

SOCIETY OF LADY CAPTAINS OF KENT GOLF CLUBS MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The 57th Annual General Meeting was held at the Weald of Kent Golf Club, Headcorn on Monday
5th March 2018 @ 11:00 a.m.

The President, Mrs. Pat Noble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms Joan Harris, Hon. Secretary, read the notice convening the meeting.

PRESENT: President Mrs Pat Noble, Lady Captain Mrs Ann Idle, Lady Vice Captain Mrs Judie Smith, Hon. Secretary Ms Joan Harris, Hon. Treasurer Mrs Susan Jones. **Committee Members:** Mrs Linda Barnett, Mrs Christine Farley, Mrs Valerie Makin, Mrs Betty Fish, Mrs Ros Whalley. Kent Captain Mrs Anne Billings and 109 Members.

APOLOGIES: A list of apologies was held by the Hon. Secretary. There were 81.

Mrs Ann Idle read out the name of the Society members who had passed away in 2017/2018. A Minute's silence was given. Mrs Margaret Longmate, Mrs Esther South, Mrs Brenda Nurse, Mrs Helen Walliker, Mrs Bar Shepherd, Mrs Maggie Radford, Mrs Audrey Gregor. Also mentioned was Mr Reg Taylor who was President of the Society of Kent Mens' Captains.

1. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017

These were agreed

Proposed:	Mrs Mary Robinson	Chestfield
Seconded:	Mrs Valerie Harrison	Faversham

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

3. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Good morning ladies.

This is my second year as Treasurer and may I say what a pleasure it has been to work with Annie this year. Society report was included with AGM papers for year Nov 2016 to Nov 2017.

The society's funds continue to be in a healthy position.

We have had a good take up of new members again this year, at the same time unfortunately members have had to leave or choose to leave for various reasons. In doing so I have had some wonderful compliments about ladies time with the Society.

So year on year membership remains healthy.

We have **376** Members which includes **26** New Members for this year
60 Life Members including **7** Honorary Life Members

We also have **33** members who I am waiting to hear from about this years membership. I have had no post for a week

Postage and Printing costs were a lot lower last year due to AGM papers being emailed. May I just say to keep this process successful if your email address changes please will you inform us.

Society clothes sales continue to be good at £803.00
Total stock holding stands at £2812.00

This year we purchased a camera some booklets to send to new members and for those of you playing in events will have seen the new flag on the first tee.

I would like to again extend a big thank you to Colin Reid from Burgess Hodgson in Canterbury for all his help with auditing the societies report.
The Society is making a small donation to his companies charity.

I look forward to my time on committee in the coming year with Judie as Captain. If anyone has any questions I will do my very best to answer them.

No questions were raised from the floor.

ADOPTIONS OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed:	Mrs Katrina Howard	Chart Hills
Seconded:	Mrs Sue Woodley	Park Wood

4. LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Mrs Ann Idle

Lady President,Ladies. Good morning and an especially warm welcome to Anne Billings, KCLGA Captain who has been a great supporter of our society.

What awful weather we have had and I must thank you all for making the effort to get here today in such difficult circumstances. We are a hardy breed. In fact, I have been quite overwhelmed by your support. Last year our AGM was bursting at the seams. I thought I was the main attraction until our speaker, Graham Dear arrived, handsome as well as charismatic. He gave us an insight into his life as one of the Queens Yeomans of the Guards. We could have listened to him for hours.

Before I proceed further. Data Protection was mentioned at last years AGM. After much discussion within the committee, it was decided not to pursue this further and we will not be posting a data protection policy on the website. We will however, abide by the Act and follow the principles on personal data use.

Now to our year.

Our matches, I am pleased to say were oversubscribed and this has reflected in our results.

12 ladies made the journey through the tunnel for our match against Essex at Orsett GC The match was drawn.

Our match at Cooden Beach V Sussex Lady Captains was played on a very windy day. Flag poles were blown out of the holes but the sun shone and we won 5/3,

We played Surrey Captains at Redlibbets GC on a warm, sunny day. A resounding 5 1/2 - 2 1/2 win.

Our return match with Sussex was held at Ashford GC.. A 5/3 win.

Elaine Campbell, Ashford Lady Captain went out of her way to make sure our day ran smoothly.

28 Ladies represented the Society at our Annual match with the Kent Mens Captains.

Previously organised by Ian Dunlop,this time it fell to Harry Wanless. As many of you know, this is not my most favourite of matches but with Captain William Alberys good humour, he won me round. Kent Captains were celebrating 50th years of their society, it gave me great pleasure to present William with a custom made Gavel in a presentation box on behalf of SLCKGC. In return each lady received a beautiful commemorative visor clip. The mens team were victors but as 1/2 our ladies were on their side I call that a draw!

