

**KENT COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of The Annual General Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

<b>Present:</b>	The President	Mrs Hazel Bristow
	The President Elect	Miss Audrey Disbury
	Vice President	Mrs Chris Lohan
	Vice President	Mrs Sarah Miller
	Vice President	Mrs Sue Coombe
	Captain	Mrs Jo Beslee
	Vice Captain	Mrs Chris Daniels
	Hon Treasurer	Mrs Jenny Brown
	Hon. Secretary	Mrs Sarah Brooks
	County Training Organiser	Mrs Kim Brusadelli
	County Junior Organiser	Mrs Maureen Gregory
	Competition Secretary	Mrs Dorothy Featherstone
	County Representative to South Region of EWGA	Mrs Marilyn Brown

Committee: Mrs Maria Dolphin, Miss Rhona Hunter, Mrs Pat Jones, Mrs Anne Phillips, Mrs Diane Ranger, Mrs Anita Tullett, Ms Kam Cheema and Miss Dawn Edwards

There were 144 members in attendance.

**1 Apologies:**

Apologies for absence had been received from 12 clubs and 24 members.

The President opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking members for attending. She introduced the top table and called upon Mrs Jo Beslee to chair the meeting. Jo called upon Mrs Sarah Brooks to read the notice convening the meeting.

**2 Jo Beslee, Captain, asked if the Minutes of the last meeting could be taken as read.**

This was agreed and the Minutes were signed as a true record. There were no Matters Arising.

**3 Jo Beslee asked the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Jenny Brown, to present the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011:**

"Madam President, Captain, Ladies - I have pleasure in presenting the year ending July 2011 accounts of the Kent Ladies Golf Association. Before explaining the accounts I would like to state that all the proposed amendments in this report are intended to avoid a deficit on the accounts for 2012. As you will note from the Income and Expenditure Account there is a deficit to reserves of £16,502.

**Income is down by £3,172**

We had 226 fewer members paying the same county subscription as last year. Due to auditing corrections this has resulted in a deficit to this item of £2,088. The Committee has agreed to raise Subscriptions by 60 pence for 2012 making a total of £6.60. County Card income reduced as well as the price of the card was reduced by a £1 from the previous year. It has been agreed to put the price back to £3 for next year and we hope all those who purchased the card this year will do so again plus any others who might like to enjoy the benefits the card gives.

**Expenditure is up by £13,210**

We have incurred extra costs in five categories. These are:-

1. Member Competition Meetings,
2. Juniors,
3. 1st Team,
4. 2nd Team,
5. Committee Travel.

There are no real significant increases in any of the other categories.

**Member Competition Meetings** - Which are open to everyone incurred losses of £2,753 due to the subsidised entry fee (£30).

Next year all Members Competitions will have to be self financing. Competitions will also be priced according to the cost of the venue. However, it is has to be noted here that the last three competitions for this year held in September made further losses of £1,500. This figure will be carried forward and will therefore appear in next year's accounts.

**Juniors** - In 2010 £4,130 was spent by the county on Junior coaching. A donation of £10,000 in 2011 was made to the Juniors in order that they could cover their own coaching costs. No payments to Juniors are now needed until 2013. The sum of £1,067 is partially money omitted from last year's accounts and a deposit paid for Junior County Week.

**1st Team** - costs up £1,666 making a total of £13,248. In order to help make the cuts we need it has been agreed to keep 1st Team costs down to £10,000 for 2012.

**2nd team** - This cost has gone up by £600 due to increased coaching costs.

**Committee Travel** - This item does include the Committee Honorarium for 2011 and also some extra Kent Golf Partnership meeting travel costs which were in connection with The Open held in Kent this year. As a result this year net travel costs increased by 36%. The Committee are taking measurers to bring this down for next year.

Finally in an attempt to balance the accounts we need to make one more amendment to income. Entry fees for County Knockout Competitions were stopped in 2007 but we now need to reinstate them. The fees have been kept to a minimum so we hope all those who entered last year's competitions will continue to enter this year's.

Before I finish could I now ask you turn to the Balance Sheet page please.

**The balance sheet shows total net reserves of £49,175** - However, the amount of cash the County actually had as at 31st July 2011 is shown on your sheet under current assets under the headings of current account and reserve account. The total of these two sums add up to £29,475. Of this, £10,000 is reserved for the 1st team for when they qualify to go to the County Finals leaving a balance of £19,475 in the account for the start of the new financial year. Cashflow is our main concern here as there will be a long period of outgoings before we receive our main source of income. This is the affiliation fees which are not due until March 2012. We must ensure in the meantime our reserves do not fall too low.

#### **Junior Account**

As you can see the increased income is mainly due to a donation of £10,000 made by the County and increases in other grants. The sum of £3,827 included a late payment from EWGA for the previous year.

Expenditure is slightly higher mainly due to increase in travel and kit which was purchased for girls for County Week. Sundries increased by £617 as a Junior Captain's Badge was purchased plus a supply of Junior Champion Trophies for the next ten years.

In closing, I would like to thank Shell Foster for performing the Audit for the County. If there are any questions I will try and answer them."

There were no questions.

Jo asked for a Proposer for the adoption of the accounts, Sheila Hinton, Junior Treasurer proposed and Gill Tucker, Wildernesse, seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

Jo thanked Jenny saying: "thank you on behalf of all of us for your hard work this year".

#### **4 Appointment of Auditors:**

Jo Beslee asked for approval of the appointment of Burnt Oak Book-Keeping Ltd as Auditors for the coming year this was proposed by Jenny Brown, seconded by Hazel Bristow and carried unanimously.

#### **5 The Captain's Report: - Jo Beslee**

"Lady President, Ladies,

Where to start? Start at the beginning! We were delighted this time last year to have an application for the position of Secretary – Sarah Brooks from Wildernesse. What a welcome relief and what an excellent addition to the Committee. Sarah is efficient, thorough and extremely professional. Contacting the Delegates directly through emails has increased communication massively and the news is being plastered over all your notice boards – I know because I have seen them! I also know those who haven't as I report them back to Sarah immediately! Thank you Marilyn and Dorothy for helping with the transition and I hope that Sarah, having completed one year will now find it easier.

The Merger – Marilyn and I attended two meetings about the merger and we felt progress was slow but we realised exactly how much had to be done from both sides. The general feeling is positive for the merger. Finally in September we held a Delegates meeting here at Ditton to view the official DVD and we also invited Margaret Berriman, from EWGA, to answer questions. Thanks to Marilyn and Sarah for organising the meeting – the chairs do not put themselves out, the refreshments are not there by magic. Not only that, at the end of the day we, in Kent had a positive vote. On Wednesday, this week, we will go to the EGM in Birmingham and put our vote forward. Sarah will email Delegates as soon as we have a result.

