



## YORKSHIRE VETERAN LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

- 1931 The President of Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association, Mrs J. Harland received a challenge from the Lancashire Branch of the Veteran Ladies Golf association and it was arranged to play at Lytham St Anne's on September 27<sup>th</sup> Yorkshire beat Lancashire by one match .At this event the Yorkshire players discussed forming a branch of the Association.
- 1932 On June 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Thomson (Leeds) Mrs Day (Dewsbury) and Mrs Harland (Ilkley) met in Ilkley to form the Association.  
They proposed that the conditions of membership would be:  
1) To have attained the age of 50 years  
2) To be a member of a recognised Golf Club in the County.  
The annual subscription to be 5/-, an open meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September.  
39 subscriptions were received in the first year.  
First home County match to be held at Ilkley and the team was Mrs Jeken, Mrs Bland, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Day, Mrs Gale, Mrs Riddell and Mrs Melrose, Res. Miss.Richardson.  
Mrs J. Harland was elected as Captain and Miss E A Richardson (Baildon) as Secretary.  
Mrs Wardle (Alwoodley) sent £3-0-0 for the prize fund.  
First Open meeting held at Ilkley –Gross prize-Mrs Campbell  
1<sup>st</sup> Handicap Prize -Mrs Nicholson  
Sealed holes-Lady Grant Lawson  
Sweep-Mrs Bland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Div Gross –Mrs Schofield  
2<sup>nd</sup> Div Handicap-Mrs Hepworth  
Sealed holes- Mrs Miller, Mrs Whitehead, Sweep-Mrs Boyce and Mrs Hartley  
It was proposed that all members of any Veteran Association should be eligible to compete in the YVLGA meeting. This was carried.  
The Committee decided to hold a putting competition at the next Open meeting.
- 1933 Mrs E.Mackenzie became President and Mrs Wardle (Alwoodley) Vice President.  
North v South Match arrangements left to the Captain also Yorks. v Lancs. match.  
Mrs Wardle presented a Trophy –the first score in each division –medal round to play off on handicap in the afternoon.  
The Hon. Sec reported a balance of £5.8.10 in the Bank.  
Meetings were then held at the Metropole Hotel, Leeds  
Mrs Harland (Captain) was asked to arrange the team to play Lancashire at Fairhaven. She wrote to Mrs Bland (7) Moortown , Mrs Thomson (7) Leeds,

Mrs Jeken (8) Middlesborough, Mrs Riddell (8) Leeds, Mrs Day (9), Dewsbury , Miss Richardson (9) Baildon and Mrs Sproat (13). Match won by Lancs 5-2. Prizes for the best gross, afternoon foursomes competition and putting competition were given by players and Committee, entrance fee of 2/- to cover all events.

- 1933 September 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Committee meeting, Mrs Harland suggested a change of name to ' Seniors instead of Veterans ' and it was reported that the general opinion was that the original name should be retained. Arrangements for N v S match and the Lancs v Yorks match for 1934 were discussed and Lancs. asked for a Harrogate Club to be approached.
- 1934 An open meeting as suggested by Lancashire to be held following the N v S match, the course having been promised for both events by Pannal.  
Team to represent the North to be:  
Mrs Gwynne (Yorks), Mrs Forbes –Cooper (Lancs), Mrs Thomson (Yorks)  
Mrs Bland (Yorks) Mrs Merryweather (Yorks) Mrs Neilson (N'land).  
At the General meeting at Harrogate Starbeck, 28 members were present from a total membership of 68. It was suggested that a match might be arranged against the Yorkshire 2<sup>nd</sup> County team.
- 1935 Joint Committee meeting held with Lancs at Formby. Present Lady Fell in the chair and Mrs Lloyd-Jones, Mrs Herron, Mrs Leggatt (Lancs)  
Mrs Harland, Day, Bland and Miss Richardson .Mrs Harland proposed that a selection Committee should be appointed to select the North team for the N v S match consisting of the Captain and Hon.Sec. of each County. Teams of seven players, with no foursomes, should play to a finish, eliminating any draw.  
Lancashire promised to consider the suggestion.  
Match v the South was played at Wentworth, Mrs Bland, Thomson and Buchan playing in the North team representing Yorkshire. £1 was allocated to each player when playing in the South.  
Miss Richardson retired from Secretary owing to business commitments, Mrs Walsh took over her role.
- 1936 Mrs Thomson elected as Vice Captain to follow Mrs Harland.
- 1937 Joint meeting held with Lancashire and agreed that the Captaincy of the North should be held by rotation, Lancs. to take the lead in 1937 , Yorks 1938 and Cheshire 1939.  
Mrs Wardle retired and Mrs Chalker was elected as Vice President, Mrs Buchan (Bradford) to be the next Vice Captain.  
Two golf meetings to be held, one in the Spring, one in the Autumn, the Wardle trophy for the Autumn meeting.  
It was proposed that all members of the Association should be Yorkshire born or resident in the County.

