

KENT COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
14th November 2013

Present:	The President	Miss Audrey Disbury
	Vice President	Mrs Sarah Miller
	Vice President	Mrs Sue Coombe
	Vice President	Mrs Hazel Bristow
	Vice President	Mrs Elaine Tappin
	Captain	Mrs Chris Daniels
	Vice Captain	Mrs Ingrid Long
	Hon Treasurer	Mrs Jenny Brown
	Hon. Secretary	Mrs Sarah Brooks
	Competition Secretary	Mrs Dorothy Featherstone

Committee: Mrs Marilyn Brown, Ms Kam Cheema, Mrs Diana Reese, Miss Beverley Drake,
Mrs Mandy Mole, Mrs Pat Whitty, Mrs Elaine Lopategui,

There were 126 members in attendance.

1 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received from 7 clubs and 27 members.

The President opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking members for attending. She introduced the top table.

The President then called upon the Captain, Mrs Chris Daniels to chair the meeting. Chris called upon Mrs Sarah Brooks, Hon. Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

2 Chris Daniels, 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 Chris Daniels asked the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Jenny Brown, to present the accounts for the year ended 31st July, 2013:

“Madam President, Captain, Ladies (Good Morning everyone). I have pleasure in presenting the accounts of the KCLGA for year ending July 2013.

I will cover the income and expenditure of the main account, changes that affect the accounts, the Competition Account and the Junior Account.

Briefly going back in time you may remember we had deficits on the accounts in 2010 and 2011. Income and Expenditure were mismatched and after producing a cash flow chart for future years it showed there would be no cash in the bank this very month, the needle on the gauge was pointing to empty.

Jo Beslee and Chris Daniels helped put in place some prudent measures to halt this downward slide. For 2012 the measures were very successful and the accounts produced a surplus and happily we were able to start reversing the trend.

At the start of this year the aim was to balance the books but for a number of reasons we have arrived at a healthy surplus of £14607.

Income for this year totals £39096. However, £1433 is attributable to the competition account which I will cover later. Comparisons will be made to the 2012 figures.

So our net income on the main account is £37663. This is up £2457 on 2012. This is made up of affiliation fees, up by £261, late England Golf fees of £640 and advertising income of £1820. Only just over 10% of the increased income was raised from membership fees.

Expenditure for this year dropped by a net figure of £5170.

Some costs were lower by £10,298 but we had additional expenditure of £5128.

I do not intend to go through every detail but I will cover the most significant ones for you. So the main categories that came in lower were:-

- 1st Team account lower by £1700
- 2nd team lower by £2084
- Stock release figure was lower by £2916 - the drop in just these three categories lowered costs by £6,700.
- We had no County Admin this year so a saving of £908
- No Members meeting deficit so a saving of £841
- No Presidents honorarium of £250.

The Additional expenditure was made up of the following:-

- Juniors received £3422. This was made up of the support donation of £2218, net higher junior costs in the main account of £497 and a payment for the damaged buggy at the Junior County Week 2012 of £722,
- Trophy costs were higher by £188.
- AGM costs rose by £329 due to the inclusion of the new conference costs.
- Badges, brooches and Armada dishes were £1090. In previous years these costs were allowed for in the stock release figure, however, they have been itemised separately this year.

The financial status of the Association is vastly improved so this puts us in a good position to withstand the reduced levels of income expected in the near future.

The first and possibly most significant impact on our cash flow and reserves is from the proposed England Golf Real Time collection of fees earmarked for 2015.

- We could lose income if the rules for dual affiliation is revised.
- And we have the ever present decline in membership numbers to deal with.

We have a few changes to the accounts.

These are Affiliation Fees, Honorariums, Conference costs.

This has been the first year we (Kent ladies) have collected our own affiliation fees. It was noticed that Manston and Tudor Park's payments were missing from EWGA's 2012 listing when we finally received it. We chased this up and EG sent through the missing payments. For clarity this item has been shown separately in the accounts.

Although last years accounts are finalised it does mean ladies membership numbers were actually 4147 and girls 177.

This year we received another late payment (which will show in next years accounts). It means numbers for this year are 4026 for ladies and 138 girls. This is down 160 on 2012 numbers.

Honorariums.

It was agreed this year that the President and Secretaries honorariums were to be discontinued. Both will claim as other committee members but the President will be able to claim up to a maximum of £500 for her travel in any one year.

Conference costs.

Due to the merger of EWGA and EGU all County Associations now have to fund costs for those attending England Golf conferences. Previously attendance was supported by EWGA.

We need to apologise to the Society of Lady Captains of Kent Golf Clubs again as they made a donation of £200 to the Juniors last year. Unfortunately the donation was noted in the Junior 2012 accounts as £100 not £200.

All fees, affiliation fees, entry fees and county card costs will remain as 2012, there are no increases.

Competition Account

You will see that there is a profit of £1433.

However £340 of this is to be given back next year in the form of £10 vouchers to all those who played in the 4bbb at Mid Kent.

Junior Account has produced a much smaller loss than last year.

Travel expenses have gone down significantly, but some of the Junior Organiser's costs were paid from the Main account. The Juniors are earmarked to receive £3000 per year from KCLGA.

And finally I would like to thank Shell Foster for preparing the Accounts."

Chris thanked Jenny saying: "thank you very much Jenny, I know you work extremely hard on the accounts and we are very appreciative on all that you have done".

Chris asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chris asked for a Proposer for the adoption of the accounts, Sarah Miller, Vice President proposed and Maria Dolphin, Rochester & Cobham, seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

4 Appointment of Auditors:

Chris Daniels 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 Audrey Disbury and carried unanimously.

5 The Captain's Report: - Chris Daniels

"Madam President, Vice Presidents, Ladies, 2013 – what a year, certainly up there in my all-time highs! County Captain when Kent win the double! We are South Region women and girls Champions – might even be a first, hopefully with many more to come.