Distance Measuring Devices – we will continue to use them in Kent and it would seem that it is only a matter of time before we have the official say so from EWGA - as Linda Bayman said – **the toothpaste is out of the tube!**

Then to our first major competition of the year in April. We were delighted to be able to hold the Championship at Ashford as it is our President's home club! Ashford could not have been more helpful and cooperative thanks to Simon Naylor, the manager. Our new Kent Ladies Champion was Jessica Gregory. Jessica was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best qualifier and played superb golf all week, none better than her last round playing Jerry Lawrence. Jessica was completely in her golfing zone and I think she would have beaten anybody who played against her on that day. Jerry played a fantastic semi final against Anne Wheble in the morning but unfortunately was runner up in the afternoon, but then, second best two years running is not bad for her CV, is it? As best qualifier Jerry won the Jackson Plate and also with Jessica and Jerri Sewell secured the team shield for Rochester and Cobham Park GC. The Centenary Cup for the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight was won by Jerri Sewell and the Senior Championship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running was won by Jenny Brown from Nizels. Amidst much embarrassment we also presented Jerry Lawrence with her 1<sup>st</sup> team colours which she actually won in 2009 and somehow we managed to miss presenting them to her!

Jessica is 17 and we pondered if she was the youngest Champion – in fact Danielle Masters also won it when she was 17 and guess what? They share the same birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. May Jessica have many more similarities as she follows her own golfing career.

The County Team was announced; Anne Wheble, Jerry Lawrence, Tereza Russo, Kim Morris, Charlotte Hope, Jessica Gregory, Jerri Sewell, Sophie Daws and non travelling reserve, Pamela McGuirk. I also had much pleasure in presenting Anne Wheble with a silver bracelet as a small memento from the Association in recognition of 20 years consecutive play in our County Teams. Anne has been a fantastic ambassador for the sport and for Kent Ladies - never mind being a fierce opponent! Her grit and determination have never faltered and a 30 foot putt on the last hole to either win or half a match is definitely NOT out of the question. Only last year Anne played in all 8 matches at County Week and gave us 4 ½ points – not bad for, let's say, an older member of the team!!

Soon County Week was upon us. We had such high hopes after all the training and preparation. With three juniors in the team we hired a mini bus for the week to help travel arrangements and keep the team together. We also tried to keep the caddies to a minimum, having one caddy per person where possible. As the M25 is so unpredictable we booked the caddies into the nearest and cheapest Travelodge. Remember our first match begins at 8.30am and we could not risk our caddies being stuck in traffic. Then, as our last preparation for good results we also took Warren Wood, our Training Professional for 4 of the 5 days. I have put these three items together as these were our three 'necessary but extra' expenses for the week and definitely pushed our budget over the limit. They were justified but, extra, and incurred because of the distance to Camberley Heath, Surrey and keeping our Juniors where we could see them! (Not that they are difficult or wayward!).

Unfortunately we came in 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 5 counties. (I cannot bring myself to use the word L A S T) No one could be more disappointed than the team themselves –they had worked hard and prepared well including two practice rounds at Camberley. On reflection we felt our putting let us down.

I think we had the youngest team playing and for two of them it was their first appearance, a daunting task in spite of their excellent playing ability.

It was an incredibly deflated team that came home but a team with huge prospects for the future. Please do not despair.

I must thank everyone involved with County Week including the caddies and our supporters – it's an exhausting week with so much to remember and everyone helped everyone. I also realised it was a long way to come but I cannot express sufficiently how much we appreciate your smiling and familiar faces. Next year we will be hosting County Week at Princes and so please, please do come and support your team. I would be delighted to buy you coffee myself!

I am very fortunate to have a husband, (I am very fortunate to still have a husband!) who is a member of Royal St George's, so in March I was allowed to take the County Team for a game there. I took 12 altogether and although a chilly, damp day I think everyone enjoyed the experience and thoroughly enjoyed the course.

Our Junior County Week was another story and I leave that to our Junior Organiser to tell you all!

Steve Mitchell, from Etchinghill, who already coaches many of our juniors has come on board with Warren from Rochester & Cobham to help with our training programme. The juniors are now beginning to come into our senior teams. With these two coaches joining forces we have the start of great continuity and the strong possibility of a thriving future. We are introducing biomechanics but, as we have a tighter budget the team are contributing money towards this themselves and with the help of the instructor we can make the initial steps towards self funding. Without a doubt, to keep progressing forward we have to keep up with the latest technologies for learning. Anything extra we can now introduce to the team will help. So, in the future, we will up our game, reduce and share our costs, we will also investigate the possibility of some sponsors. If anyone out there with some business connections has some ideas on sponsorship we would be most grateful to hear them. This leads me to a little story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody –

There was an important job to be done.  
Everybody was asked to do it  
Everybody was sure that  
Somebody would do it  
Anybody could have done it  
But Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that  
Because it was Everybody's job  
Everybody thought Anybody could do it  
But Nobody realised that  
Everybody would not do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed  
Somebody when Nobody did what  
Anybody could have done

If you think you might be able to help, even in a small way, you probably can!

Hazel ran our Senior matches and she managed some excellent results this year with two wins against Surrey and Essex and a draw against our arch enemy Sussex! (They seem to regularly beat us at County Week). We entered a team into the Senior Event at Frilford Heath. The team of four Jenny Brown, Gerry Bray, Julie Ballard and Maria Dolphin represented Kent. The team did not let us down and came a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 counties.

Chris has had success with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team using some new youngsters – here we came 4<sup>th</sup> out of our 5 southern counties as you will read in her report.

'One Up Golf' are still keen to be our sponsors and we will soon have more talks to see how we can help each other for next season.

Successes around the world –

**Ping 4BBB** – Phillippa Mason and Samantha Reagan qualified to go to Gainsborough where they won with a massive 45 points.

**EWGA overseas event at La Manga** – the team from last year won again! The team of Kam Cheema, Carole Mathieson, (Redlibbets), Linda Berriman and Claire Green (Rochester & Cobham) won the 4BBB team event. In the individual event Kent players took 4 of the top 7 places and Claire Green and Linda Berriman won the 4BBB pairs event.