- 1938 17<sup>th</sup> February, the Committee were told of the death of Mrs Harland who had been so instrumental in founding the Veteran Ladies Association in Yorkshire.  
A letter of condolence was sent expressing the Committee's sympathy and sincere appreciation for the important services Mrs Harland rendered to golf generally and to the Y.V.L.G.A. in particular.
- 1939 Yorks. played both Lancs. and Cheshire but by September 7<sup>th</sup> the Captain Mrs N. Buchan (Bradford) wrote cancelling the next meeting owing to the outbreak of war. The Veterans' Cup –presented by Mrs Wardle was placed in safe keeping at Messrs Fattorini and Sons Ltd, Tyrrel St, Bradford
- 1947 Following the war, 29 members met at Bradford Golf Club, Mrs Buchan took the chair as the last elected Captain. She informed the meeting that Mrs Mackenzie, the President had died, the Hon Secretary and Treasurer had resigned and Mrs Ballantyne had left Yorkshire.  
Appreciation was expressed for the work of Mrs Walsh the last Hon.Sec.  
The Chairman proposed that Mrs Thomson be elected Captain for the coming year. Mrs Snape (Sandmoor) suggested that the old Committee be re- elected with Miss Richardson (now Bradford) co-opted. Mrs Snook (Bradford ) to be Hon.Sec. with Mrs Vinter, Hon. Treas. A Competition was held and things began to return to normal.
- 1948 A competition for the Wardle Trophy was held, best nett score to take the cup. Mrs Bland retired from the Committee and they extended grateful thanks for her long service to the Association.  
The question of sisters playing golf in Competitions together was discussed and decided that it would not be allowed.  
Wardle cup presented to Mrs Hall (Sandmoor) 101-24-77 nett
- 1949 Prizes for the Competitions continued to be donated and sweeps were divided up. Competition cards 1/6, optional sweeps of 1/-, putting cards 3d each.  
North v South played at Hoylake, Mrs Swinscoe and Mrs Leetham to represent Yorks. Teams were to pay their own expenses but the North to pay for cocktails, wines and tips. First printed timesheet sent out.  
Mrs Stork made an Honorary Life Member of Yorkshire Vets.  
Spring meeting at Alwoodley, 72 ladies played in the morning and 62 in the 9 hole foursomes in the afternoon. Mrs Booth (Cobble Hall) raffled a home made cake, proceeds to County funds.  
The winner of the Wardle Trophy to receive £2.2.0. Cash in hand at Bank £45.18.4.
- 1950 Mrs C. Elliott (Hallamshire) offered to present a trophy, the Elliott Cup. It was decided that this should be played for at the Spring meeting-for best nett score. A Special prize for the Over 60's to be paid from funds. Players in the North v South team to be sent £2.2.0.and £1.1.0 to be allocated for playing in Yorkshire matches away from home.

Miss Richardson proposed that the Committee should consist of Captain, Vice Capt, Hon. Secretary., Hon Treasurer and six members with the ex Captain as ex-officio. After 1951, two members are to retire for one year automatically by length of service.

Courtesy of the course still granted for Competitions. Mrs Thomson proposed that the best nett score in Div 1 wins the Wardle Cup and the best in div 2 wins the Elliott Cup.

In December a meeting was held at the Metropole Hotel Leeds. Present; Mrs Allsop (Northumberland) in the chair, Mrs Temple Dobell, Mrs Longden, Mrs Cushing (all Cheshire) Mrs Vaugh (Durham) Mrs Forbes –Cooper (Lancs) Mrs Snook, Miss Richardson and Mrs Hamilton (all Yorks). It was unanimously decided to form the Northern Veteran Ladies Association. Counties with 100 or over membership to pay £1 and those under 100 members 10/-.