The Winter training once a month on a Friday evening was hugely successful not only because at Pedham Place we could train whatever the weather but also the tuition was first class from resident Pro Tim Milford and Steve Mitchell (Etchinghill). Our usual run of 4/5 matches to try out prospective players was severely curtailed by weather and the annual Colts and Knole Park both withdrew their previous match offer. However Ingrid managed to set us up nicely with a tough away match v Essex 1st team, 2012 County Champions and we had a good match v U16 Kent boys at Pedham.

Then on Monday 8th April our County championships.

Kings Hill was in great condition considering the Winter we had, however, qualification was challenging for the 56 players, with very tricky pin positions and chilly conditions.

Marnie Barber (North Foreland) won the Jackson Trophy with a gross 153 (36 holes) qualifying 1st and gained a silver horse as runner up in the Final.

Tuesday's rain slowed down the greens and players, caddies and spectators witnessed superb golf in all the match play stages. 16 juniors entered and 12 qualified for the match play with an 18, 17, 16 and 12 year old contesting the semi-finals. In one semi-final, Marnie had an outstanding front nine with 4 birdies which set her up to beat last year's County Champion Jerri Sewell. Nicole Amos, 11 handicap aged 12 from Faversham, played outstanding golf to reach the other semi-final and pushed Emily Royer all the way before losing 2/1.

Emily (Chart Hills) aged 16 and 9 months became the youngest winner of the Kent County Championships. This win by Emily, 2012 Junior Girls Champion, was richly deserved.

Chart Hills retained the Team Shield with Cloe Frankish (gross 156) Emily Royer (gross 158) and Holly Standing (gross 164).

Tereza Russo (Langley park) won the Centenary Cup for the second flight beating Stephanie Marshall (Broke Hill).

Jenny Brown (Nizels) won the Senior Champion title by beating last year's runner up Julie Ballard (Littlestone) 3/2 from a very strong field of 30 competitors. The senior Championships is so popular with more entrants than for the main event that from next year there will be a 2nd flight match play too, thus giving 16 ladies the opportunity for match play. If I get my act together I could be in contention to be the first winner!

Sophie Bargeron (Sundridge Park) just missed qualification on count back but was rewarded by winning the Jackson Plate with a nett 66 off her 11 handicap.

Following the presentations, the County 1st team Squad was announced for Blackmoor. During the build-up to announcing the team, Anne Wheble decided to retire after incredibly playing 20 years for Kent 1st team. County stalwart Charlotte Hope turned pro to pursue a teaching career as did Brittany Burton. Dolores Brown and Jessica Gregory had other commitments on their return from the USA, Tereza Russo also retired. Kim Morris a new job so we were left with only 2 players from last year's team. So yes a very young team and 6 rookies representing Kent at Blackmoor.

South Region Women's Inter County Match Week at Blackmoor G.C. Hampshire, 23rd – 28th June 2013.

A top class week of golf at Blackmoor ended in triumph for Kent who emerged as unexpected but worthy champions to proceed to the national finals at Wilmslow Golf Club, Cheshire, 10 years since Kent's last appearance as winners.

The nine lady squad contained seven juniors and six "rookies" who took on the might of Middlesex, Sussex, Hampshire and holders Surrey to win the "Top Dog" Abraham Trophy.

Fittingly, for such an exciting event, the result hung on the last Kent shot, on the last hole on the last day and Mollie Lawrence (Rochester & Cobham) kept her nerve, put her chip dead and victory over Surrey (who have won this 16 times) was assured. Kent last won in 2003.

Everyone in the team contributed to the team score and the victory but there were some stand out performances.

Kent's County Champion 17 year old Emily Royer (Chart Hills) won her first 6 matches and 1st team colours, an amazing debut. Marnie Barber (North Foreland), runner up at the Kent County Championship also won her first team colours with 5 wins on debut.

Jerri Sewell (Shooters Hill) won 6 matches and 14 year old Cloe Frankish (Chart Hills) won 4 matches. Mollie Lawrence won 2 matches as did Ainee O'Connor (Sundridge Park) and Sandy Catford (Chart Hills). Jerry Lawrence (Rochester & Cobham) and Fiona McCann (North Foreland) completed the winning team with crucial points.

Jerri, Cloe and Mollie travelled down to join the team direct from their personal successes in the "Henry Cooper's Junior Masters". This itself a major event played over 72 holes and won by Jerri with Cloe runner up, concluding the day before the county action. Mollie took the Nizel's course record with a 68 on the first day.

With this County week success and the anticipated costs, a small working party set to work on raising money to send Kent to Cheshire, the starting point my live interview on Radio Kent. Lorraine Knight encompassed her enthusiasm to get sponsorship and donations from local businesses. Sarah, Dis, Ingrid, Sandy and I encouraged clubs to give us four ball vouchers, items to auction and then you and your ladies sections really came up trumps. You raised £4,000 and I hope you had as much fun as us with your raffle's, Solheim cups, various competitions etc etc.

English Girls

17 Kent girls travelled to the West County to play in The English Girls at Oake Manor and Tiverton. They all played their hearts out and sadly many just missed the cut in their respective age groups.

Nicole Amos carried on her fine form, played fantastically well to come 4th in the U13's.

In the U15's Mollie Lawrence came 6th. Cloe Frankish 15th, Sharna Dutrieux 23rd and Nicola Smith 28th. Fine performances on quite a tricky tight course.

England South Region Junior Inter County match week - Ealing GC Middlesex, 12th-14th August 2013.

The squad of nine youngsters included just four of the 2012 winning squad and four total "rookies".

On Monday afternoon Kent opened up their account with a crucial and close 4/3 win over Surrey (the eventual runners up). On Tuesday morning Kent lost to Hampshire 1½/4½ and they knew that the remaining matches had to be won. Kent then handsomely beat both Sussex and Middlesex both 6/1 to win overall.

Kent also won the Sue Coombe foursomes stableford cup with 99 points, runners' up yet again, Surrey. A clean sweep! The delighted County Junior Organiser Amanda Spooner, on her first Junior County week, was ecstatic and said, 'The girls were brilliant, the team was amazing under Lily Price's leadership'.

We were on a roll, and as far as I am aware this is the first time the Kent has done the "double". We have a lot of talent in the County in all age categories and these back to back wins show just how strong the County is. We have great coaching input from Steve Mitchell and Tim Milford, and a selfless group of County officials.

