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**Minutes of the Ladies Section of Wheathill Golf Club on**

**Date:** Wed. 15th February 6.00pm. 2017

**Venue:** Sue's house. 23 Old Wells Rd. Shepton Mallet. BA4 5XN

**AGENDA**

**Present**

Sue Bamping	SBa	Ladies Captain
Melanie Brewin	MB	Vice Captain
Pam Frith	PF	Past Captain
Helen Lane	HL	Treasurer
Sandra Bradshaw	SB	Secretary
Sue Harrop	SH	Handicap Secretary
Joan Stone	JS	Competition Secretary
Ann Gates	AG	Committee Member/ Eclectic
Greta Hillier	GH	Committee Member

**1. Apologies for absence**

Jan Finan	JF	County Delegate
Lynn O'Neill	LO	New Members Delegate

**2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** - The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed by ...HL    Seconded by ...AG.....    Signed by Lady Captain

**3. Matters arising**

Pam discussed with various ladies the idea of placing a notice near the ninth green to indicate where Lavender Cottage was. The general opinion was not in favour of this as it could encourage other members to pay a visit around the trees. There were problems several years ago when this happened.

## Items from the Main Committee

- Jim O'Connor has been working on a new web site, the address being Wheathillgolf.co.uk. Any document you wish to place on the website should be in pdf format.
- Archiving is ongoing.
- If there are no changes to any topics from the Main Committee rather than keep saying ongoing I will just report when an issue has been resolved.
- Shoe Cleaner – Work in hand to improve the area around the cleaner.
- Junior fees – Although the junior fees were reduced the number of Juniors has not increased. Andrew will be asked ( he was not present) to look at fees again.
- SGU development officers are meeting with Andrew and Jill Byrne.
- Printer cabinet will be made to house the printer and lap top. This was completed this week.
- Outdoor shelter will be erected for players to place their bags in when it rains.
- Correspondence has been received from the EGU regarding the use of non-qualifying scores to supply information regarding members' results.
- Management proposed to set up a Winter SSS for use by new members. This proposal was rejected by the Handicap Committee.
- Juniors had their first meeting of players and parents on 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- Dave Gregory expressed concern about the cost of the food for the Presentation evening. It was agreed that the Captains would get together to discuss the issue.
- The rough behind the 15<sup>th</sup> Green will be left to grow longer to prevent balls running on to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee.
- The outside of the Main Building will be painted this year.
- From March 1<sup>st</sup> Buggies allowed on a day to day basis.
- Course Clocks are to be repaired and will only be placed on the course during the playing season.

### **4. Lady Captain's Report**

The Mail on Sunday is not being organised this year due to the difficulties some clubs have at the beginning of the season with course conditions. They are reviewing the situation for next year.

A reminder of what was said at the A.G.M. - as it was so long ago. Wheathill has a bye in the Rogers Cup and the Centenary Plate. The first match for Wheathill in the Rogers Cup is at Cannington versus Mendip, and in the Centenary Plate it is at Minehead against Enmore.

With help from Ann, Sue and Melanie the handbook has been updated and is on the website.

There followed some discussion regarding the competitions requiring 3 qualifying cards. The list was amended and the revised copy will be sent to the Pro-shop.

### **5. Lady Vice-Captain's Report**

I have already been very busy working on friendly matches for 2017 season.

We have fixtures arranged for;

Sunday 12th March Mixed Friendly v Cricket St Thomas (H) Greensomes  
11.00

We currently have 6 pairs signed up for this, but more would be welcomed.

Tuesday 11th April Friendly v Cricket St Thomas (H) 4BBB 11.00  
Tuesday 23rd May Friendly v Isle of Wedmore (H) 4BBB 11.00  
Monday 5th June Friendly v Orchardleigh (A) Greensomes 11.00  
Tuesday 4th July Friendly v Sherborne (H) 4BBB 11.00  
Monday 21st August Friendly v Long Sutton (A) 11.00

I attended a meeting at Long Sutton Golf club on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 with Christine Burrows from Cricket St Thomas and Sandra Basford from Long Sutton.

The meeting was an informal discussion on the rules pertaining to the Tri-match. Sandra Basford and Christine Burrows had more knowledge of the history behind this competition and shared it with me. Jointly we agreed the following points to be adhered to for the matches in 2017. The Captains for 2018 may discuss and make changes to this as they see fit.

