



SOCIETY OF LONDON LADY GOLF CAPTAINS

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 11.00 am. at The Armourer's Hall

The Secretary announced that the 66th Annual General Meeting of the Society of London Lady Golf Captains would now convene.

8 apologies for absence were received.

The Secretary invited the President Carole Hewett to open the meeting, who welcomed everyone and hoped they had an enjoyable day at The Armourer's Hall. She went on to thank everyone for their support during her 2 year tenure which she described as rewarding and interesting. Particular thanks were extended to the ladies of Carole's home club Maidenhead Golf Club. The President then invited the Captain, Gillian Stallard, to Chair the meeting.

The Captain read the name of the members who had sadly passed away during 2023:

Mrs Patricia Blyth of South Herts GC, a member since 1977 at the ripe old age of 102

1. The Minutes of the 65th AGM were approved and signed by the 2022 Captain Janet Alldread.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Captain's Report

Madam President Carol, Madam President Elect Tamsin, Past Captains and Members welcome to the 66th AGM of the Society and the 1st to be held in the Armourers' Hall. I do hope you enjoy your day here and the afternoon tea which will follow. Our Vice Captain Alison together with Sue and Lesley have worked very hard to arrange this venue and I would like to thank them, it was not an easy task this year with the rising costs. My year as Captain is nearly at an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. We played two very friendly matches at my club, Brentwood, who I would like to thank for being very generous. We played with the Essex Lady Golf Captains in May and the London Golf Captains in September both of which were mixed team games. I would like to thank Janet for organising these for me.

The Malden Cup - Our first spring meeting was hosted by Denham Golf Club where we had a buffet breakfast before going out for shotgun start. The weather held off until we had played 9 holes and then the heavens opened. At least everyone got wet. We finished with a comforting afternoon tea. I must apologise for anyone who missed out. It caught us on the hop, we did not realise how popular it would be. We ended up with 92 players. The winners of the Malden Cup were Rhona Tridgell of Old Ford Manor and Jae Percival of Porters Park with 40 points.

The Fulwell Cup - The second Spring Meeting was held at The Wildernesse GC in Sevenoaks in Kent which was in very good condition considering they had had Thunderstorms and torrential rain the day before. The food was delicious. We had a carvery and then a sweet trolley. The winners of the Fulwell Cup were Gill Homes and Gerry Verge from Chislehurst with 43 points.

The Founders Cup - Our first Summer Meeting took place at Pyrford Lakes in Surrey, a challenging course and as the name suggests with plenty of water. At least the weather did not add to this. The winners of the Founders Cup were Ritchye Ko of Sundridge Park and Gail Bottomley of Dulwich and Sydenham GC with 41 points.

The Findlay Cup - My Captain's Day was hosted by Warley Park GC in Essex, a hilly course which was made more challenging by the scorching heat. I should not complain as this was the only day we had sunshine. We played a team game best 2 from 4. The winners of the Findlay Cup were Susan Drummond, Cherry Kennard, Elizabeth Robinson and Sue Miller all from Highgate with a score of 87 points.

The Finchley Bowl - The last event was The President's Day which was held at Aldenham GC in Hert. I think we had nearly all seasons in one day. Sunshine, Thunder, Lightning and rain. All I can say is the meetings for this year ended how they started with the players getting soaked. The winners of the Finchley Bowl were Denise Harrington, Lynn Turner, Kate O'Callaghan and Liz Gullis of West Essex with 79 points.
I must say all the clubs we played made us feel very welcome.

As you know every Captain needs the help of her committee and I am no exception. Thank you, Sue and Jean, for your hard work as Secretary and Treasurer. I would also like to thank Jo, Rebecca, Catherine and Lesley for their help in organising the meetings and the start sheets. I would also like to thank Jo for taking over the running of the website and Cheng for the guidance and support she has given Jo. Jo was new to the committee and I am afraid we dropped her in at the deep end. Lesley I have to thank you for taking on the thankless job of selling the clothing. Also, I have to thank my Vice Captain Alison for the support and work she has put in. I wish you good luck and enjoyment for your year in office. Lastly, I would like to thank Carol and Janet for their support and the advice they have given me. Carol helped run the raffle for me. We raised £1,795 for Living with Schizophrenia which will be increased to £2,100 by the society. I would like to thank all the members who contributed to the raffles the money will be well spent.

Congratulations to all the Cup winners and all those who won prizes

Thank you.

Gillian Stallard - SLLGC Captain 2023

The Secretary thanked the Captain for her speech and her year and asked for a Vote of Thanks from the floor. This was proposed by Sharon Glover of Brentwood Golf Club.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Accounts as follows:-

Good morning ladies

Hopefully all of you have seen the accounts which were emailed to all members earlier this month.

1. The Society is in good health financially. We made a small surplus of £214 31, largely resulting from our Captain's club's generosity not charging green fees for the matches. This helped offset the subsidy for the meetings and the AGM. Our bank balances at the year-end were: current account £2,660.32 and deposit of £7,750.00. As we are still relatively well off, we will continue to use some of these funds in subsidising next year's meetings, matches and AGM as a thank you for the continued support of the membership.