Getting nearer to the County Finals and a wonderful steady stream of donations. Please accept my apologies if we left a thank you out! I organised a Player Am on 29th August at my club Chart Hills. Well only 4 players made it, Emily, Cloe, Jerri and Sandy, the rest were on holiday, however Dis's friends Teddy Sheringham, Derek Underwood, John Shepherd, Chris Reynolds and past players Sarah Miller and Carole Cauldwell, and Benn Barham certainly added sporting class to our day. The owners gave us courtesy and with an auction, tombola and birdie 2's we raised £4,000, fantastic.

Sarah contacted Titleist who gave a dozen special edition Pink ProV1's to each of the players for their achievements, very special and very much appreciated. They usually get 1 Kent ball from me!

At the same time I am rushing around ordering shirts and slippers. Meanwhile my Vice, Ingrid had an almost impossible task of not just seeing the players but fitting them with blazers and smart trousers. A last minute trip to KMAC to collect the embroidered clothing and off to Wilmslow. The girls looked amazingly smart for the presentation, it was definitely worth it.

The English Women's County Finals at The Wilmslow Golf Club, Cheshire, September 16th – 20th 2013.

Kent went to Wilmslow with high, but realistic, hopes, having not reached the finals for 10 years. Yes, Dis was CTO then!

Kent's young ladies' team certainly gained a wealth of experience playing against England's best amateurs, including Curtis Cup players and final appearances from some other County players before turning pro.

In severe, wet and windy conditions, the practice round was abandoned after 9 holes - not the best preparation to take on Yorkshire on Monday. Kent's final foursomes pairing secured a well-earned half in the morning, however, Yorkshire, the eventual winners, won 4 ½ singles to end the day 7/2.

Tuesday's opposition was Hertfordshire. The weather forecast was horrendous and the order of play changed but no one had contacted me. So arriving with our foursomes pairings, suddenly a panic to get the other 3 out of bed and to the club to play singles. Emily Royer (scratch) and Jerri Sewell (1 hcp) won, with Tita McCart (2 hcp) halving her match, Kent were 2 ½/3 ½ at lunch. Against tough opposition, Emily and Cloe Frankish (scratch) were the only foursomes winners so another loss, but all 9 in the squad had now played.

Lincolnshire on Wednesday (and a little drier). Emily and Cloe won their foursomes. A singles win from Tita and a half from Cloe, but another loss 2½/6 ½.

On Thursday Gloucester raced to a 3-0 foursomes win with some key Kent players rested. However Kent battled back with singles wins from Emily, Tita, Cloe and Mollie Lawrence (3 hcp) to just lose 4/5.

Friday saw a top of the table clash between Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and "wooden spoon" clash for Kent versus Warwickshire. The foursomes matches were shared. Kent played their best golf of the week to secure 5th position with wins in the singles by Cloe, Jerri, Marnie Barber (3 hcp) and two halves from Emily and Mollie. A 5½/3 ½ win for Kent.

The standard at these finals was amazing; at first sight the Kent team might be disappointed at attaining 5th spot - but all matches were hard fought, there were many outstanding individual performances and the whole squad played their hearts out for our County. The margin between some wins and defeats was very small but that's how it is at the top – at the end of the day we were 5th of all of the English counties, some 30 odd.

On behalf of the KCLGA Committee I would like to thank the many individuals, golf clubs, ladies' sections and other organisations that had so generously helped fund the entire finals campaign, as well as the many volunteers who helped make everything happen before and during the finals week. Thank You.

There have been many superb achievements' by Kent's golfers, young and old this year.

Nicole Amos (Faversham), what a year! semi-finalist in our County Championships, 4th at English girl's U13's and 2nd in the Wee Wonders Grand Final at St Andrew's 11/12 age group with a 71 and 75. Certainly a star for the future who has won 2nd team matches too this year.

Darcie Smith (Chart Hills) aged 13 won a place as leading top girl qualifier in the Final of the Lee Westwood Junior Tour at Gainsborough GC. Darcie came 4th with a gross 85, net 73.

Cloe Frankish (Chart Hills) aged 14 tied 2nd in the Scottish U14 Girls in Inverness with a 79 and 78 in terrible wet and windy conditions to add to 2nd at the Henry Cooper Masters. Cut her handicap to scratch and was 5th ranked player winning 75% of her matches at the national finals and her 1st team county colours.

Holly Standing (Chart Hills) won the South Region Girls U18 Championships at Sweetwoods with a 77 and 74 and cut her handicap to 5.

Nicola Smith (Sittingbourne) at the same Championships won the U15 girls with a 76 and 80 and with their combined scores runners up in the County team cup to Surrey.

Mollie Lawrence's Nizels course record of 68 made her leading qualifier for the Telegraph BMW Junior Golf Championships 2013 hosted by Quinta do Lago last month. Mollie recorded scores of 78, 76 and 84 to come a very creditable 5th and enjoy a wonderful experience of a top competition aged 15.

Jerri Sewell (Shooters Hill) carded a 76 and 77 to win as top amateur at the Roehampton Gold Cup, just 3 shots off the top professional. Jerri, our Kent Junior Captain, came 11th in the Girls' Order of Merit for 2013. An excellent last year as a junior.

Julie Ballard (Littlestone) won the Senior Women's South region Championships at Liphook with 75 points and cut her handicap to 5.

Tita McCart (Sundridge Park) played for the Dutch Senior team in the European Senior Women's team Championships who came 4th. England came 3rd!

The senior ladies seem to be our larger section in Kent and many with single figure handicaps. Our friendly teams under President Dis are unbeaten securing 3 wins and a halved match in their friendly matches. Our senior team of Gerry Bray and Julie Ballard (Littlestone), Jenny Brown (Nizels) and Sandy Catford (Chart Hills) came a creditable 5th at the Berkshire in the Seniors Team Event. Next year Kent are hosting this event at Littlestone and Dis is hoping for a win on home links!