This year we held an inaugural match of our committee versus KCLGA committee. A fun day at Ashford GC . I am pleased to say that both Anne Billings and Pat Noble were able to join us for Afternoon Tea after the match. Another win for us. Valerie Harrison organised our annual get-together of Presidents and Captains at Faversham GC. Golf followed by lunch. Unfortunately I didnt make the golf as I was too hungover from celebrating Redlibbets winning the 4 Counties Pearson final but I think I made lunch.

The Spring meeting was held at Boughton GC. Thank you to Sylvia Warboys, Pat Fagg and Gail Gardener for their help on the day. The winners were Valerie Harrison & Jan Sayle of Faversham GC with 45 points.

The Cobnuts meeting at Sittingbourne & Milton Regis GC was held on a blistering hot June day. Winners were Maureen Thompson & Margaret Allan of Redlibbets GC with 41 points.

An enormous field for our Autumn Meeting at Redlibbets GC. Three team were on 41 points at the end of the day but the winners on count back were Helen Albery & Christine Mears of Faversham GC.

Sue Simpson of Cherry Lodge had a hole in one on the 13th hole and was presented with a memento on the day. She also made a generous donation to Kent Junior girls.

A huge thank you to all the Golf Clubs for looking after us so well, to all the teams who were so friendly, to everyone that supported the meetings and especially the organisers.

In the past we have held two meetings at different venues for those Incoming Captains East and for those West of the County, however, this year we decided to condense into one which was held at Bearsted GC.

My thanks to Pam Bentley, new to the committee but took over the organisation of the meeting so ably. To Amanda Rose for keeping the website updated. Thank you.

Our Committee has been amazing.

President Pat Noble no longer plays golf but has supported every meeting and even been at a couple of the matches. Always on the end of the phone for help and advice.

Betty Fish for organising the Cobnuts meeting. Chris Farley and Sue Jones for running the day despite both of them being unwell.

To Sue Jones keeping the finances in order. Valerie Makin for helping with the clothing.

Special thanks to our three retiring committee members. Ros Whalley who took on looking after and overseeing our clothing..

To Linda Barnett, who despite breaking her leg in a freak accident just after last year's AGM and being unable to move as she had to keep her leg straight and still, ran both the Spring and Autumn meetings. To Jo Harris, after 3 years is retiring from her role as Secretary. Enjoy your retirement ladies and thank you all so much. You have been such a supportive and helpful committee. I've enjoyed working with you all.

Jo Harris was presented with a gift from the Society for her hard work during the three years as Hon. Secretary.

Finally, Judie Smith. We have worked so well together. She is calm, dedicated and organised and I am pleased to say we have become very good friends. I have no doubt that our Society will grow even more under her leadership and I wish her every success.

To have been your Captain this year has truly been an honour, I have enjoyed every single moment, well nearly every single moment and had lots of fun.

Proposed: Mrs Josey Moseley Redlibbets
Seconded: Mrs Pat Davoodbhoy Rochester & Cobham

Mrs Smith presented Mrs Idle with her Past Captain's badge, together with a gift from the Society for all her hard work as Captain of SLCKGC.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lady Captain: Mrs Judie Smith Proposed by Mrs Ann Idle
(Wildenese) Seconded by Mrs Jean Stirling

Mrs Idle presented Mrs Smith with the badge of office. Mrs Smith thanked Mrs Idle for her hard work throughout the year.

Lady Vice Captain: Mrs Rebecca Goldsmith Proposed by Mrs Ann Idle
(Park Wood) Seconded by Mrs Linda Barnett

With the retirement of Joan Harris as Hon. Secretary, Mrs Pam Bentley, current committee member, has agreed to stand as Hon. Secretary.

Hon. Secretary Mrs Pam Bentley Proposed by Mrs Ann Idle
(Faversham) Seconded by Mrs Helen Albery

Hon. Treasurer Mrs Susan Jones was prepared to stand again.
All were in favour from the floor.

Committee Members

With the retirement of Mrs Linda Barnett, Mrs Ros Whalley as committee members and Mrs Pam Bentley who now agreed to stand as Hon. Secretary there are three vacancies on the committee. Two nominations were received prior to the AGM.

Mrs Liz Stephens Proposed by Mrs Christine Farley
(Bexleyheath) Seconded by Mrs Ann Idle

Mrs Marion Sellar Proposed by Mrs Jean Walker
(Chislehurst) Seconded by Mrs Judie Smith

Volunteers were asked from the floor for the third position. None were forthcoming however, if anyone was interested please speak with the Captain or Secretary.

