

County President, County Captain, County Vice Captain, Past Captains and Presidents, Life Members, Vice Presidents, Ladies.

Here is my report for the Northern Region of the English Women's Golf Association.

My apologies for not being with you today but the choice was Marco Island in Florida or Leyland.

The year kicked off to a great start with the **Northern Foursomes Close competition** being held at Pontefract Golf Club in Yorkshire. Despite problems experienced initially due to non distribution of the forms to Clubs and the size of forms to be downloaded from the website, the competition was full. Pontefract GC was presented in excellent condition and everyone received a very warm welcome. The administration of the event was first class.

The winners were Elaine Clark and Jennifer Fallows from Manchester GC who beat Megan Lockett and Holly Morgan Huddersfield GC and Lees Hall GC 2 and 1, congratulations on keeping the Cup in the County.

The Regional Medal finals were held at Crompton & Royton in May. 102 players from the Northern Counties played. The winner was 14 year old Neeve Fisher from Hebden Bridge GC. The event on the day was run by EWGA and I would like to thank Audrey McClelland for the planning and organisation of the event from the Club side, with a huge support team too numerous to mention by name, but I understand an excellent job was done. On behalf of the Northern Regional Committee I would like to thank Crompton & Royton GC staff and members most sincerely for their hard work and to County Captain for presenting the prizes on the day.

County Match Week was held at Carlisle Golf Club

The winners were Yorkshire who went on to the County Finals in Derbyshire the overall winners were Hertfordshire who beat Yorkshire 5 - 4.

The Northern Ladies Championship

Was held in July at Clitheroe Golf Club, the Championship was held over 3 days, 97% of the field were between +2 and 5 handicap, the scoring was excellent. Rachael Goodall Heswall shot a 68 to make a new course record and Emma Clegg Clitheroe had a hole in one on the 17th.

Lancashire won the Scratch Team Shield after a card play off with Cheshire, Lancashire won the Team Handicap Cup.

The top16 players qualified for the Championship Matchplay and the next 8 players qualified for the Millennium Bowl.

The Winner of the Championship was Bronte Law from Bramhall. The winner of the Millennium Bowl was Steph Hall, Lindrick Golf Club.

The Championship went fantastically well and I would personally and on behalf of the Northern Regional Committee like to thank the County President, County Captain and her team particularly Jackie and Judith for running the Championship. To Clitheroe Golf Club Mike Walls, Secretary/Manager, Andrew Geddes Head Green Keeper and the Lady Captain Mrs Jacqueline Bury and her committee for their hard work nothing was too much trouble but it was truly appreciated by all.

I was delighted with the way the Championship went and thank you to those who came to support this prestigious event.

The Northern Girls Close Championship was held at Whitley Bay Golf Club in August. Our Lancashire Girls did extremely well and took the following prizes:

CLEMENT BOWL:

Best Nett, Sophie Lamb, Clitheroe GC

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

Best Gross, Bethany Garton, Royal Lytham & St Annes GC Runner Up, Lucie Walker, Ormskirk GC,

KILBURN TROPHY

Brogan Townend, Pleasington GC
Best Gross, Brogan Townend, Pleasington GC

LIVERPOOL SOCIETY TROPHY

Emma Harris, Peel GC,
Best Gross, Emma Harris, Peel GC
Runner-up, Eloise Healey, Lee Park GC

Overall BEST NETT P.M., Hollie Vizard, Pleasington GC,

The Australian Spoons North regional final was held at Ringway, Cheshire. The winners, Joan Dent and Bridget Carruthers, from Cumbria scored 40 points and won on count back from Mavis Smith and Sheila Rothwell of Harwood, Lancashire.

The LGU Coronation Foursomes was held at Droitwich Golf Club representatives Linda McKeown and Mary Jane Shannon became the 2010 Peugeot LGU Coronation Foursomes at St Andrews.

On various England squads we have Kelly Tidy, Nikki Foster, Emily Taylor, Brogan Townend and Emma Harris. Kelly Tidy is our British Amateur Champion. Kelly also represented England in the World Amateur Team Championship in Argentina. Both Nikki and Kelly were both selected for the Home Internationals and also selected for the GB & I squad who will be contesting for the Astor Trophy and the Vagliano Trophy next year.

Our Lancashire girls have also done extremely well in the England Order of Merit, Nikki Foster came 2nd, Kelly Tidy 6th. Nicola Rawlinson, Bethany Garton and Brogan Townend were all in the top 60.

In the England Girls Order of Merit Kelly Tidy is 2nd, Brogan Townend 8th and Emily Taylor, Bethany Garton and Emma Harris all finished in the top 25.

In the Fairhaven Nations Cup at the Fairhaven Trophy Emily Taylor won the girls event setting a new course record of 72. Brogan Townend was second.

Emily was selected to play in the R&A's biennial Junior Open for U16's at Lundin Links and finished 4th.

She was also selected to play in the EWGA Nations Cup team in the Scottish U16's Strokeplay Championship at Strathmore which she won, again setting a course record of 66. Brogan was in the same team which won the Nations Cup event.

Emily has also been selected for the Girls Home Internationals.

Affiliation Fees

EWGA have experienced problems collecting affiliation fees from some Golf Clubs. A strongly worded letter was sent out to non paying clubs. Next year letters will be sent out earlier with the threat of their SS being taken away.

Finance

Even though subscriptions were behind budget this year it was still hoped that Ewga would break even for 2010.

An Advice Document is being put together by EWGA to give help and advice to parents. When it has been completed the Northern Committee will be asked to look at it and if it is suitable will become standardised.

Rules seminars

It was felt these were very successful and would be held every 2 years. A new series of seminars will commence in 2012. Referees should undertake a refresher course every 4 years through the LGU and should re-take R & A Rules School examination every 10 years. This will ensure that Ewga will have sufficient referees to officiate at our Championships and Competitions.

Regional medal finals

The Process is being monitored with a cap placed on entrants from outside regions. It is hoped that the number of competitors will be increased from 100 – 150 next year.

Angela Uzielli Bursaries

EWGA are disappointed that the requests to take up the Angela Uzielli Bursaries have not been as many as they would have liked. Applicants do not need to be the best player but someone to whom golf is very important and who needs help. For further information please contact myself or the County Secretary.

Regional Competitions

Owing to low entries nationwide it is proposed to have a review of all events.

Election of new officials onto the Northern Regional Committee

It was agreed that until the merger was resolved the present committee would remain the same.

County Match Week 2011

Will be held at the St Anne's Old Links Golf Club from the 20th – 24th June. We shall be looking for volunteers to help out with Trolley Pulling and of course we would very much appreciate your support during the week. We will keep you posted with News leading up to this event.

On behalf of the North Regional Committee I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Clitheroe Golf Club and Crompton & Royton Golf Club for hosting the Northern Ladies Close Championship and the EWGA Medal Finals.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who came to help and support these events we all know that without your continued help we would not be able to continue running these competitions.

Thank you also to those of you who are and have been the Club Delegate for Lancashire I have met and spoken to some of you and I hope I can be of continued assistance next year. Your work within the County is very much appreciated and helps to maintain a good communication.

Christine Stokes

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