Ingrid has been running our 2nd team and as you will see from the report booklet results Kent have performed brilliantly and were so unlucky to lose out by ½ point in the last match v Surrey. In a 3 way tie also with Hampshire, Kent came 2nd in the Stovold Trophy winning 3 and losing 1 match. Our best position for several years. Well done to Ingrid and her team, a mix of new adults from last year's skills day and the bleeding of several of our talented young junior team members.

Congratulations to the Westerham Pearson trophy team who played superbly at local club Park Wood in the Kent finals and who were within a whisker of taking the crown at Lamberhurst when narrowly beaten by Moor Park. A special thanks to Chris Corke and assistant Elaine for their superb organisation at both finals. On behalf of you all I would like to thank Elaine for all her assistance in helping to run the Pearson and wish her a happy retirement. Also to wish Chris a great "final" year before handing the Pearson Trophy ropes to Juli Fayers from Nizels.

A huge thank you to all the club delegates for your invaluable contact and distribution of all our information to all of you. I also thank all the ladies from Kent who support us by entering our competitions. However, I feel we do need clubs to take more responsibility and offer committee members to help run the many competitions that we run for all of you. Indeed we have vacancies coming up later on the agenda.

The Officers and Committee members have worked extremely hard and efficiently on your behalf and I thank them all.

There have been many outstanding team performances this year and it was fitting to present Ainee O'Connor's 2nd team colours when she made her 1st team debut at Blackmoor.

Holly Standing has won her 2nd team colours, she is unable to be with us today as she is at school and will be presented hers at Ashford's AGM by Dis.

Julie Grey (Hever) on her return to Kent has also won her 2nd team colours and is also unable to be here due to work.

Emily Royer and Marnie Barber both won 1st team colours on their debut at County Week and their badges were presented at the County Finals. Cloe Frankish only needed to win 1 more match at the County Finals and her colours were presented at Wilmslow.

It was lovely and very fitting, to see these 1st team players wearing their Kent colours on their smart blazers at the Finals presentations.

Looking back over my two years they have certainly been different from anything I have experienced in my 40 years of service to sport. It has been the classic "game of two halves".

When I commenced my captaincy I expected to have to deal with issues but not as deep rooted and serious as they were. Neither did I expect hostility from a number of directions when tackling them. Two years is a good period though to sustain progress and with the support of the current officers the good ship KCLGA is now sailing in calmer waters with a refreshed and very capable crew. The County has moved forward and is now in better shape in a number of areas.

I would like to thank Jenny for our financial measures to get the accounts in good shape and to my fund raising team plus your contributions, helping to raise over £10,000 to finance the County Finals and keep our reserves for next year.

Amanda has fitted into her role as CJO with ease. A bubbly character, full of enthusiasm and what a first year winning Junior County week.

A huge thank you to Dorothy, you have been an incredible Competitions Secretary and an enormous aid for County week last year at Princes. Your attention to detail, organisation of the Championships, County Competition Finals as well as all the competitions has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you Sarah for your efficiency and support for the last 2 years, you have been amazing. I do not know how you do all the County work and still manage to maintain your exceptionally busy life between the UK and Monaco.

Dis, you are a great figurehead as County President, great fun and I have loved working with you and I am deeply appreciative of all your support.

I would not have survived without the support of Roger, my husband. He has done the lion's share of cooking, cleaning, ironing, taxiing, and most of the gardening too. He was amazing help at the County finals not just driving, but a general dogsbody doing any tasks especially those we needed a "man" for. I very much look forward to his planned trip of surprises to South Africa starting on Saturday.

Finally of course I wish Ingrid all the very best. We have worked closely over the last year and I know the county will be in very capable hands.

To all those who have supported me over the last 2 years I extend a big and warm thank you."

The President, Audrey Disbury thanked Chris and presented her with her Past Captain's badge.

6 Election of Captain:

Chris confirmed the election of Captain, Mrs Ingrid Long, proposed by herself and seconded by Mrs Elaine Lopategui.

Chris spoke in support of her nomination: "It gives me great pleasure to confirm the election of Ingrid Long as KCLGA Captain. Ingrid has already used her Essex roots enabling us to reintroduce a 1st team practice match against their 2012 County Finals winning team in April. Maybe this ignited our success this year! Little did Ingrid know then this would lead to the increased workload of being a Vice Captain! Yes skills for loading and unloading a van with players' bags, 9 Go Karts and making sure the charged batteries were separate from the spent ones. Walking endlessly with matches (good job Ingrid is fit) and putting up with Dis and myself for not one County week but the Finals as well. In addition when having arrived home elated but tired from JCW Ingrid's first grandson arrived later that night, a brother for Lexi.

Ingrid has a wealth of various committee and trustee background, golfing ability and experience and I have no doubt that she will be a great figurehead of the KCLGA.

I have had a fantastic year working with you and wish you good luck with your Kent Captaincy."

Elaine also spoke in support of her nomination: "I am very happy to second the nomination of Ingrid as Captain."

Chris presented Ingrid with her Captain's badge.

Ingrid Long responded by saying:

"Lady President, Lady Vice Presidents, Lady Past Captains, Ladies – I am very honoured and pleased to accept the position of County Captain.

It's a bit daunting standing here and being handed the helm of a very successful ship by a very well organised and efficient Captain and I'm not sure that my feet will fit into Chris' shoes – however I intend to try my very best. I'm confident that with Chris, Dis, Sarah and all the Committee alongside me, we can continue to strive to bring Kent Golf to the fore and build upon what has been a fantastically successful year for Kent.

On a personal note, I would just like to say a big thank you to all my friends from both Sundridge Park and Littlestone for all their support, especially those who are missing a Pearson match this morning just to be here today to support me. Thank you very much."

Ingrid presented Chris with her Vice Captain's badge.

7 Election of County Junior Organiser:

Mrs Amanda Spooner, Sundridge Park proposed by Mrs Ingrid Long and seconded by Mrs Chris Daniels.

Having been co-opted as CJO in January 2013, Amanda was formally proposed and seconded.

Ingrid spoke in support of her nomination: "I would like to propose Amanda for the position of CJO. She has got a vast amount of enthusiasm and is a very bubbly person. She has a son who is a very low handicapper, but a daughter who does not play. In a way I think this is a good thing, she has no conflict of interest a daughter playing. She has thrown herself into the role this year having been co-opted and as you can see she has had success already. She will be a great asset to the Committee."

