

LANCASHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING 29th OCTOBER 2018

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The County Association would like to thank Haydock Park Golf Club for the use of their Meeting Rooms for our Executive and Sub Committee Meetings and for today's Council Meeting and our Annual General Meeting in November.

In 2018 the total number of clubs affiliated to the County decreased slightly to 134, the number of members decreased slightly from 6400 to 6330.

ADMINISTRATION

Once again this year the use of email has been used to distribute County information. The point of contact with clubs is the LLCGA delegate, so please ensure that I have a current email address to facilitate this process. Will delegates please see that the information sent to them is distributed appropriately within their clubs. On the whole I think communications between the Association and its members is good, but if you feel that we could do more, please don't hesitate to contact me with your suggestions.

We will continue to use the website to make much of the documentation for meetings such as this Council meeting and the AGM available for members to download. I must thank our webmaster Angela Caton for all of the hard work she has done in keeping us all up to date with happenings within the County and also the Shield Representatives for updating the results pages. If anyone has any suggestions as to any additional information you would like to see, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Angela.

It is our intention to have on line booking facilities from next year for all of our competitions.

We hope that this will be more convenient for clubs and members.

Any alterations that are made to the County Rules or Regulations will be available shortly by accessing the web site.

I would encourage clubs to make use of the Central Database of Handicaps. Most of Lancashire's clubs are registered but there are still some that are not updating their information regularly. This system enables us to send results back to clubs more quickly instead of relying on the post, and should make it easier for clubs to keep their players handicaps up to date. Postal returns will only be made to those few clubs that are not yet on the system.

COMPETITIONS

I know that this has been said before but the County offers a wide variety of competitions for all standards of players; please encourage your members to enter them. They are for your benefit and we have some great courses to play. The costs compare very favourably with other Open competitions so please come along and join us.

This year we have made the flyers available earlier and hope that this will enable more members to enter County competitions.

You will have been given a copy of all the competition flyers when you booked in today please

would you display these in your club so ladies will be aware of the details. I have also enclosed some junior competition details which we would ask you to promote on your club notice board so that all of your members will see them.

Obviously some competitions are more popular than others and the Interclub Trophies and Shields continue to be well supported. The change to a Stableford for the Bronze Interclub has proved popular and will continue.

When entering the shield please remember that if more than one team is entered into a category you cannot play the same players in both teams and a list of all your eligible players, in alphabetical order, must be sent to your shield representative no later than 1st March.

Entries for the County Championship have been creeping up of late, which is encouraging, but we can always do with more.

Please encourage your ladies who are eligible to enter next year when the Championship will be held at Pleasington Golf Club on 26th-28th May and I hope this year we will have a full field.

The Lady Derby is another competition that we would like to receive a higher number of entries. I know how popular the Shield matches are so why not enter the qualifying round and get the opportunity to play match play for yourself rather than your club? This is a handicap event and I'm sure the President would love more people to play for the opportunity to win her prize.

The Qualifying round will be held at Leyland Golf Club on 12th August , with the finals on 4th & 5th September at Fleetwood Golf Club two excellent golf courses, so some dates to note in your diary.

Buggies – players are reminded that they may not use a buggy in any County competition unless they have sought permission from the Executive Committee before the competition, this includes LLCGA qualifying rounds at your own club.

Any requests for this should be sent to the Hon.Secretary with the supporting documents in advance of the competitions.

COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EXECUTIVE ORGANISATION

I am delighted to report that we are coming up to our fourth County Development Group AGM. At this point and in line with the constitution the Chair is provided by LLCGA and the Secretary Treasurer by LUGC.

Thanks must go to the retiring County Senior Training Officer, Janette Smart, for all of her help work throughout the year.

The R&A has launched a Charter for Women and Lancashire is to develop a complimentary charter/commitment for clubs to sign up to, which will support the objective of this initiative and link in to the new R&A charter.

As a voting member of England Golf, the LLCGA attends General meetings at Woodhall Spa where we have the opportunity to meet members from other county Associations and Unions and raise issues and discuss matters of importance to our members.

Ladies we have a number of vacancies this year so if anyone is interested in helping to run the

competitions and joining the Executive Committee please contact me to discuss. Most clubs represented here today take advantage of playing in the Shields and Interclub as well as many other competitions.

In order that we may continue to run these competitions for you all continue to benefit from I would ask you consider helping out.

This concludes my report.

Margaret Milne

Hon. Secretary