**Volvo Masters** – Jenny Brown who did so well last year has done it again. Jenny qualified to go to the UK final at Turnberry in October. In her first round Jenny played later in the day and had the very worst of the weather and finished on 31 points. 5 shots off the lead and 1 shot behind the leading lady. Her next round was in sunshine but still very windy. With 21 points on the front 9 Jenny held her nerve and finished with 36 points - 2 shots off the lead and 1 ahead of the other lady, thus securing her place to go to South Africa in Mid January – well done and good luck Jenny.

**USA** – Sian Evans our Ladies County Champion in 2010, now in America, is having success. She was recently T5 in the Lady Paladin Invitational at Furman University golf course in South Carolina. Just 5 shots behind the winner.

One of immediate past juniors, Dolores Brown, has just been accepted to McBees, at Lake Charles, Louisiana. Dolores will be studying Sports Management and has earned herself a full Scholarship. We wish her every success.

The EWGA Foursomes were held at Bearsted and one of our own pairs won this – Tereza Russo with Sarah Brooks. Mid Kent hosted the LGU Coronation Foursomes final and managed to get 90 couples through from one tee – an amazing feat. All ran very well even though a long day, made all the worthwhile when you saw how happy the winning Ealing GC ladies were when they realised they had qualified to play at St Andrews. We thank both clubs for hosting these events.

Well done to Chris Corke for yet another successful Pearson Trophy season not forgetting all the extra work as it was the Pearson Centenary year. Chris held a lovely competition at Wrotham Heath which many of us enjoyed, and some of us were lucky enough to be asked to a special lunch at Hartsbourne on the 4 counties final day when we supported Shortlands.

I was invited to speak about our Association at two Incoming Captains meetings held by the Society of Lady Captains at Redlibbets and Canterbury. I know I have mentioned this before but this is an excellent time to meet fellow new captains, exchange names and addresses and share in ideas for your year. One thing I particularly mentioned was that our competitions are for everyone – there seems to be a feeling that the competitions are 'Kent' and therefore 'special' and for elite or low handicaps – they are for all of us to enter and enjoy. Please encourage your ladies to take part in these competitions – the more the merrier.

As you have seen this year we offered the competitions to you at a very minimal sum. We had wanted to give you all something from the Association to encourage you to come and to thank you for your constant support. Obviously this cannot be sustained and we are back in the real world. Clubs are run much more like businesses and it is hard to find courses that give us courtesy. We are treated much more like corporate golfing societies and whilst they need us, they need us at proper prices. We have to fight hard to negotiate, and generally, no one does it better than us. We know you like good courses, good food and good prizes and I can only say we are truly trying our very best. Our Treasurer has brought our attention to our finances this year and it is important, for the long term that we do not keep dipping into our reserve account. So we are implementing small changes and taking more care to ensure a secure future. It is not so much for rainy days but should our county teams do better and better, which is obviously the hope, then we have sufficient funds to take them forward.

Another topic I would draw your attention to is the County Card – the cost of the card is £3 – in the County Card book are all the individual competitions you can enter throughout the year. It also gives you the facility to play many Kent courses at greatly reduced green fees, often these rates make a difference when, say, members take practice rounds ahead of matches or to simply enjoy a fun and friendly game of golf away from their home course. This applies to a variety of clubs in Kent, Surrey, Hampshire, Essex and Sussex.

We continue to work well with the Kent Golf Partnership – this is, as you know, like the Merger but at County Level. This is promoted by EWGA and the EGU and at our meetings we have representatives from all of these plus Sport England and Golf Roots. This year, on top of all the usual Academy Coaching programmes around the County, we also ran an Open Legacy Project 2011 to coincide with The Open at Royal St George's. We recruited 24 young Ambassadors who were then trained in communication and to teach Tri Golf at The Open. We had recruiting evenings at Lenham, Tudor Park and Gillingham and were featured on local television throughout the summer. It worked exceptionally well and the stand which we shared with Golf Roots and the PGA was fully booked for 10/15 minute lessons for the entire Open week. This was open to juniors and adults. We are a small part of this team but I am extremely proud to say that we have won an award from the PGAs' of Europe Golf Development for 2011 in recognition of the work undertaken for the Open Legacy Project. This will be presented in Portugal later in the month at a Gala Dinner held at the Annual Congress and International Team Championship. I hope they have some good weather! Gary Bason, Professional from Manston GC, is on this committee and works tirelessly on behalf of us all and has been awarded PGA South East Coach of the Year and we are particularly pleased he too has received recognition for all he does for golf in the South East particularly in the promotion of the sport for youngsters.

I sincerely thank all your committee for all the work they do for us throughout the year. This year we say goodbye to Rhona Hunter but with many thanks for running the Holland Trophy so efficiently, to Ann Dixon with grateful thanks for keeping the Lohan Trophy on track, to Anita Tullett for all her work with the Tappin Trophy, Pat Jones for organising the County Cards and to all of them for supporting and helping at events such as today with refreshments and other more ordinary but essential chores. Mundane chores are what make the world go round! Di Ranger and Diana Knox are also due to retire but have very kindly agreed to stay on which allows our committee not to be entirely replaced in one fell swoop - so, more grateful thanks to these two ladies.

I would also like to thank our Kent County photographer and website organiser – Corinne Chapman from Sittingbourne. Our website is full of invaluable information and regularly kept up to date. Not everyone likes to see her popping round a tree or a bunker (!) but her work is excellent particularly with all the help she gave us during Junior County Week in August. Thank you so much Corinne.

Many thanks to Dawn Edwards for the inaugural copy of her KCLGA newsletter – ‘Pin High’. Much work, time and effort is put into this and obtaining articles from people can be like extracting teeth – of course, that does not apply to me! But we all thank Dawn for her time on this and look forward to the next edition which will be emailed to you in due course.

2<sup>nd</sup> team colours have been awarded to Nicole Hamilton, a current junior and therefore at school today, to Brittany Burton now in her first year as an associate and currently at a golfing college in Spain, and to Mary Bell – currently in England and here today! I have enjoyed getting to know Mary and I must praise her not just for her golf but also for the times when she has kindly accepted to be Reserve for a match and been called in with very few hours notice - thank you Mary. (Jo presented Mary Bell with her 2<sup>nd</sup> team colours).

One person, who retires this year and I cannot let her go without a special mention is our lovely President, Hazel Bristow – Hazel has simply been fantastic. Her kindness and her support at so very many of our functions from the ‘Nearly There’s’ to the Seniors has been just incredible. Her golfing knowledge and wisdom of life in general has been called upon throughout her three years. Hazel has incredible good sound knowledge, a wonderful unflappable nature with an eagle eye which misses nothing. This is not a person to jostle with! Thank you Hazel for all you have given to all of us over the last three years and for you I have this quote

**‘We don’t remember days or years, we remember our own precious moments’**

And thanks to you we have many moments. (Jo presented Hazel with a thank you gift).