The Richardson Cup was presented by Miss Richardson (Captain Y.V.L.G.A.) and her mother Mrs Richardson and was won by Yorkshire in 1950. Northumberland, Lancashire and Cheshire also competed. Miss Richardson was Captain of Baildon 1921,22 and 23.

- 1951 Committee for the year- Captain, Mrs Hamilton (Sandmoor), V.Capt. Mrs Swinscoe (Dore and Topley) Miss Richardson ex Capt and Mrs Day, Mrs Buchan, Mrs Sproat, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Carmichael, Mrs Harrap, Mrs Snook (Hon Sec) Mrs Vintner (Hon Treas) Travelling expenses to be doubled, however at the next meeting this was rescinded as the expenses would have exceeded the total of subscriptions. The Committee meeting was held at Shipley Golf club, the hot lunch was 5/- and it was agreed that at the Spring Meeting no foursomes should start later than 4.0 pm. Putting to be limited to two rounds of 9 holes. 100 members took part. The Elliott Trophy was won by Mrs North (West.Bradford.) It was agreed to challenge the Yorkshire Ladies County team in September. This was played at Alwoodley and the Veterans team beaten 5-2 but 4 matches finished 1 up. Committee joined by Mrs Barrett (Horsforth) and Mrs Snowden. Yorkshire played Northumberland and won 5-2.

- 1952 Decided to limit entries for the Elliott Trophy to 100.  
Printed note paper ordered to be stamped in RED if possible !  
Mrs Barrett proposed as Vice Captain elect and Mrs Walkland (Moortown) co-opted to the Committee. Mrs Harrap kindly offered a trophy to be played for at Spring meetings –a medal round open to all players in the bronze division. It will be a silver Salver and known as the Harrap Trophy. Yorkshire to purchase team badges using the same shape as Lancs, the red rose to be replaced by the white Yorkshire rose. A County Flag is to be purchased, but the manufacturers had to delay the order until after the Coronation – a design was agreed.

- 1953 The Vice Captain, Mrs Barrett, informed the committee that Miss E. Richardson had died. She was Secretary from 1932-36 and Captain in 1950, when she gave the Richardson Cup which is still competed for by the Northern Counties V.L.G.A. Her keen interest for many years was acknowledged and a minutes silence followed. Sadly Mrs Stork passed away, she had been the only Hon.Life. member. Mrs Day, a founder member also died and was fondly remembered by the Lady Captain. Elliott Trophy winner Miss Benson (Scarboro S.C.)  
Harrop Trophy winner Miss Tesseyman (Moortown)  
Spring meeting 1954 to be held at Scarcroft and the Association now has 218 members from 38 Clubs. Mrs Hartley (Brough) won both the Yorkshire Championship and the Northern Championship and reached the finals of the English. The Vice Captain commented that Mrs Harrap had been an outstanding Captain. Mrs Sproat retired after 21 years service.
- 1954 The Autumn meeting at Hawkeswoth made a profit of £10.11.11.  
At Scarcroft, Mrs Somerville gave details-Lunch @5/- afternoon tea 2/-, best gross prize presented by Scarcroft ladies. Mrs Somerville entertained the Committee to tea.  
Elliott Trophy winner Mrs Carmichael (Brough)  
Harrap Trophy winner Mrs Coleman (Middleton Park) Mrs Barrett again won the best gross. Prizes presented by Miss Watson the Scarcroft Captain.  
Entry of 164 ladies from a total of 242 for the Horsforth Autumn meeting.
- 1955 £3.3.0 donated to the International match fund.  
The Committee had been asked to consider raising the age limit to 55, but officials from the South, who were the parent body, were not in favour. It was decided to hold an 18 hole stroke competition in the Spring and Foursomes at the Autumn meeting. Mrs Fenton (Horsforth ) proposed that the foursomes event should be for the Wardle trophy. Foursomes Competition to be played at Northcliffe and a long discussion followed as to whether the ladies should be asked to drive across the ravine on the first hole. In the event, there were 120 entries from 24 clubs, who drove the ravine.  
Mrs Snook elected Captain of the North and Mrs Barrett Vice Captain. North v South competition held at Harrogate, previously held in Yorkshire – 1938.
- 1956 Entry to the Spring meeting at Alwoodley 186 ladies from 32 clubs, however the Course was covered with 3 inches of snow and abandoned. Lunch was served and a bridge drive was held.  
A Lady Captains brooch was purchased similar to the one recently purchased by the Lancs. Assn., green enamel, with Captain in Silver lettering.  
The first winners of the Wardle trophy in the foursomes format were Mrs Millward and Mrs Tate (Sandmoor) 100-26-74
- 1957 A suggested summer meeting was left in abeyance owing to petrol rationing.

