St Georges Hill, was joint winner of the U11 girls US Kids event at Gullane. She played on Gullane no. 3 course, competing against players from the UK, France, Czech Republic and Switzerland. Lizzie Prior won the U15 US Kids European championships. Both Martha and Lizzie were selected to represent Western Europe against other European groupings and were successful in winning the Van Horn Cup 8-5.

Junior County Week 2011 - This year the event was held at Rochester and Cobham GC in Kent. The team representing Surrey was: Sarah Duns Royal Mid Surrey, Shannon Flynn Burhill, Sammy Fuller Roehampton, Charlotte Griffiths-Captain, Walton Heath, Daisy-May Kenny- Vice Captain, Cuddington, Inci Mehmet Wentworth, Lizzie Prior Foxhills, and Rachel Williams Walton Heath.

Unfortunately the team arrived with quite a few niggling injuries after a busy season. Daisy Macve, non travelling reserve from Surrey National, was called in to replace a back injury. The girls played really well but just could not quite repeat the success of last year and came third behind Hants, the winners and Kent in second place.

Alresford Cup -The Surrey Juniors also retained the Alresford Cup. In 2011 Hampshire invited 9 counties to compete in this annual event. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Sussex, and Surrey and Middlesex all brought teams of 6 players from different handicap ranges. The format of the competition is Stableford with the top 4 scores counting.

Our team age averaged 12½ years and was captained by Lizzie Prior, Foxhills who led from the front achieving 38 Stableford points. She was admirably supported by Claire Olney, Tyrrells Wood, Martha Lewis, St Georges Hill, Jemma Milton, Bramley, Alice Evans and Kate O'Boyle Roehampton. It was a glorious day with a fantastic outcome as the team won by 9 points.

At St Georges Hill on 23 October Lauren Horsford, Wimbledon Park and Shannon Flynn, Burhill competed in the final of the Rigg Quaich Knockout. The winner was Lauren Horsford. Congratulations to Lauren. Lauren is also playing again in the final of the Birley Trophy, but this has been delayed to allow Martha Lewis, the other finalist (St Georges Hill) to recover from a broken arm.

Laura Davies Day -The last event of 2011 was on Sunday, 27th November at West Byfleet - the Laura Davies Day. Although the day was a little windy, at least it did not rain or snow on us this year. The 10 girls invited to attend the clinic with Laura were selected from the Surrey Futures Coaching Squads and the Surrey Playing days. They all benefited from an individual lesson with Laura at the practice area.

Following this Laura bravely took up the challenge of a match, over 4 holes, against our Surrey Girls Champions. Enormous thanks to Laura for her time and inspiration. Everyone enjoyed the experience and many thanks to all the Surrey ladies who came to help or just simply to learn from the occasion.

Coaching 2012 -

The Surrey Coaching programme will continue next year, and we are just in the process of writing to all those players involved. Ten of the lowest handicap juniors will be in Squad 1 with the senior team players and will train with them and hopefully represent Surrey 1. The Futures Programme for 2012 will be a performance based programme, focusing on those girls who show significant enthusiasm, commitment and the necessary potential to succeed. The Futures Programme is all about identifying the "elite" players of the future. At present we do not have dates confirmed for 2012, but these should be available by the end of the year. For other girls, not involved in the Futures Programme, we are hoping to offer other coaching and playing opportunities.

Our new junior website, which is very pink, is now up and running

www.surreygirlsgolf.org

You can read more about the events I mentioned today and we'd love to hear from all the clubs about their junior squads.

Finally an enormous "Thank You" to all the junior committee for their dedication, to Penny for her superb organisation and to Ann, Debbie and Shirley for their never-ending support.