Wow! And that completes my two years! Personally, it has been an incredible journey – roads and golf come to mind – sweeping bends, left and right, or were they draws and fades – or even hooks and slices! U-bends, S bends, cart tracks, grass tracks – fairways, hazards and rough! They have all been interesting and I can only hope I leave some memories for all of you and an Association ready to move on to its next phase under a new leadership.

I must just thank all of you who have supported me along the way – cards, messages, kindness and time – they have all meant so much and I am extremely grateful for the strength they have given me.

I hope our new Captain will have as much fun as well as a bit of work along the way!”

Hazel Bristow thanked Jo Beslee for her report and (ahead of her report/Election of New President) presented Jo with the Past Captain’s Badge.

## **6 Election of County President:**

Jo announced the election of County President, Miss Audrey Disbury, proposed by Hazel Bristow and seconded by herself.

Hazel spoke in support of her nomination: “It is with great pleasure that I propose Audrey Disbury as the next President for the KCLGA. Audrey, or Dis as she is affectionately known, has been on the scene (as they say) for quite a few decades. Lets go back to 1954. As you know she has been a very good cricketer and she started playing cricket for her County and then as a Wren against the touring New Zealanders, she played for England from 1957 – 1972 and then organised venues for the World Cup. She was also Chairman of the Selectors for England, Chairman of Kent, Manager of the England World Cup and Captain of Senior of England. What a cricketing career she had! So any potential cricketers out there, you know who to ask. But she is also very good at golf. She had a handicap of 6, with a slight cricketing swing. Over the years, she has been the Captain of Ashford, Captain of Kent, CTO and Ashford’s Kent Delegate. A very capable person, very competitive and also very supportive, I know she will be an excellent President for you and very encouraging for all the teams. I wish her a very happy three years.” Hazel then invited Audrey to receive her President’s Badge.

Jo also spoke in support of her nomination: “I have had the honour to get to know Audrey a lot more over the past two years. Audrey is a great supporter of all our golf and always has a smile on her face, even when the chips are down. Audrey will be an excellent ambassador for our Association and I have great pleasure in seconding this proposal.”

### **Audrey Disbury responded by saying:**

“Ex-Lady President, Lady Captain, Ladies. It is an honour and privilege for me to accept the role of President. There is just one drawback, having to follow someone who has been very, very good at her job is quite daunting. I can promise you it will be different, but I will try my very best. Thank you very much.”

## 7 Election of County Captain:

Jo confirmed the election of County Captain, Mrs Chris Daniels, proposed by herself and seconded by Mrs Anne Steans, Chart Hills.

Jo spoke in support of her nomination: "Chris has managed to survive this year not just as our Vice Captain, but also as Lady Captain of her own club, Chart Hills and as if that was not enough, she has just had a complete knee replacement. I feel sure if anyone can cope with all of that, she can certainly cope with being our Captain. Last year I mentioned all of Chris's sporting credentials and I am sure these mixed with her enjoyment and love of the game of golf will ensure we have two excellent and well organised years ahead of us. Chris I wish you two years of fun and enjoyment and I am sure your competitive spirit will see you through successfully."

Anne Steans also spoke in support of her nomination: "I am delighted to endorse Jo Beslee's proposal of Chris Daniels as the Captain of Kent."

Jo presented Chris with her Captain's Badge.

### Chris Daniels responded by saying:

"Lady President, Lady Vice Presidents, Lady Past Captain, Ladies – I am very honoured and pleased to accept the position of County Captain. It will be an extremely hard act to follow Jo, however I do intend to maintain the high standard set with a blend of my own 'Mrs D' style. I do believe in traditional values and have my own high standards, supported by hard work consistency, passion and the odd bit of humour where appropriate. I look forward to the challenge, I have learnt a lot from the Captaincy of Chart Hills in what has been a very busy year with Kent and my grandson. I will be relieved to conclude a successful County Week in June and then I hope to have a couple of weeks to get in shape for my younger daughters wedding. I will be striving to represent Kent Ladies Golf to the best of my ability during my term of office and will be looking forward to continued support from a great team of Officers and Committee who all work tirelessly for you. Thank you."

## 8 Election of Hon. Secretary:

Jo confirmed the election of Hon. Secretary, Mrs Sarah Brooks, proposed by Mrs Margaret Milne, Wildernesse and seconded by Mrs Marilyn Brown. All approved and carried unanimously.

## 9-11 Re -Election of Officers:

**Hon. Treasurer**, Mrs Jenny Brown, Nizels proposed by Mrs Chris Daniels and seconded by Mrs Maria Dolphin.

**County Training Officer**, Mrs Kim Brusadelli, West Kent proposed by Mrs Maureen Gregory and seconded by Mrs Kam Cheema, Redlibbets.

**Competition Secretary**, Mrs Dorothy Featherstone, Langley Park proposed by Mrs Anne Phillips, West Kent and seconded by Mrs Diane Ranger, Mid Kent.

Jo asked for a show of hands to approve the elections (items 9 – 11) 'en bloc' and all were approved.

- 12 There were no nominations for County Junior Organiser and Mrs Maureen Gregory, Sittingbourne, offered to remain in office. All approved and carried unanimously.

- 13 Jo announced the election of the new committee members; Under Rule 2 of the Association the following ladies retire Mrs Ann Dixon, Miss Rhona Hunter, Mrs Pat Jones and Mrs Anita Tullett. Nominations had been received for:

Miss Beverley Drake, Shortlands, proposed by Mrs Sue Dawbarn and seconded by Mrs Dorothy Featherstone.

Mrs Fran Fearn, North Foreland, proposed by Mrs Tina Kemp and seconded by Mrs Sarah Brooks.

Mrs Lorraine Knight, Chart Hills, proposed by Mrs Anne Steans and seconded by Mrs Chris Daniels.

Mrs Diana Knox, Wildernesse\*, proposed by Mrs Sarah Brooks and seconded by Miss Dawn Edwards.

Mrs Diane Ranger, Mid Kent\*, proposed by Mrs Marilyn Brown and seconded by Mrs Kim Brusadelli.

\*Mrs Diane Ranger /Mrs Diana Knox have served three years but have agreed to continue for another year.