Clubs continue to give courtesy of the course –Hornsea and Ganton offering for 1958. Requests from members of South Yorks. to hold a meeting in their area-Thrybergh was approached. Prizes for most Competitions donated by the Committee. A victorious North team had 4 Yorkshire ladies –Mrs Hartley, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Marwood and Mrs Smith. Mrs Vintner retired having been a Committee member since 1947.

- 1958 Wardle trophy suffered a broken ivory handle which was repaired under ‘all risks’ policy. Owing to the numbers increasing in the Bronze div. it was divided into two sections 19 to 29 and 30 to 36. Mrs Snape, the Hon. Treasurer proposed that ‘for all County matches, when travelling is necessary, the cost of bed and breakfast be allowed.’ 2<sup>nd</sup> team arranged to play Durham. Proposed that the AGM be held in October. Balance in bank was £ 213.11.4.
- 1959 Mrs Berry (Hallowes) suggested the best 8 gross scores play off for a Veterans’s Champion.
- 1960 Discussed at the AGM and agreed that the best 8 play on neutral courses, results sent to Hon.Sec. and a semi final and final be played on May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Following a N.V.L.G.A. meeting Dec.5<sup>th</sup> of which Yorkshire had no prior notice, the North v South Jamboree was discussed. A further meeting in London proposed that the Jamboree should be played in Scotland –Gullane or Troon  
South v Scotland  
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Teams of 8 suggested and a dinner to be held. Four Yorkshire ladies represented the North, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Drake, Mrs Hartley and Mrs Marwood. They beat the South but lost to Scotland.  
The Yorkshire Committee felt that travelling expenses would be heavy and asked if there was to be a rota of venues. There would be further expenses as Durham had joined the N.V.L.G.A and in their first year won the Richardson Trophy. This was the first year of the Yorkshire Championship and Mrs E.M.Hartley was the worthy winner. A silver salver was presented by Mrs E. Walkland (Moortown).  
Mrs Angus Smith appointed Secretary of the North and she was asked to put forward a resolution that ‘the expenses of the players chosen for the Jamboree should be shared by ALL the Counties’  
Letter received from the V.L.G.A. London ‘It was unanimously agreed to rescind all Affiliation fees and to make those Associations paying these fees Honorary affiliated Members’ from January 1961
- 1961 Jamboree held at Deal and agreed that all hotel expenses be paid by the V.L.G.A. The Midlands joined in the Jamboree.  
214 entries for both Spring and Autumn meetings and 178 and 198 ladies played.