<p>e)</p>	<p>EWGA SOUTH REGION – Mrs Debbie Edginton Looking back at my previous Reports they all followed the same theme and each time I said that I hoped I would soon have some positive information in connection with the merger with the English Golf Union. Now I do. As I am sure you are by now all aware, the merger between the English Women’s Golf Association and the English Golf Union was approved on 16th November. The ladies voted unanimously to approve the merger and the men by an 86% majority. The decision was immediately hailed as a vital step forward for the game. As of 1st January 2012 there will be one organization to be known as England Golf. Club golf will not change; regional competitions will still be run by the Regions, County competitions by the County. There will be just one governing body and in reality it will probably take a while to sort everything out. The offices in Edgbaston and Woodhall Spa are no doubt a hive of activity. The new board will be meeting soon and then there is the selection process for executive directors. The first President of England Golf will be a woman. One of the new Directors is in fact a Surrey lady, Judith Hanratty, who plays at Royal Wimbledon and Royal Mid Surrey. Governance protocols will be set by the board, committees created, staffing structures developed and assets and liabilities amalgamated. There will still be a South Region committee initially but its role is likely to be rather different.</p> <p>Next year Surrey is hosting the South Region Women’s Championship at Betchworth Park from 10th – 12th July and the Australian Spoon finals at Woodcote Park on 2nd August. I hope both events will be well supported.</p> <p>There will be no EWGA Annual General Meeting next year but Delegates will receive all tournament Notices in the near future and I am sure Ann and I will be invited to an England Golf meeting in due course to hear about the future.</p> <p>In the meantime the EWGA website will keep everyone up-to-date.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – Miss Janice Buswell. The members were asked to approve the 2011 accounts. Sophie Warner (Royal Mid Surrey) proposed and Diane Bailey (Reigate Heath) seconded the adoption of the accounts. The motion was carried unanimously by the members.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICIALS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2012.</p>
<p>a)</p>	<p>Honorary Life Vice President – Mrs Sue Birley. Proposed by the Executive Committee, the nomination was carried unanimously by the members. Sue Birley thanked the SLCGA for her nomination, which she was very proud to accept.</p>
<p></p>	<p>Vice President</p>
<p>b)</p>	<p>Mrs Anne Cotton – standing for re-appointment. Proposer; Mrs Shirley Newman Seconder: Mrs Ann Gems. The appointment was carried unanimously by the members.</p>
<p></p>	<p>Captain & First Team Manager – Mrs Ann Gems – in office</p>
<p>c)</p>	<p>Vice Captain – Mrs Debbie Edginton – in office.</p>
<p>d)</p>	<p>Honorary Treasurer – Miss Janice Buswell standing for re-election. Proposer: Mrs</p>
<p>e)</p>	<p>Debbie Edginton, Seconder: Mrs Sophie Warner. The election was carried unanimously by the members.</p>
<p>f)</p>	<p>Junior Organiser - Mrs Brenda MacCormack – in office.</p>
<p>h)</p>	<p>Executive Committee – no new candidates for election. Mrs Sandy Bull, Mrs Scilla Millar, Mrs Sally Parrish, Mrs Sophie Warner and Mrs Elizabeth Yule – in office The Trophies and Awards for 2010 were presented by Mrs Shirley Newman. Mrs Sue Birley retires as Vice President under rule 8 (i) (d) Mrs Gill Nichols retires as Executive Committee under rule 8(ii) (a) (ii).</p>
<p>i)</p>	<p>Appointments for 2012 First Team Captain Mrs Lisa McGowan – retiring. Second Team Captain – Miss Delyth Roberts.</p>

Mrs Arlene Castle – Retiring.
EWGA South Region Representative – Mrs Debbie Edginton.
Pearson Trophy Organiser – Mrs Hazel Corstin
Handicap Advisors – Mrs Anne Mitchell, SLCGA Office.
Mrs Sarah Mortimer – retiring.
LGU Standard Scratch Score Assessor – Mrs Val Howard
Mrs Sue Birley – retiring.

- j) Presentations were made to Sue Birley, Gill Nichols, Lisa McGowan and Frances McAdam. Sarah Mortimer and Arlene Castle were not present to receive their presentations.
- k) Penny Hall reminded members that there will be two vacancies for the 2013 Executive Committee. Nomination must reach the SLCGA Office by 23rd May 2012 for consideration at the May Executive Meeting and ratification at the October Delegate Meeting. Proposals to include a letter with a proposer and seconder. The nominated candidate must also write to SLCGA to confirm that they wish to stand for election.
- l) Penny Hall reported that there will be some changes to the CONGU handicap system in 2012, there will be seminars held during January and February, to present the changes to the members.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Chris Braidwood (Reigate Heath) queried the revised coaching philosophy for 2012. Chris stated that some of the second team players felt they had been alienated by the changes and were concerned that a large number of players receiving funded coaching next year are juniors. Ann Gems responded and confirmed that there will be less funded coaching next year; the elite junior and ladies coaching will be integrated for 2012. However there is still self funded coaching available for single figure handicap golfers in Surrey.
- b) Liz Clark (Effingham) asked for clarification re the draw for Hicks Trophy 2012. Penny Hall explained that instead of the first round having any byes, which restricted entry into the Hicks Plate for some clubs, in 2012 there will be one qualifying round played and Clubs will either qualify for the Hicks Trophy or Hicks Plate, from then on there will be byes in the competition.
- c) Rosemary Wallis (West Hill) asked if there would be a random draw, Penny Hall confirmed that it would be a random draw, but the previous year's winners would not be drawn together.
- d) Irene Brien (Wentworth) asked if the venue for the finals of SLCGA competitions could be given after the 1st/2nd round of a competition. Ann Gems responded that she appreciated Irene's question and said it was difficult to get the prestige venues early on, as in most cases they were still in the competition. Ann confirmed that this question will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting in January.

8. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND AWARDS FOR 2011

Molly Gourlay Award – Ann Gems gave an overview of Molly Gourlay's career and announced that due to her outstanding term as First Team Captain and being six times winner of the County Championship, Lisa McGowan was to receive the Molly Gourlay Award this year. Lisa was delighted to accept.

Following the presentation of trophies and awards and there being no further business the meeting closed at 12.18.