Jo asked for a show of hands to accept the nominations. All in favour and the candidates were duly elected.

Jo continued by thanking the retiring committee members: "I thanked the Ladies in my report, but I thank them again for all their hard work and hope they will keep coming to see us and remain on the scene. Thank you very much for all that you have done."

14 Jo called upon the Officers to give their reports:

#### **Competition Report – Dorothy Featherstone**

"President, Vice Presidents, Captain and members - I am pleased to report on the competitions for 2011.

The County's decision, last year to subsidise all the competitions was well received by the members and all competitions were well supported.

I allowed too many entries in the Doxford and next year there will be a maximum number of 80 players so a ballot may well be necessary. Praise must go to West Kent for catering so well for all the competitors in this year's competition, they did a fantastic job.

You will see from the accounts that the subsidy cost more than £3000+ and the competitions played after July will feature in next year's accounts, thus showing a loss again. It is obvious that finances cannot allow this to happen again and we have had to increase our prices quite considerably this year to make them break even. I sincerely hope that despite the increase you will continue to support the County Competitions in 2012. Lady Captains, you will find in your envelope an A3 poster listing all competitions organized by the County and I hope you will find a space on your notice board to display this. We shall continue to send A4 entry forms and posters to clubs and I would ask Lady Captains to make sure the Kent Entry Forms are filed with the other Open Entry Forms.

I would like to thank everyone for taking part. The competitions were enjoyed by all and were played with great spirit. I would like to add a special word of praise to the ladies from Ashford, Nizels and Wildernesse who have supported the competitions so enthusiastically. I have written to thank all the clubs that hosted this year's events. A full list of competition winners is printed in the Report Booklet, which was given out at the beginning of the meeting.

I have watched many matches being played this year, the standard of golf has been excellent and the games played in good spirit but we still find players marking a 6" tap in instead of finishing off or giving the putt. All results are posted on the website and I thank Corinne Chapman for keeping us up-to-date with the latest results and news from around the county.

I would like to thank the Officers and Committee Members for their help in running the competitions on the day – a special thank you to Maria Dolphin for her help as my assistant and a big thank you to Anita for her help in selecting prizes.

I would like to add my congratulations to the winners of the Ping Plate competition - Phillippa Mason and Samantha Reagan from Shooters Hill, the competitors from Redlibbets who did so well again at La Manga and Jenny Brown who won the Volvo Masters again and will be competing in South Africa next year. I also note from the EWGA Newsletter that Liz Keller (Knole Park) and Jerri Sewell (Pedham Place) won a Rose Spoon this year. The EWGA Newsletter has detailed all these events and published the winners and I hope you have all signed up to receive the Newsletter.

That ends my report. Thank you for listening."

#### **County Training Officer's Report – Mrs Kim Brusadelli**

I was very excited to accept the position of County Training Officer and equally delighted to discover the winter training programme was in place as this enabled me to get to know the girls and their golfing ability.

Our training at this stage was all at Rochester and Cobham under the guidance of Warren Wood. In the spring we also introduced two sessions with Gary Dawes who is a Sports Mind Coach. In the long term we were not sure we included this at the right time of our preparation but we might introduce this again towards the end of the training season.

The girls worked hard on their short game particularly 50 to 100 yard wedge play but also learning that a chip and run with a 5 iron is not out of the question in certain conditions. Sometimes they were not too keen to try these new ideas but soon learnt there is more than one way to skin a rabbit!

We had our usual set of matches starting in early March with a cold but sunny day at Littlestone with foursomes against the men. The Ladies won 3/1. This was a good start and immediately gave us optimism for our foursomes preparation. Next we set off in the dark for North Foreland and soon after arrival the mist came in from the sea. Play commenced and at the end of the day playing foursomes and 4bbb the Ladies were again triumphant with a 5 ½ - 2 ½ victory. Now it was time for some singles at Rochester & Cobham where we played 8 matches. We did not prove so strong on this occasion in spite of starting the matches 2up. However, our three juniors Jessica, Jerri and Nicole had wins and Brittany, just out of juniors gained a half. Not disheartened, we set sail on Mothers Day to play the Kent Colts at Littlestone the final result was a 7/5 loss but the boys handicaps ranged from +3 to 3. This was a 36 hole day playing foursomes and singles. Spring was marching on and we then went to Knole Park. This is normally a 36 hole competition but since the Championship was the following week and the girls would be playing 36 holes on each day we reverted to 18 holes. The ladies were again victorious with a 2 ½ to 1 ½ win.

The next match was a 1<sup>st</sup> team match at West Kent against the Kent Professionals. Chris Forsyth, the Club professional kindly organised his team. This was a new innovation which I felt would encourage the girls to really dig deep and meet a high standard of golf. The Professionals watched the girls as they played and offered advice at the end of the day. This time we lost 4/1 but all the team thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of playing against high standard golfers and it set them good personal challenges to improve. I am hoping to organise this match again next year at Pedham Place with the help of Tim Milford the Club Professional.

Finally we had our last match against Princes Golf Club. This is only the second year for this match and is a great challenge to the girls with 36 holes of foursomes. The wind blew up off the sea and both teams had to fight hard just to keep warm! We won this day, much to the horror of the men, and we played this match All Square. 4 ½-3 ½.

County Week itself is covered in the Captains report but as my first experience of attending I am ready now to face my new year of challenges with the team.

After County Week I came to realise that putting was our missing link and this is certainly something to work on this year. Another aspect where we felt we were lacking was physical fitness and in this respect we are now engaging in biomechanics with Rob Goldup, a specialist in this field. Rob comes from Maidstone and works with many of the European professionals. Biomechanics is making the body work the best it can for a good golf swing. There are a series of many simple tests to work out where the players weaknesses are and this is followed up with some equally simple exercises, the results of which can be fantastic for the player and their golf. We are very aware of meeting our tighter budget and so we are now asking the squads to meet some of the costs if they are keen to take part.

I also attended Junior County Week at Rochester & Cobham which was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and I witnessed so much excellent golf which gave me much encouragement for the future of Kent golf. Maureen Gregory will be covering this week in her report.

Our relationship with the Kent Golf Partnership continues to work well and improve all the time. Our girls attend one of two centres either at Sundridge Park or Etchinghill which enables me and the Junior Organiser to share the attendance and watch their progress.