- 1962 Alterations made to Bronze division, now 19-24 and 25-36.  
Mrs R. Thomson, founder member in 1932, Mrs Riddell, Mrs Sproat and Mrs Buchan be invited to become Hon. Life Members. Decided 16 to qualify for matchplay Championship. 305 entries for the Spring meeting at Alwoodley and 200 members actually played  
£90 to be given to the Captain to cover expenses
- 1963 Concern expressed at the large number of entries and it was agreed that no individual entry forms would be sent, forms to Club secretaries only. Numbers for matchplay Championship play off reverted to 8.  
The Hon. Treasurer suggested that Life Membership be instituted at £3.3.0, this would include the entrance fee. New members commencing 1964 to pay entrance fee 5/-, yearly membership fee 5/-.
- 1964 Mrs H. Drake (Cleckheaton) appointed Captain of the North for 1965.  
Suggested to save expense that all county matches be played in one week on the same course. The Jamboree was held at Gleneagles. 9 ladies paid their subscriptions to qualify as Life members, the total membership was 400
- 1965 Mrs Hamilton died, she was a great stalwart of Yorkshire golf..  
Owing to the large number of entries it was proposed that the Silver and Bronze Spring meeting be played on separate days. Suggestion during the Jamboree that a player with professional status be allowed to play. Yorkshire felt that County and North matches were for amateurs and this was duly recorded.  
Mrs E. Hartley offered a trophy for a five club competition, the Committee decided that the handicap limit should be 24 and entries up to 120
- 1966 The flag was stolen from the Hon Sec's storeroom the insurance company were unwilling to admit liability and so a new replica was purchased, as the 1953 original.  
The Jamboree was held at Royal Liverpool Golf Club and history made as the 'first ever Ladies Dinner' was held. Mrs Hartley and Mrs S. Wood represented Yorkshire and the North. The first winner of the E.M.Hartley trophy was Mrs Clamber (Skipton). Yet again Mrs Hartley won the Championship and The Walkland Trophy. Raising the age limit to 55 was mentioned at Committee but rejected.  
The minutes constantly refer to the generosity and donation of prizes by Captains and Committee members and ladies on whose course the events are held. Much of the time is spent on allocating these prizes.
- 1967 At the North meeting it was decided that each County should contribute £5 to help run the Jamboree. Yorkshire suggested this should be £10 - and this was agreed upon. The position of President of the North to be in rotation every 3 years.  
44 Life members and funds are buoyant from the excellent entries for each Competition. Captain's expenses increased to five guineas.  
The putting competition continued.

- 1968 Vote at the North Meeting against allowing Southern division members to play in Northern competitions. The North successful in the Jamboree at Gleneagles, last victory 1962. Yorks. still receiving courtesy of the Courses. It was pointed out by the Secretary that as soon as the fixtures were ready they were printed in 'Fairway and Hazard'. Mrs Barrett won the Championship, Mrs Hartley being the worthy winner from 1960 to 1967.
- 1969 Proposal to change format of Jamboree to all foursomes instead of singles, but to change partners.
- 1970 Mrs Walkland (Hon.Sec) and Mrs Snape ( Hon. Treas) retired after many years in office. Mrs Snape had been treasurer since 1955 and Captain in 1960, Mrs Walkland had been Secretary for the last 16 years.-gifts were presented. Jamboree to be held at Ganton with the dinner at the Pavilion Hotel Scarborough, at a cost of 37/6. £100 donation from the North ,towards expenses and Yorkshire to be responsible for the rest, which amounted to £21. The trophy was won by the South. There are now 360 paid up members including 86 Life members. Mrs Everard was thanked for her year as Captain and she had proved a worthy representative for the Country both home and abroad.
- 1971 The holders of the trophies were asked to take them to be re valued for insurance purposes. The Lady Captain, Mrs JStringer and Mrs Latham both of Garforth won the Wardle Foursomes trophy. Finances down as brooches were purchased and insurance increased.
- 1972 Club Treasurers asked to send all the Vets' Subscriptions direct to the Hon Treas. Finances improved from holding successful Competitions and it was suggested by the treasurer that the County purchase more of the prizes rather than relying on generosity of members.
- 1973 It was agreed to limit the Five Club Competition to 120 and the foursomes to 100 couples. Suggested that the team members wear uniform green cardigans to be bought by the individuals with a possible badge and it was approved that Committee members purchase these to wear when on duty. The team of ladies, 7 handicap and under won the Richardson trophy, the first time for 9 years. They halved with the Yorkshire County team after heavy defeats for the past 22 years. Mrs Sybil Smith (Huddersfield) was proposed as President of the Northern Counties.
- 1974 Mrs Morrell agreed to be Captain of the Northern Counties and Yorkshire again won the Richardson Trophy.