6. INCOMING LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Mrs Judie Smith

Lady President, Annie, Ladies

I am very honoured and proud to be your Captain for 2018. I have been most fortunate to follow Annie who during her year as Captain has worked tirelessly to provide a fun and action-packed programme. Annie has led the Society with great enthusiasm and energy and made sure that we are keeping up to date and going forward in a very healthy state. Her presentation skills and prize tables have been much admired and I will do my best to maintain this high standard. Working with you Annie, has been great fun and I wish you well for a more relaxed 2018.

Looking ahead to my year, I do hope many of you will enter the competitions and matches as advertised on today's table menus and Society website. We depend on the support of Kent Clubs to enable us to enjoy playing good golf courses at a reasonable price. The competitions and matches are open to all playing members. Whatever your handicap, you are very welcome. However, if you are playing in a competition at your home club you will be deducted one shot from your handicap.

The matches against the Sussex, Surrey and Essex Societies are subsidised by the Society and are always very sociable, fun and enjoyable occasions playing a 4 Ball match followed by a meal. If you enjoy matchplay and would like to partake, please let me have your availability on the match form which was either sent or emailed to you in early January. The entry forms for all our events can be found on the website. Thank you to those members who have already entered these events.

Our Treasurer, Sue Jones, has worked extremely hard this year to keep you all well informed with up to date information regarding our events. In order for our Society to thrive and stay healthy we all need to encourage potential new members to join. Please help to promote our Society. There is much fun and good golf to be enjoyed.

As present and past captains, we have all contributed to this wonderful game of golf and I am sure have memories of happy days making new friends from different clubs across the county. Our Society provides opportunities to keep up with these friends and to make new ones. I have enjoyed a very long association with our Society, as 48 years ago my mother, Mollie Sharp, was elected Captain. It was always very apparent to me how much she looked forward to keeping up with all the friends made during her year. I look forward to doing the same.

7. COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Mrs Anne Billings

Good morning ladies and thank you for inviting me here this morning to give you an update on the counties activities.

Last year the Kent Championship was held at Littlestone G.C. in April, Sharna Dutrieux from Wrotham Heath became our County champion. We hosted County week in June also at Littlestone G.C. run very efficiently by Mandy Mole and her team. Our Kent team were not successful last year but they learnt a lot and showed great promise for the future. Hampshire were the eventual winners.

We have continued to encourage the younger players to progress in all levels of their game. Please if you have any junior girls at your club, let us know. We run lots of events and training for girls, it is important for them to meet and mix with girls from other clubs, we feel this gives them encouragement to continue with their golf. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the society for their kind donation again to our junior girls, it is very much appreciated.

Our Junior Championship was held at Wildernesse in early June. Our Junior Champion this year was Darcie Smith from Charthills. Junior County week was hosted by Hampshire at Royal Winchester golf club in August. Our junior team worked well together and showed great promise for the future. Our Junior captain this year is Darcie Smith from Charthills. This year our junior

Championship will be held at Canterbury G.C. in early June and Junior county week will be hosted by Middlesex at Highgate G. C. in August.

Our 2nd team was led by Cheryl Power, my Vice Captain. They competed again for the Stovold Trophy, playing very well and just missing out on winning the trophy by 1 point to Sussex. Our senior team again did well, coming 2nd in the 10 counties tournament last September, this was hosted by Hertfordshire at Knebworth golf club.

We also held various events for ladies, last year we had The Random Waltz at Ashford, Team Rumble at Hever, Golfing Allsorts at Pedham Golf centre and The Doxfords at Rochester & Cobham G.C. We also ran our club team competitions; all were very well supported.

This year we have a busy year ahead, our championship is to be held at Langley Park in April and county week will be in Hampshire at Hockley G.C. in June. In January, under the supervision of our training officer, Sandy Catford, we held our squad training day at Pedham golf centre, inviting our first, second and senior squad players. We also invited our junior players with their parents. They enjoyed meeting and mixing with the lower handicap players, hopefully this encourages them to progress in all aspects of their game.

Sandy has put together an extensive training programme for all county players, from first team players to the young beginners. Training takes place at various locations throughout the county so there is something for everyone. Again this year we have been invited by England golf and the golf foundation to take part in the Golf rocks programme, this encourages young girls to get into golf throughout the county. Many of our junior girls have volunteered again to be Ambassadors for the scheme.

This coming Thursday, I will finish my time as county Captain, it has been a very busy but enjoyable two years. I hand over the captaincy to Cheryl Power from Langley Park. I know I am leaving the county in very good hands. We have an amazing committee, who work tirelessly for the county.

Thank you for listening and I wish you all a very happy golfing year.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11:45 a.m.