Another aspect of my position is volunteer co-ordinator for the KGP and this year we recruited 24 young ambassadors to help at The Open at Sandwich and the Golf Live Show at the London Club. It was an educating experience for us all and after various bonding activities and learning to teach Tri golf at Lenham, Tudor Park and Gillingham, the ambassadors worked hard at the two main events and enjoyed their success. Both events were hugely successful and as a result we were put forward for the PGA's of Europe Golf Development Award 2011, and I am pleased to say we won this award which Jo, our Captain, announced in her report.

Jo and I went to Hever GC for a golf day where all the Academy girls and boys are invited. We had over 100 entrants and a full day of golf, putting and skill tests were arranged. This was a long day and a good day but we felt some female organisation could help make the day run a little bit more efficiently next year! ..... we will approach this with great diplomacy!

The last Junior event of the year is the Mixed Greensome Event – the Joan Piper Trophies, this competition is organised by the Training Officer and this year we had 24 entrants at Etchinghill. Steve Mitchell organised the skills tests in the morning on the par 3 course followed by a Texas Scramble. In the afternoon the Greensomes competition took place on the main course and was won with 44 points by Freya Courtney (Dartford) and Jake Hobbs (Littlestone), the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

So that completed my first year and training is now under way for 2012. This year we held a Skills Day on 9<sup>th</sup> October at Rochester & Cobham and invited ALL single figure golfers from all Kent clubs. From this we have chosen our squads for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team training and I am already filled with anticipation for the new season.

## Report from County Junior Organiser – Mrs Maureen Gregory

"Madam President, Vice Presidents, Lady Captain, Past Captains, Ladies.

I would like to begin my report thanking clubs that gave us courtesy to host our events during 2011 - West Kent, Sittingbourne, Chart Hills, Chelsfield Lakes and Etchinghill, and to thank my Junior committee for all their support and help to organise these events Sheila Hinton, Marilyn Brown, Sue Lawrence, Lorraine Standing and Kim Brusadelli.

Clubs have also been very generous this year with donations to our Junior section and I would like to take this opportunity to thank West Kent, High Elms, Sittingbourne and the Society of Lady Captains – who over the past 6 years since I have been CJO have donated over £1,200. We received an unbelievable donation from Lady Captain Lynne Noble and the Ladies of North Foreland. Lynne decided in her captaincy to support a number of charities, non-able bodied children and able bodied children who happened to be the Kent Junior Girls - Lynne presented us with a cheque for over £1,000, to say we were shocked was an understatement. Thank you. With this donation we purchased for the first time a County Junior Captain Badge, a replica trophy for our Junior Champion for the next 10 years and the balance will go towards our non-handicapped girls.

We most definitely have a defined pathway for any girl wishing to take up golf - 'Nearly Theres' - receive two hours of coaching prior to their competitions, we host three of these events each year. Once they have a handicap they progress to our handicap events and compete in the Junior Girls Spring, Championship and Summer meetings. Then the elite girls have the opportunity to make the Junior County Team.

Through the Kent Golf Partnership we are able to offer winter training for all Kent girls whatever their handicap. They receive 6 x 2 hour lessons, however we still coach our elite girls (potential Junior County team) through the winter months, match play, team bonding etc. This year the handicap range was 2-7.

This pathway after the Juniors then carries on through to the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> team squads and coaching.

Emily Royer – Chart Hills and Mollie Lawrence – Rochester & Cobham have both been spotted and selected for EWGA coaching. This will be Mollie's second year in the Birdie Squad. Congratulations to both of the girls.

What a successful year for our Kent Junior Girls -

We have a Ladies County Champion - Junior - Jessica Gregory - Sittingbourne GC at the same Ladies County Championship Second flight match play Champion - Junior - Jerri Sewell - Pedham Place GC

County Team event - two juniors and one lady

Senior Champion, well that has to be a senior lady!

Consolation Plate on the final day - winner - Junior - Fiona McCann - North Foreland GC. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Junior - Mollie Lawrence – Rochester & Cobham GC.

Our most improved Kent Junior Girl is Ainee O'Connor from Sundridge Park with a handicap reduction from 24 to 11 in one year.

Ladies County Week - three of our Juniors were honoured to be called up and play for the County team - Jessica Gregory, Jerri Sewell and Sophie Daws - her second year of selection for this squad.

### Junior County Week - 16-18 August 2011

Junior County Match Week 2011 was hosted by Kent at Rochester & Cobham and the teams stayed at the nearby Cobham Hall School. Cobham Hall School and Rochester & Cobham GC were most welcoming.

On day one we were scheduled to play the Foursomes Stableford Competition in which all eight girls in the team play a handicap Stableford and the aggregate of the best three scores counts. After much enjoyment, we came second with 100 points. Congratulations to Middlesex on winning the event with 105 points.

The first day of Junior CMW is physically gentle, but we all know that there are two matches per day for the following two days to play and that we will need all the energy we can keep hold of.

We played Surrey (last year's champions) on the second day and got off to an excellent start with a 6-1 win under our belts. In the afternoon we faced Sussex, we were really motoring with a huge 7-0 victory. Kent girls were flying.

The final day dawned. We knew we had two important matches to play and that from them this year's County Champions would come. Our girls were very positive. There had been much banter between the Kent and Hampshire adults regarding the match since the previous afternoon, but that all finished on the first tee and goodwill but determination took its place in both camps.

We were 2-2 on finished matches with three still on the course and looking as if they'd all go the distance. They all did. Hampshire took a win from one, and then things became really crucial. The next to finish was halved and we were watching the remaining match out on the course was dormie 2 on the 17th tee. Sadly, this young rookie lost the next two holes and brought in a half. Hampshire won 4-3. Ahead of us Surrey had beaten Middlesex 4½-2½ - just the afternoon's matches to go.

We played Middlesex and brought a fantastic 6½ - ½ win and behind us Hampshire were playing Sussex. They were 3-3 with the last match going down the 18th. In the end the result was a tied match with Sussex, 3½-3½. Congratulations to Hampshire on winning Junior County Week 3½, Kent 3, Sussex 2½, Surrey 2, Middlesex 0.

We didn't win Junior County Week, only losing out by half a point, but matches won - Kent 22½, Hampshire 17½, Surrey 13, Sussex 9½, Middlesex 7. Like all the teams, our girls were really tired but they had played their hearts out and my sincere thanks to all: (in order of play)

Jessica Gregory	Sittingbourne & Milton Regis GC	h/cap	2
Jerri Sewell	Pedham Place GC		3
Nicole Hamilton	Dartford GC		3
Sophie Daws (Captain)	Littlestone GC		3
Emily Royer	Chart Hills GC		5
Marnie Barber	North Foreland GC		5
Holly Standing	Ashford GC		7
Kirsty Galbraith	Mid Kent GC		7

As always at Junior County Week we enjoyed the very best that golf offers – a series of hard fought matches played between girls from our five regional counties who are great friends. They know how to have huge fun together when they're off the course, and they retain their friendships throughout their determination to beat their mates on the course. It is a joy to watch and to be among.