2. On behalf of the Captain's charity, we raised £1,797.20 and in addition the Society will donate £302.80, giving a total of £2,100.00.
3. Full playing membership is slightly down. At the end of September we had 264 compared to 276 last year. This includes 32 new members in the year, and to date this year we have added 7 new members. The total number of Life members at the end of September was 58.

Any questions?

As there were no questions, the Accounts were proposed for adoption by the Captain and seconded from the floor.

A Vote for all in favour: Carried.

5. **Election of President for 2023**

The Committee nominated and proposed Tamsin Loke of The Richmond Golf Club to the Society President for 2024.

Tamsin thanked the committee and went on to talk about the Society being a great friendship. She then thanked Carole for her service and good humour and thanked Malden Golf Club for their support. She went on to congratulate Gillian on a great year in office and wished Alison the best of luck for her year as Captain.

6. **Election of Captain for 2022**

The Committee nominated and proposed Alison Trinick of Malden Golf Club to be the Society's Captain for 2024.

Nomination seconded by Jane Chivers of Malden Golf Club. Jane then said a few nice words about Alison and highly recommended her for the Post of Captain.

The Vote was carried unanimously.

Alison then took the chair and said: -

Now the formalities have been dealt with,

It is great to see so many of you here today, especially my friends from Malden Golf Club. I am following in the footsteps of 8 other captains from Malden which was one of the founding clubs 66 years ago. The aim of the society remains the same, to provide the opportunity to play golf and make friends from different golf clubs and different counties.

I would like to thank Tamsin for accepting the role of President she certainly brings with her a wealth of experience as a past captain of the society and more recently the captain of The Richmond Golf Club, I will be most grateful for your help and advice.

I would also like to welcome Wendy back to the committee as my Vice Captain and thank you Wendy for agreeing, I know it took a bit of arm twisting and am grateful, I very much look forward to working with you and hopefully playing some golf too .

Congratulations both of you on your appointments and wish you both enjoyable terms of office.

This year has been challenging finding a new venue for this meeting due to the hugely inflated quote we received from last year's venue. I think this is a lovely change from a hotel and lunch. In order to keep the price reasonable we chose to change the format from lunch to afternoon tea which I hope you will enjoy.

Events like this take a lot of thought and organising and I would like to thank Lesley (Carter) for her boundless energy and enthusiasm in finding and liaising with this venue and to Sue (Nash) who has been extremely supportive at every turn.

I look forward to working with all the lovely ladies on the committee and value their support enormously.

Next Year, as in previous years, we will be having 5 meetings around the counties

We start with The Malden Cup in April at Harleyford Golf Club Buckinghamshire home to Tyrell Hatton it came highly recommended so I do hope we will have a great day.

In May for The Fulwell Cup we are in Kent at Hever Castle Golf Club set in the grounds of the Hever Castle estate.

I will have my Captain's day, The Findlay Cup at my home club, Malden in July, it will be a team event and hopefully a fun one.

In August we head North East to Chigwell Golf Club in Essex for The Founders Cup

The Grand Finale will be our President's day, The Finchley Bowl at Tamsin's home club The Richmond Golf Club which will also be a team event .

We have three matches with the Surrey Lady Captains, the Surrey Captains and the London Captains all of which will be played at my home club and I wish to thank Malden Golf club for their generosity hosting these matches.

All the dates are listed on the back of the menu card and will be on the website with the online application forms early in the new year. Please do support as many meetings and matches that you can. I shall be praying for good weather but unfortunately can't guarantee it!! I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

My Charity this Year is The Polka Children's Theatre in Wimbledon, which I have chosen as it is local to me and I witnessed how much the children enjoy the performances having been invited to one early this year. I have invited Lynette Shanbury the Executive Director and joint CEO of the theatre to speak to you about their work with disadvantaged children from various London Boroughs, which she will do after tea before our main speaker Mr Peter Bateman who will give us a history of the Livery companies and how they fit in with today's society.

Thank you,

7. Election of Vice-Captain for 2022

The Captain proposed Wendy Sumray of Highgate Golf Club to be her Vice-Captain for 2024. Seconded by Sue Miller of Highgate Golf Club who said a few complimentary words and wished Wendy well in her future role.

A show of hands indicated all those in favour. Carried.

8. **Election of Treasurer**

The committee nominate and recommend for re-election Jean Walker of Chislehurst to continue in the role having completed 9 years in office. This was seconded by Lesley Carter.

A show of hands indicated all those in favour and Jean Walker was duly re-elected.

9. **Election of Committee Members**

There were no vacancies on the committee this year.

10. **A.O.B**

None

11. Date of next Annual General Meeting – **21st November 2024** at a venue to be decided.

12. The vote of thanks from the floor was given by Ann Gems of Malden Golf Club.

13. The Captain said that this concluded the formal part of today and invited everyone to adjourn to the Gold Drawing Room for a glass of sparkling wine to allow the staff to set up the room for afternoon tea.

The Captain closed the Meeting at 1.35 pm.

CHAIR----- Date-----