Chris also spoke in support of her nomination: "I have no hesitation is seconding Amanda, a former Kent Junior girl player as CJO. I was delighted she joined us earlier this year and her energy and enthusiasm for the Kent girls since then has been fantastic. Revitalising the Nearly There's activities and what a leader at Junior County Week. A clean sweep win at her first attempt. Well done, it all speaks for itself and with Amanda's knowledge as a parent and school experience of Child Protection, she is an ideal Welfare officer too. I have no doubts she will continue to be a great asset for the County Junior Girls."

Chris explained that as Amanda works full time, some of the KCLGA Committee Meetings were now being held in the evening to accommodate this and as such ladies should not be put off joining the Committee should they wish to even if they do work during the day.

8 Election of Competition Secretary:

Mrs Mandy Mole, Littlestone, proposed by Mrs Kathie Maberley and seconded by Mrs Lorraine Knight.

9-10 Election of Officers:

Honorary Secretary Mrs Sarah Brooks, Wildernesse proposed by Mrs Chris Corke and seconded by Mrs Marilyn Brown.

Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Jenny Brown, Nizels proposed by Mrs Diana Reese, and seconded by Miss Beverley Drake.

Chris asked for a show of hands to approve the elections (items 7 – 10) 'en bloc' and all were approved and carried unanimously.

- 11 There were no nominations for County Training Officer.
- 12 Chris announced the election of the new committee members; Under Rule 2 of the Association the following ladies retire
Ms Kam Cheema, Miss Dawn Edwards and Mrs Dorothy Featherstone. A Nomination had been received for:

Mrs Sue Barnes, Mid Kent, proposed by Mrs Marilyn Brown and seconded by Mrs Sarah Brooks.

Chris asked for a show of hands to accept the nomination. All in favour and as this was the only candidate nominated Mrs Barnes was duly elected.

Chris went on to say, only one member was put forward to join the KCLGA Committee this year, but an offer was received after the nomination deadline. This was from Julie Flanders, Nizels. Julie will be co-opted by the Committee for 2014.

Chris asked both Sue Barnes and Julie Flanders to stand up, welcomed them to the Committee and introduced them to all present.

Chris reiterated that we still have vacancies on the KCLGA Committee and said should anyone like to join us please do not hesitate to contact either herself or Sarah Brooks.

Chris went on to give a vote of thanks to the retiring Committee Members.

"I would particularly like to thank the retiring Committee members.

Dawn Edwards for running the Holland Trophy.

Kam Cheema for so efficiently organising the Tappin Trophy and in addition many extra hours helping at various meetings and competitions. I wish you happiness spending more time between Spain and England.

Shell Foster retired from Handicap Advisor earlier this year due to ill health, however she has agreed to continue as Auditor, thankfully after an operation, she is feeling much better. Shell has been a stalwart for Kent from first joining the Committee in 1988. She was a County Officer in her role of Treasurer, and more latterly Handicap Advisor answering many concerns of you all, both here at the AGM and at the Captains and Delegates meetings for over a decade. We will miss your help explaining handicaps, Standard Scratch etc and wish you a happy retirement apart from your very welcome hours spent auditing the County accounts.

Dorothy Featherstone, where do I start for one of our longest serving KCLGA Committee members. Dorothy joined as a committee member in 2000 and has subsequently held the posts of Secretary, EWGA representative, Year Book editor and for the last 5 years Competitions Secretary. In addition to working part time, a playing member of 3 clubs, Dorothy has worked just about every minute of the day, including the night, by the times of her emails, serving the County and running just about every Kent event year after year. So after 13 years of service Dorothy retires but will still be running the Three Feather's successful knockouts, almost a full time job in itself! We all wish you a very happy retirement and a warm thank you for your service to the KCLGA.

There was a huge applause and standing ovation for Dorothy and Chris took this fitting opportunity to present her with flowers and a gift from the KCLGA Committee.

Dorothy thanked everyone and said how much she appreciated everyones support and the friends she had made through the years serving Kent.

I would also like to thank our retiring website organiser and photographer – Corinne Chapman. Corinne joined the Committee in 2001 and has been “in Charge” of the website from about 2002 with a brief period off following her County Captaincy when Chris Corke very kindly kept it going. Corinne certainly has been kept busy loading information and wonderful photos, making her mark, kiwi style, over a considerable period of time. The website is our most valuable tool for communication with an ever increasing number of “hits” and Corinne, I thank you for all your invaluable efforts and wish you many lovely hours with your grandchildren and Roger of course. Thank you.”

There was applause for Corinne and Chris took this opportunity to present her with flowers from the KCLGA Committee.

13 Chris called upon the Officers to give their reports:

Competition Report – Dorothy Featherstone

“President Dis, Vice Presidents, Captain and members, I am pleased to report on Competitions for 2013.

Competitions were well supported this year and I congratulate Ashford, Nizels, Wildernesse and Redlibbets ladies, yet again, for their continuing support. I would like to see entries from other clubs in the county and perhaps clubs could make a special effort to support the new Competition Secretary, Mandy Mole in this respect.

I would like to thank Marilyn Brown, Mandy Mole, Beverley Drake, Elaine Lopategui and Chris Corke for their help on competition days, especially when I was not able to be present myself. A special thank you must go to Lady Captains of the venue clubs who acted as Starters and provided flowers for the Prize table.

The Championship, held this year at Kings Hill, was enjoyed by players and supporters alike and I would add my congratulations to Emily Royer the Champion, Tereza Russo winner of the 2nd Flight and Jenny Brown the Senior Champion. A special word of thanks must go to Louise Fenn, Lady Captain of Kings Hill and her helpers for being in attendance all three days of the Championship.