#### **National events in brief:**

##### **English Girls Close Amateur Championship**

11 Girls from Kent competed

Final results best positions	U18	Jerri Sewell	15 <sup>th</sup>
	U15	Emily Royer	13 <sup>th</sup>
	U13	Mollie Lawrence	13 <sup>th</sup>

Holly Standing came a credible 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Abraham Trophy Final with a nett -1

**EWGA South Region Girls Championship** - Nicole Amos Faversham GC won under 13s

#### **(Maureen Gregory then read the following):**

On behalf of the Kent Juniors girls I would like to say an enormous congratulations to Jo Beslee and Hazel Bristow for their dedication to the county, expanding further than just their role.

Hazel, you have been there at every competition and always show huge amounts of love and care which we all cherish. Your support throughout the past few years has been irreplaceable and you have spurred us on to win individually and perform well as a team. We hope you have had a great time as President and have enjoyed your time as much as we have enjoyed you being there.

Jo, you have been there through everything in your years as vice captain and then finally as County captain. You have been helpful, supportive and caring and we all fully appreciate the time you have given up for us. The job you have undertaken we all know is incredibly difficult but you have carried it out exceptionally.

We have all loved your smile, your jokes, your constant supply of food, your crafts and your encouragement throughout. We hope the past few years for you have been challenging but enjoyable (the way it should be!)

We would like to thank you both for your full commitment to the junior section and to the Kent Ladies and we hope to see you at future events.

Lastly, from all of us, we wish the best of luck to Chris Daniels and Audrey Disbury for their future in the county.

All my love, Jessica Gregory (Kent Junior Captain)”

Jo added that whilst she, Kim and Maureen had all spoke of Junior County Week, she would like to add her thanks to Sheila Hinton and Dorothy Featherstone for all of their hard work in running the Office during the week. Jo also added the thanks to Rochester & Cobham for hosting the event.

### **Pearson Trophy Report for 2010/11 – Read by Mrs Elaine Carter, Deputy Pearson Trophy Manager**

“Madam President, Lady Captain, Committee and Ladies, I would like to present this report on behalf of Chris Corke who is currently in Australia.

The Kent Pearson Finals were held at Knole Park G.C.

The 1<sup>st</sup> semi final between Ashford and Shortlands was a tense affair with both teams having good expectations of winning through to the afternoon final. Paulette Jasquith was first out for Shortlands playing against Jenny Spedding of Ashford. The game was a tight affair with Paulette just taking the spoils 3/2. Wendy Kendall pitted her wits and golfing power against the experienced Sheila Pitt but canny Sheila won through 4/3 taking Shortlands into a 2/0 lead. With Karen Pickering and Sue Dawbarn still battling away on the course Sandra Dyckhoff beat Shirley Goldwin to give Shortlands a commanding lead. The fifth game was between Ashford’s Shell Foster and Audrey Moran. Audrey won the game and match for Shortlands and a place in the afternoon final.

In the 2nd semi final Langley Park pitted their wits against the ever-present Nizels. First out, Juli Fayers playing for Nizels, beat her opponent Julia Price in a close game. Langley Park were not to be outdone. Next up was Jackie Taylor and Priya Bhatia for Langley Park, Langley Park levelled the match with a 2up win for Priya. Angi Edmondson of Nizels found Chitra Prashar too hot to handle putting Langley into the driving seat. Nikki Bell for Nizels pitted her wits against Lesley Compton, who won the exciting game, putting Langley into the driving seat and the rest of the Nizels team in the hot seat. With Kim Moss and Barbara Malangone still battling away, Linda Foulstone beat her opponent Amanda Rose giving Langley Park a place in the afternoon’s final against Shortlands.

The results set up an interesting final between Shortlands v Langley Park.

The afternoon start was delayed shortly, while a sharp thunderstorm worked its way east. When play did start the weather was very kind to us. Julia Price went out in first slot against Paulette Jasquith but Julia found Paulette too hot to handle and Shortlands found themselves 1 game up. Priya Bhatia played against the ever-present Sheila Pitt; on this occasion Sheila was out done by Priya and the match was level. Shortly after that win Langley Parks Chitra Prashar came in with a win against Sue Dawbarn, giving Langley the lead. The next game between Langley’s Lesley Compton and the vivacious Sandra Dyckhoff, become a close and testing affair with Sandra winning for Shortlands 2up. Two all..... everything happened very fast after that, with Shortlands Captain Jenny Williams walking in with a win against Linda Foulstone and Kim Daniel also walking in with a win against Pauline Emburey giving Shortlands a 4/2 win and the Kent Pearson Trophy.

Congratulations go to Shortlands who earned their place in the Inter County finals held at Hartsbourne GC Hertfordshire, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

I would like to thank Chris, Dorothy and Jean Gellatly firstly for being there, secondly for Refereeing, and also thanks to Jill Wellbelove for being the starter and, thirdly for representing the KCLGA and their continued support of the Pearson Trophy. It’s much appreciated. I would also like to commend Knole Park Golf Club for their enthusiasm, help and commitment to making the day run very smoothly. I would also like to commend and thank all the players, Captains and supporters for the very sporting and happy way everyone behaved. Issette Pearson would have been very proud in this the 100th year of her and her friends brilliant idea of meeting together, splitting up into two teams, enjoying this game of golf and making friends with other individuals and Clubs, lets hope it goes on for at least another 100 years.

The Kent Pearson Trophy finals for 2011/12 will be held at North Foreland Golf Club on Wednesday 13th June 2012.”

### **“The Pearson Centenary Celebrations.**

#### **Day One**

We arrived at Hartsbourne a good 90 minutes too early as we had allowed plenty of time just in case the M25 traffic was at its worst. Never mind, we were able to acclimatise ourselves and prepare for the afternoon play against our counter parts. I was

expecting the Surrey manager to win the spoils and oh yes you guessed it - she did. This year we had poor weather and so were unable to play the whole course but we did get to play 7 holes in the afternoon, in between showers, the odd thunder storm and sunshine, nothing new there then. I suppose we deserved it, after all everyone else has had to play in appalling weather since the competition start way back in November. After the golf, we travelled a few miles to our hotel. In the evening we joined the other County Managers for our usual evening meal together - no not drinking copious amounts of wine or hooch! We always enjoy getting together, to chat over the last eight months of competition, about our families and how things have developed over the last six months since we last saw each other.