- We will keep with the 6 highest scores out of 8 to be counted.
- Each team can include a maximum of 3 silver players, there is no minimum stipulation of silver players. 8 bronze players can be selected.
- The handicap will be 90% for all players.
- The 3 team captains on the day will go out in the first group to enable them to receive players' cards as they finish the round. All subsequent matches will go out in handicap order.
- The match order is rotated each year. 2017 order of play will be Cricket St Thomas, Wheathill, Long Sutton. 2018 order of play will be Wheathill, Long Sutton, Cricket St Thomas.
- The trophy will be presented at the last match to the winners. If you hold the trophy don't forget to bring it with you!
- Abandonment of match. In extreme weather conditions the captains can agree to abandon the match. If 9 holes or less have been played the fixture can be re-arranged at a mutually convenient date. If more than 9 holes have been played the scores for all teams will stand.

It was emphasised that this is a friendly competition aimed at introducing new ladies to interclub play and that overtly competitive behaviour and language has been witnessed in the past not in keeping with this ethos.

Dates for the Tri-matches are as follows;

Cricket St Thomas	Tuesday 18th April
Wheathill	Tuesday 11th July
Long Sutton	Monday 2nd October

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we have the bag of beans against the seniors. Sign-up sheets for all these fixtures will be posted in the locker room 6 weeks beforehand.

The mixed open is on Sunday 16th July, entry forms are available on the mixed noticeboard at the club and the golf empire website.

We have a Lady Captain's away day to Tall Pines on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July and in lieu of a second away day Sue and myself wish to encourage as many ladies as possible to join us for the Cricket St Thomas Rally on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. At £17 each for a round of golf with light lunch and the chance of a prize it represents great value for money.

25 ladies have paid deposits for the away weekend to St Pierre, Chepstow on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone else is interested in coming I may be able to secure additional rooms. I will also keep a reserve list in case anyone should drop out before the event.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Date	Comp	2016				2015	
		Entries	Income	Expenses	Profit	Entries	Profit
04.12.16	Chicken Run	30	90	90	0	30	14.56
08.12.16	Senior Ladies Christmas Comp.	21	63	55	8	19	20.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34.56</b>
	<b>MONEY AT BANK 15.02.17</b>						
	Current A/C	£717.89					
	Reserve A/C	£589.52					
	Charity A/C- 2017 DSAA	£100.02					

## 7. Competition Secretary's Report.

The First round draw for the 2017 Women's Daily Mail Foursomes competition has now been completed.

Wheathill have been drawn at home against Long Sutton.

As winners of the The Daily Mail Foursomes in October, Caroline Wolfe & Kath James will represent Wheathill.

The first round has to be played on or before Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

We wish them both the best of luck.

Also, I would just like to mention the Winter Trophy/Plate run by the Men's section. This is a pairs knockout competition, played throughout the winter. I am pleased to inform you that three ladies have made it through to the final of the plate.

Kate & Gavin Cleverly will play Gin Stewart & Joan Stone.

### Review of last months' competitions

## 8. Handicap Secretary's Report

### HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2017

#### NEW HANDICAPS

Anne Scott 30 (handicap transferred from Sherborne GC)

#### HANDICAP NEWS

England Golf has sent out several directives during the last few months about the recording of non-qualifying scores.

The handicap committee are considering all the implications of these directives.

## 9. County Delegate's Report –

Unable to attend the General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January but has received the Minutes of this meeting. Copies to Lady Captain and Secretary.

10. **New Members Report** - Nothing to report at this time

## 11. Juniors

**12. Starters for Men's Competitions - Non received**

**13. Correspondence - non received**

**14. AOB**

The handicap committee continues to meet monthly and has been discussing the latest directives from England Golf.

1. Re the recording of non- qualifying scores returned away from a player's home club (e.g. at Opens).
2. Re the results of non- qualifying competitions played at a player's home club.

England Golf suggests that evidence from both these sources should be used as supporting evidence of performance when it comes to the Annual review.

The handicap committee has decided to see what happens this season with regard to players/clubs returning results from Away competitions and will also monitor the results of Wheathill non- qualifying competitions.

SH suggested that the ladies section keep a record of roll up winners in the form of a result sheet on the competition board where the name of the winner of each week's roll up is recorded. After much discussion, this was agreed.  
S.H.

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Concerns were raised about the artificial turf on the 11<sup>th</sup> tee.  
It was suggested that this has been laid the wrong way.  
It appears that the 'grass' presently runs from side to side but should be turned 90° so that it runs from back to front. Currently it causes some difficulty, particularly for LH players.  
LH players are experiencing great difficulty in inserting tee pegs in temporary tees. A.G.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Location: Jubilee Room, Wheathill Golf Club at 6.00. p.m.**

**Signed as correct ..... Date .....**