Combining finals has proved a success and been well received. The Three Feathers, Lohan and the Milstede (the Junior Knockout Tournament) on one day makes for a better event, more supporters and one presentation. The Coombe, Holland and the Tappin are combined to make the other finals day and on this occasion 60 players, caddies, officers and supporters all sat down to tea after the presentation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wrotham Heath and Ashford for hosting the finals this year and to congratulate the winning teams and players:

The Three Feathers Gold was won by Tara Easton (Nizels), Silver was won by Dewanne Puddick (Sundridge Park) and Bronze Debbie Brady (Nizels) The Lohan was won by Lacey Clark and Nicky Barr (West Kent) and the Milstede was won by Darcie Smith (Chart Hills).

These finals will be held at Rochester & Cobham Park next year on 14th September and the Holland Trophy will join them. The Holland Trophy was exhibition golf at its best and won by a pair from North Foreland – Marnie Barber and Fiona McCann for the 2nd year running. The Tappin was won by a team from Tenterden and the Coombe Cup was won by Karen Pickering and Jenny Spedding from Ashford. These finals will be held at Langley Park on 24th September next year.

A full list of competition winners is printed in the Report Booklet which was given out earlier. 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 all the referees: President Dis, Captain Chris Daniels, Vice Captain Ingrid, Marilyn Brown and Jenny Brown from the committee and Jane Marr and Simon Naylor from England Golf.

I wish my successor, Mandy Mole, all the best for the year ahead. I know I am leaving competitions in very good hands.”

Junior Report – Amanda Spooner (read in her absence by Sarah Brooks)

"Lady President, Lady Vice President, Lady Captain, Ladies - firstly I would like to apologise for my absence, but as you all know I do work Full Time, and cannot take time off during school term time.

Our season got underway on 4th January 2013 when 16 girls, Sue Lawrence and myself went to Sundridge Park Golf Club for a match against the SLCKGC. It was decided to play 4BBB. We paired the girls up and off they went around the West course. All the girls had an enjoyable day and won the match 7 – 1.

On 10th March 2013, another cold and bitter Sunday, 10 girls headed off to Rochester and Cobham to play their juniors. Unfortunately we lost 4 -1. The club and captain looked after the girls really well.

31st March 2013, yet again another very cold and snowy day, 10 girls headed to Dartford. Unfortunately there had been a mix up with the times that the girls were due to tee off at and Dartford had forgot to inform us that it was a later tee time, but the pro rallied round and got the juniors to Dartford as quickly as possible and off they went. We won 4 - 2. Again the hospitality of the club was amazing.

3rd April 2013 - Our Nearly There's all braved the weather at Etchinghill. This day was so cold and bitter the 8 girls that came had a wonderful experience of winter golf (I would never have played). They had 2 hours coaching with Steve Mitchell in the morning followed by 9 holes of golf in the afternoon.

1st - Maisy Blackbourne from Sittingbourne & Milton Regis
2nd - Chloe Brown from Faversham
3rd - Millie Winter - from Aquarius
4th - Eleanor Heath from Sundridge Park

After they had finished the girls all said they could not wait until the next event which was on 21st July 2013 at Gillingham Golf club. This was however postponed till 15th September 2013, still at Gillingham Golf club.

4th - 5th April 2013 - Some of our girls trotted off to Scotland to play in the Under 16's Scottish Championship at Strathmore. They all enjoyed the experience.

4th April 2013 - Spring Meeting at Ashford. This certainly was not a spring day, yet again another cold, chilly, rainy and snowy day. 15 Girls entered and we had 1 drop out on the day due to ill health

1st- Chloe Frankish from Chart Hills
2nd- Jerri Sewell from Shooters Hill

Thanks must go to Marilyn for organising this event and also to Dis, Chris and Sal for coming to support.

Then it was back to school for me for a rest!

After another six weeks at school we went to North Foreland.

29th May 2013 - Junior Girls Championship at North Foreland. North Foreland staff were so accommodating, nothing was too much trouble. 18 girls played, unfortunately 2 girls had to pull out due to injuries which was a great shame. It was not a bad day to start with, most girls played 10 holes without rain, but then the rain started. The girls played some good golf and it was a pleasure to watch them.

1st - Sharna Dutrieux from Wrotham Heath Gross 156
2nd - Ainee O'Connor from Sundridge Park Gross 158 (beat Mollie Lawrence on count back)

1st Handicap - Nicole Amos from Faversham Nett 149
2nd Handicap - Mollie Lawrence Rochester & Cobham Nett 150

The winner of the most improved player of the year went to Darcie Smith from Chart Hills who started at 22 last year and is

now 12. A very good year for Darcie.

The winner of the Girls Order of Merit trophy went to our Junior Captain Jerri Sewell from Shooters Hill. Unfortunately Jerri was unable to be there. Is unable to be here?

JUNIOR COUNTY WEEK 12th – 14th August 2013

Junior County Match Week 2013 hosted by Middlesex at Ealing Golf Club. Teams stayed at Brunel University. Brunel University and Ealing Golf club were most welcoming.

Day One – First match of Junior County Week, we took on Surrey. The girls played so well. We looked set to lose, but 2 of the girls managed to turn their matches around from being down. One girl managed a half and the other winning, which meant we won 4 – 3 (great result). We now had two long days ahead playing 36 holes both days.

Day Two – played Hampshire in the morning. We didn't get the start that we wanted and lost 5 ½ - 1 ½ . The girls were a little deflated. We took on Sussex in the afternoon and what a great fight the girls gave and came in winning 6-1 (all to play for).

Day Three - Final Day. All 8 girls played in the stableford. This was a good thing as the girls knew they had all to play for in the afternoon, so took this opportunity to play the course one more time before their singles matches in the afternoon against Middlesex. The girls played really well in the morning and had come in with 99 points, which we didn't know if it would be good enough to win the Stableford competition. All girls were ready and raring to go. Lily Price who had been our Junior Captain for the week had got the girls all sorted and geared up, off they went. The girls did Kent proud as usual in all aspects of the game, their conduct, their team playing and of course their manners on and off the course. We beat Middlesex 6-1.

WE WERE THE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS AGAIN.

Well done to all the girls who played this week, it was a pleasure to be there.

When we came in for prize giving, we also found out that we had WON the stableford competition. The Coombe Cup, as well. The girls were so chuffed and so was I. Like all teams, we are so proud to have them, my sincere thanks to all.