## **Day Two - Finals Day**

The morning started very early, with some of us not sleeping at all - or so it seemed. We checked that the teams had arrived and that all was well with them, of course it was, and then went to the dining room for breakfast. When we had had our fill, we donned our golf shoes and went down to the start, to cheer the players off. We had been warned about changeable weather but it kept good and we just kept our fingers crossed that it would stay dry. Surrey and Hertfordshire lead the field and after a hard fought match Surrey found themselves in the final for the second time in three years. Hertfordshire in the end found Surrey too hot to handle. In the other semi Kent took on Middlesex taking an early lead on the front nine but succumbed to Middlesex pressure on the back nine. Middlesex won through to the final. Ammmmm - Surrey v Middlesex. Middlesex played valiantly against the experienced Surrey side, but in the end Surrey won the 100<sup>th</sup> playing of the Pearson Trophy. Well done to them, commiserations to the other three Counties.

Another Pearson Trophy has drawn to a close, just in time to send out next year's entry forms."

Elaine asked Audrey Disbury to present the Kent Pearson Winners, Shortlands and the Runners-Up, Langley Park with their Certificates.

## **Handicap Update/Changes to CONGU – Mrs Shell Foster, County Handicap Advisor**

"Madam President, Lady Vice Presidents, Lady Captain, Lady Past Captain and Ladies – there was a handicap seminar held by EWGA in October. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend and thank Marilyn Brown for attending on my behalf. I have read and subsequently circulated (via Delegate email) some notes relating to the proposed changes detailed at this seminar and should you have any questions relating to these changes (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012) please email me. There is nothing on either the EWGA or CONGU website relating to these, but we have added these notes to the Kent Ladies website.

Handicap Changes to CONGU from 1/1/2012

There are 5 main areas where there is a change to the present system.

- 1) The calculation of the CSS will now be calculated using SSS plus buffer zones for categories 1-4 rather than SSS plus 2. This should result in fewer 'Reduction Only' competitions. This is because 90% of all fields are category 3 and 4.
- 2) Again where there is a small field and no-one plays within their buffer zone the best score relative to buffer zone is looked at in order to calculate the CSS. Within 1 of buffer zone CSS = SSS +1, within 2 SSS +2 within 3 SSS + 3, within 4 Reduction only. This again should reduce the amount of R/O results. As now up to 5 players the CSS cannot be reduced.
- 3) Players can now do 9 hole competitions at 2 clubs not just their home club, but at any club where they are a member and where the club has an SSS for the 9 hole course. This is because the 9 hole competitions have proved very popular.
- 4) A new system aimed at rapid improvers to take the pressure of handicap committees in reaction to players producing exceptional scores. The computer system will flag up an exceptional score and if the player does another good score will check how many cards in between the two and cut additional shots accordingly. You cannot be cut from category 2 to 1 on this system.
- 5) The process has changed for recommending increases in playing handicap looking at those who have played less than 7 times also. The actual targets have been supplied now so you will be able to see why the recommendations are made on the annual review and there will also be more guidance in the manual.

## **Other Issues**

There are doubts as to whether the slope system would bring value to the CONGU system so unless further research produces substantial new evidence will not be brought into the system.

Some changes to the CDH and CONGU to facilitate better reporting of scores.

There are some changes to wording in the manual, ie regarding mixed golf and other items (see notes circulated).

There are several seminars being held in our area - 13<sup>th</sup> December at East Sussex National (which I plan to attend) and 14<sup>th</sup> December in Essex. Each club should get a form to send along some Delegates.

Also, I will be at the Delegates meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and if possible your handicap secretary should attend when I will go into more detail and answer queries."

Jo thanked the Officers and all Competition Organisers for the time they give to the Association and for their reports (as well as those detailed in the AGM Report Booklet 2011 placed on each attendee's chair).

**Jo continued by thanking the clubs that hosted Matchplay Finals:**

- Canterbury for the Tappin Trophy and Coombe Cup
- Knole Park for the Pearson Trophy
- Kings Hill for the Bradley Cook and Parallel Plate
- Mid Kent for the Three Feathers and Lohan Trophy
- Chestfield for the Captain's Cup
- Ashford for the Winter Fourball and Championship
- Sittingbourne for the Champion of Champions, Junior Championship and Holland Trophy
- Dartford and Shooters Hill for the Semi-Finals of the Three Feathers

14 **Any Other Business**

Jo Beslee:

- a) Captains and Delegates meeting at Bearsted Golf Club on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 at 10.00am.
- b) No date set as yet for the EWGA AGM – we hope to be advised following news of the EGU/EWGA Merger.
- c) Jo again thanked the three new Committee Members (Beverley Drake, Lorraine Knight and Fran Fearn for standing).
- d) following many requests for her poem 'Common Sense' read out at the Captain and Delegates Meeting in February 2011 (which is also on the Kent Ladies website) there are copies of it available to take away today.
- e) Kim Brusadelli stated that she had Tri-Golf information with her – Tri Golf aims to get children into the game. She was happy to speak with anyone who either worked with children or those clubs with big Junior Sections who might be interested in hosting a workshop.

Chris Daniels – "Jo, you have been a wonderful County Captain. I think that they attributes that stand out for me and your colleagues here today are your amazing amounts of energy and dedication, your generosity with time and in other ways, your ability to be authoritative and show leadership. You have raised the County profile, especially the smart new team kit sponsored by 'One Up Golf', the envy of South East Golf. You have encouraged team work and good training values with the 1<sup>st</sup> team, you have an endless supply of quotes for every occasion and of course the artwork and the photos. Then the shoes – which must of all be clean ! You will be a very, very hard act to follow and on behalf of all the Ladies of Kent we wish you all the best for a well earned rest". Chris presented Jo with a gift and flowers on behalf of the County.

Jo Beslee – (NB: Jo made reference to her omission of the Senior Report subsequently reported by Hazel – please see Captains Report for this) "Thank you very, very much. I have had a wonderful two years and thank you all for your smiling faces, kindness, support and your love. It has been wonderful. Thank you very much."

Date of the next meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012

There being no more business, Jo declared the meeting closed at 11.37am.

Chris Lohan thanked Jo Beslee, County Captain, for chairing the meeting and praised the commitment of the County Officers and Committee, stating how much the Committee care about the County and how lucky we are to have them.

Signed ..... Date .....