

Report from Delegates Meeting Friday 12th February 2016

There was a query regarding the use of buggies in Vets competitions, apparently the wording states if you have a medical certificate allowing you to use a buggy in competitions you should use one but it was agreed at the meeting that it ought to read may use a buggy. Also a medical certificate will last as long as is needed and not have to be renewed every year. Any Club rules do not apply to the County.

The over 70's competition is hopefully still on for June with IOP Dene Course as a venue, just checking whether buggies will be allowed on the Dene Course.

Sheila Davidge our Captain expressed her sadness in having to announce that Mary Carlson will be standing down as Vice Captain due to the return of cancer which she has fought before and beaten. Sheila wished her well from us all on her second fight with the disease.

SW Delegate - Support is needed for the SW Bowmaker at East Devon Golf Club on the 29th September there are gross, nett and stableford prizes. Also the SW Foursomes which is being held at Broadstone on the 6th October. Please check the County website where there is a link to the SW. SW match week is at Mendip GC this year and the Dorset team need support please.

Handicap Advisor - The new changes to CONGU will not be in place till 1st March due to software problems. Therefore the playing year will be 10 months from 1st March till 31st December 2016. EG have recently held regional Handicap and Course rating Workshops and only 10 Clubs in Dorset took advantage of them, of those only five Ladies Handicap Secretaries attended. If you are not kept up to date by your Clubs visit www.Englandgolf.org and join Benefits Scheme you will then be informed by email.

There will be a few changes to the Rules and Conditions of Play and Rules of the Association, these changes have been agreed at the Delegates meeting and will be brought to the AGM in October. This is mainly due to the Championship being played at the weekend for a trial for the next two years.

County Development Officer - Girls Golf Rocks was completed in Essex last and Now Dorset has been selected to see if we can raise awareness of golf and encourage more girls to play. The Dorset County Girls Squad have attended a leadership training workshop and will be an integral part of the project as ambassadors of the game of golf. The first event to encourage girls was at Ashley Wood On Monday 15th February. I attended this function and our ambassadors had a rules quiz on paper and outside on the practice area. They then met a group of very young beginners, had lunch and played a nine hole Texas Scramble. This was a very interesting day for me, just the start! Elaine Barrow would be very grateful if we save Sainsbury's vouchers again, so the box is out in the changing room.

AOB - There have been issues in the past with ladies being able to enter County Competitions after the closing date, Sheila reiterated that this shouldn't have happened and in future the closing date is definitive. I will mention the closing date as definitive at the next Executive meeting, if ladies go through their delegate I don't think we should stop them playing as long as the start sheet has not been finalised.

Carole Brown mentioned the cheque book issue in so much as some banks no longer use them, perhaps now is a time to consider paying for competitions online if you want to. This will be discussed with Heather and will be put on the agenda for the next Executive meeting.

The yellow booklets with all County information are available, I will be giving them to ladies who want one, this year less have been printed due to the high cost. Apparently many books stayed in Ladies changing rooms till they were thrown away at the end of the year.

I have taken what I think are the major points but the complete minutes are on the notice board for you to read at your leisure.

Thank you

Grace Burke (Delegate)