Next we had the Summer meeting at West Kent 28th August 2013, unfortunately only 11 girls played. Again huge thanks to Marilyn for organising, Mandy for entering the scores and Dis for presenting the prizes:

1st Gross Cloe Frankish 74

2nd Gross Abbie Evans 83

1st Handicap Sharna Dutrieux 69

2nd Handicap Ellen Walker 74

Best 9 Jessica Murray 38

As said, we had to postpone the Nearly There's competition on 22nd July until 15th September at Gillingham. 13 girls entered again on a cold and miserable day. Lily Woodham won the championship. Thanks to Corinne for coming down, taking photos and supporting the girls. Also thanks to Marilyn for getting everyone organised.

I would also like to announce our Junior Captain for 2013/2014-Fiona McCann from North Foreland, and her Vice Captain is Ainee O'Connor from Sundridge Park.

We are looking for helpers to run the Nearly There's, so if anyone is interested please contact Marilyn or myself. They have 3 competitions a year, so if you can help please let us know.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a, BIG THANK YOU for everyone's support, if it wasn't for all. you my job would have been very difficult. Hopefully I am getting there."

Pearson Trophy Report for 2012/13 – Chris Corke, Pearson Trophy Manager (read in her absence by Juli Fayers Deputy to Chris Corke)

“Apologies from Chris who is on holiday and has asked that I give this report on her behalf.

The Kent Pearson Trophy was competed for by 46 teams this year. The four teams through to the finals were: Shortlands, Wrotham Heath, Nizels and Westerham. Westerham beat Nizels and Shortlands beat Wrotham Heath in the semis in the morning, setting up an exciting final in the afternoon between two teams who have previously won the trophy. After being 3 matches down, the 7th match was eventually won on the 19th hole by Westerham. Well done to both teams for a very competitive match and congratulations to Westerham on their 6th Pearson Trophy.

The Inter-County finals were held in Kent this year at Lamberhurst Golf Club. Kent played and beat Surrey in the semi-finals in the morning. Herts played and beat Middlesex. Setting up the afternoon finals between Moor Park from Herts and Westerham from Kent. Westerham were unfortunately beaten by a very strong Herts team. Well done, again, to Westerham for their great efforts and team spirit.

Our thanks to both Park Wood and Lamberhurst for so generously hosting the Kent and Inter-county finals this year. Thanks also to the Kent President and Kent Captain for their presence and continued support. It is much appreciated.

Good golfing for 2013/14 and Best Wishes for Christmas.”

Chris Daniels asked Audrey Disbury to present the Kent Pearson Trophy Winners, Westerham and the Kent Pearson Trophy Runners-Up, Shortlands with their Certificates.

Chris Daniels thanked Chris Corke and her Deputies for all of their hard work.

Chris Daniels also asked Audrey Disbury and Dorothy Featherstone to present several County Trophies which we were unable to present earlier in the year at the respective Finals. Dorothy asked representatives from each club to collect the Trophies on behalf of the winners. NB: All winners are detailed in Competition Report.

Three Feathers Gold and Bronze – Nizels. Three Feathers Silver – Sundridge Park.
Winter Four Ball – Sundridge Park.
Lohan Trophy – West Kent
Captain’s Cup – Faversham
Bradley Cook Parallel Plate – Lamberhurst winners and Redlibbets runners-up.

Handicap and England Golf Report – Mrs Marilyn Brown

“Lady President, Lady Vice Presidents, Lady Captain, Ladies - since I did the report for the booklet The Vice Captain and I have attended a Strategic Plan workshop which worked through the first draft of the Plan. This was then subsequently brought to the Counties in October. Unfortunately the meeting in Kent was quite poorly attended which is rather worrying when the way forward for golf is being discussed. The Plan is being spear headed by new Chief Executive, David Joy who presented the Plan to Kent.

This Plan is implementing and furthering the Merger document for the years 2014-2017. The second draft is due sometime this month after the completion of the workshops around the country, with the final Plan being due in February.

On to Handicap matters. I have just received information for 2014 regarding changes to Supplementary Scores for Category 1 players. A Category 1 player with a non competition handicap on 1st March may put in 3 scores to regain a Competition Handicap. A player with a Competition Handicap may not return any Supplementary Scores until 1st September and then only as many required to retain a Competition Handicap. All other categories will be allowed to do 10.

Supplementary Scores may only be played at the Home Club and all cards must be returned to the Committee.”

Chris 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 2013 placed on each attendee's chair).

Chris continued by publicly thanking the clubs that hosted County Matchplay Finals:

- Ashford for the Tappin Trophy, Coombe Cup and Holland Trophy,
- Park Wood for the Bradley Cook, Parallel Plate and the Kent Pearson Finals,
- Lamberhurst for the Four Counties Pearson Finals,
- Faversham for the Captain's Cup,
- Kings Hill for the Championship and Winter Fourball,
- Wrotham Heath for the Three Feathers, Lohan Trophy and Milstede Trophy.

14 Honorary Membership:

It was proposed by Mrs Ingrid Long that Mrs Corinne Chapman, Sittingbourne be made an Honorary Member. Ingrid spoke for her proposal.

"It gives me great pleasure in proposing Corinne Chapman for Honorary Membership for services to the County. Corinne joined the Committee in 2001 and was County Captain in 2006 and 2007. She was instrumental in setting up the County website and has been maintaining and updating it ever since.

She is probably most well-known with a camera in her hand and many a player has groaned when they have hit their ball into a bunker – not because they may lose a shot but because it was more than likely that Corinne would materialise out of the bushes to take one of her famous bunker shots (with her camera I may add) and of course she would only be happy if she got the player, the ball and the flying sand all in frame!

We hope that you, and your camera, will still appear from time to time at our events even though you are not playing golf at the moment and that you continue to enjoy your photography."

Miss Audrey Disbury seconded Ingrid Long's proposal and said,

"It is with great pleasure that I second this proposal. I am sure all of you have at some time, visited the website and will have witnessed first hand her unique expertise in this field (although she would not always agree). Her photography is top drawer too as she works so meticulously to get the best shot possible especially if the subject happens to be in a bunker. We all thank you for the pleasure you have given us over the years and your continued dedication to Kent. Hooray Corinne, just make sure you bring your camera to a few matches next year – please!"

Chris Daniels asked for a show of hands for this proposal. All were in favour and the proposal was carried unanimously.

15 Vice Presidents:

It was proposed by Miss Audrey Disbury that Mrs Dorothy Featherstone, Langley Park be made Vice President. Dis spoke for her proposal.

"Dorothy started playing golf by having lessons with Tom Cotton, son of the great Henry Cotton at Beckenham Place Park but didn't play seriously till her parents moved to Farnborough. Her twin sister Margaret was already a member of High Elms where she formed the ladies section so, naturally, Dorothy aged 42, followed in her footsteps in 1975, thereby discovering her love affair with competitive golf. In 1976 she again followed her sister's lead and joined Langley Park. She eventually went on to become Lady Captain at both clubs. As if this wasn't enough to keep her occupied, she then joined West Kent in the 80's and Sunningdale Ladies in 1996. Her lowest handicap was 10 and her favourite format is foursomes which she loves. She emailed me recently and asked how she could get a few more yards on her drive, my reply was (always the technician!) TRY EATING MORE DOROTHY.

When time permits – she also runs computer classes (wish I lived near enough!) Drives a little yellow peril in the manner of Lewis Hamilton, so beware all who live in the vicinity, you have been warned! Has a limitless amount of energy which

would put anyone twenty years younger to shame and what is even more remarkable is that she only seems to eat when she has the time. However, a plate of langoustine will not go amiss.

She joined the Kent Committee at the turn of the century, 2000, and since then she has been Secretary, EWGA representative and finally Competition Secretary. All who know her will realise how much effort, dedication and energy she has given to these important duties. She may be retiring from Kent but the Society of London Lady Captains will be delighted to experience her expertise as she has agreed to be their Lady Captain in 2014.

Everyone here wishes you every enjoyment, success, good luck and above all an improvement in your health to tackle your new challenge. And finally a big thank you for your invaluable contribution to Kent over these past years. Needless to say we will all miss you.

Therefore, it is my great pleasure to propose you as a Vice President of Kent.”

Mrs Chris Daniels seconded Audrey Disbury’s proposal and added,

“I think Dis has said it all and I am very pleased and proud to Second Dorothy as a Vice President and I think that everything Dorothy has done for Kent in these past years has been outstanding”.

Chris Daniels asked for a show of hands for this proposal. All were in favour and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Dorothy responded by saying,

“I am very pleased, honoured, privileged and amazed that I have been granted Vice President of Kent. I will obviously continue to support the County in all instances and future events and I have really enjoyed all my time, no matter what time of day it is, it has been a pleasure. Thank you all very much. Thank you Dis for nominating me”.

16 **Any Other Business:**

Dorothy Featherstone asked if anyone present had any knowledge of the Handicap Master System. An offer of help was received from the floor.

Chris Daniels:

- a) Captain and Delegates meeting at Bearsted Golf Club on Thursday 20th February 2014, Bearsted Golf Club at 10.00am.
- b) England Golf AGM – Wednesday 12th February 2014.
- c) Delegates Golf Day – Friday 30th May 2014, Kings Hill Golf Club.
- d) Green Fees for Practice Rounds – Chris Daniels invited questions on this subject (there were none) and explained that the County cannot dictate the amount a club charges for practice rounds and that the actual ‘courtesy’ of the course was afforded for the ‘actual’ match.
- e) (Having sold raffle tickets at the sign in desk earlier), Chris Daniels announced the winner of the handmade quilt kindly donated by a Chart Hills member was Carol Wilkinson of Sidcup.
- f) Two Four Ball Vouchers (one for Mid Kent and one for Ashford) were auctioned and bought for £50 each by Helen Kennedy of Sundridge Park and Penny Entwistle of Boughton respectively. NB: Items were raffled and auctioned as part of the Fundraising for County Final Week.

President - Miss Audrey Disbury:

“Before revealing the winner of this years Presidents Prize award, I would like to complement all members of the Committee for their selfless and hardworking contribution in helping to raise the necessary funds for our adventure to the County Finals. Sadly both Chris and Ingrid do not qualify for this particular perk but I know you all will join me in thanking them for a magnificent effort. It is an honour to be your President.

This award is given to the Committee Member who I feel has gone that extra mile on behalf of Kent. Needless to say, they were many contenders but my choice this year has been in the thick of the action at all times, always willing to help in any capacity and nothing has been too much trouble. She is always a mind of information and her dedication to Kent knows no bounds. Thank you Marilyn Brown.”

The President asked Marilyn to step forward and presented her with the beautiful ‘Invicta ‘rearing’ Horse glass trophy.

Marilyn offered words of thanks to the President and said,

“This has come as a huge shock, but it just proves that if you keep the Minutes from 1999, that’s where you find your information, I don’t throw much away. Thank you.”

Chris Daniels asked for questions from the floor:

There were none.

Ingrid Long offered words of thanks to retiring Captain, Chris Daniels,

“Chris, you have been a great Captain and no one could have worked harder at it than you have. It’s a good job that we don’t have to pay you an hourly rate, as I doubt that we could have afforded you, as your work ethic is amazing and your attention to detail second to none.

I’ve really enjoyed working with you and look forward to continuing that working relationship – however I’m sure that your family has missed out on your presence a lot over the last two years so go and enjoy spending more time with them, especially with a new grandchild due in the New Year and we’ll all try and take up less of your time next year.

Please accept this small gift as a thank you on behalf of us all.”

17 Date of Next Meeting:

Date of the next meeting Thursday 13th November 2014, at Ditton Community Centre.

There being no more business, Chris declared the meeting closed at 11.47am.

Hazel Bristow, Vice President, thanked Chris Daniels, County Captain, on behalf of all the members for chairing the meeting and praised the commitment of the County Officers and Committee. Hazel also urged ladies to go back to their clubs and encourage more the ladies to attend future AGM’s and wished everyone a successful golfing year in 2014.

Signed

Date