- 1975 On a roll, the Richardson trophy won by Yorkshire and they also defeated the County team.  
The Captain expressed the regret of all members at the death of Mrs Ethel Hartley. a great loss to golf and in particular to the Yorkshire Vets.
- 1976 Finance was reviewed and entry fees for Competitions up to £1, enrolment up 50p and Life membership to be £5. We had 219 Life members 414 ordinary members from 63 clubs.
- 1977 A book to be created with the rules and regulations governing membership explained, including present members and officials of the Committee.  
The Putting Competition is still being played. 249 Life and 445 ordinary members.
- 1978 Proposed by the Treasurer that £15.00 be sent to each of the Clubs allowing the Courtesy of the Course. Past Captains brooch to be purchased for the retiring Captain. Financial balance now £1160-63 and the Ass. would be able to buy all the prizes this year.
- 1979 Easingwold proposed that the age for membership should be raised to 55, this would make competition entries less and being aged 50 was now comparatively young. The Northern Counties was against the proposal.  
Wardle Trophy repaired by Owen and Robinsons at a cost of £16.0.0. The Lady Captain, Mrs Ward (Scarcroft) thanked Mrs Boyle and Mrs Dudleston for their ten and twelve years service as Treasurer and Secretary. Miss H. Sowden was elected Captain of the North.
- 1980 The 5 trophies to be re-valued for Insurance purposes. The North won the Miller Stirling trophy, the first time since 1968. Yorkshire had 2 representatives Miss McIntyre (Lindrick) and Mrs Nan Hirst (Meltham) Expenses this year had been very reasonable and Sand Moor had not charged for Committee meetings. rooms. Suggestions were requested- 'how to dispose of surplus funds'
- 1981 Cumberland and Westmorland were elected to the Northern Counties Association  
The Barrett trophy was presented by Mrs Clarke on behalf of the family of the late Mrs Barrett who had been Captain of the Y.V.L.G.A. and a talented team member, involved in Vets golf over many years.  
Mrs H. Hyde was the first winner of the trophy- gross 84 when the event was held at Wetherby Golf Club. Once again the North won the Jamboree , Mrs Hirst, Miss Kendall, and Miss McIntyre representing Yorkshire.
- 1982 Team expenses given to the Captain were £700 and a cheque for £50 was given to the Captain. A cheque for £15 to be given to the Champion and £10 to the runners up (to buy their own prizes). Mrs Hirst again played for the North and won 4 of her 5 matches. Still receiving courtesy of the Courses, profit from Competitions £386.18 annual subs. £186.50.

- 1983 New flag purchased at a cost of £28.00. County sweaters to be ordered in either navy or grey, grey were purchased and worn with grey skirts or slacks. The team contributed £10 per head for matches.  
Concern about the increasing number of Life members causing annual income to fall so it was proposed to increase it to £10.00 and yearly subscription to £1, as a result 67 Life members joined, paying £5 before the price increase. Bronze meeting held at Wheatley , Mrs Cawthorne (Bradford) winner of the Harrap Trophy. A match with the Senior men was fixed at Lindrick .Clubs to be sent £20 for the use of the Course.
- 1984 Miss McIntyre elected Captain of the North and Mrs Barker-Secretary/Treasurer. Discussion to change the name Veterans to 'Senior citizens' but if it came up at the AGM the Committee would vote to leave it as it was at present. We won the Richardson trophy, the last time was 1975 Carol Otley, Joan Hall and Mollie Wilson received Team brooches .Expenditure for the Northern Championship was £500 and the Treasurer Mrs Morrell hoped for continued courtesy of the Course. Discussion to make the Ethel Hartley a Stableford Competition to speed things up – rejected.
- 1985 Victory in the Richardson Trophy.  
An English Vets Committee was formed to deal with European Affairs and an England 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team selected. The putting competitions are receiving less support and so would not be held that year. Fees up to £2 per Comp and £3 foursomes. Officials and team members only allowed to wear sweaters.44 names with handicaps of 5 or under willing to play for the North.. New Northern Vets Inaugural Championship to be set up, held at Whitley Bay, first round qualifying with 16 going on to matchplay, handicap limit 12 .From 56 entries Val Stone (Northumberland )was the winner .Again discussed changing name to 'Seniors'. English Ladies Senior Championship began –handicap limit 5-entries were very low.
- 1986 Yorkshire winning the Richardson Trophy and the North the Jamboree. Mrs Barker (Lindrick) elected as North President. Membership now 675 Life members and 347 yearly members from 79 Clubs. The committee voted that Committee officials should be in office for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 5.
- 1987 As Mrs Morrell was to retire, Mr Morrell agreed to be the 'acting' Treasurer pro tem and Mrs Durrans, the Secretary. agreed to report to the meetings.  
Miss B.Dale (Ilkley ) won the Elliot Trophy and the Best Gross and Barrett trophy at Brough 75-9-66. Mrs A.Kay and Miss McIntyre played in the Jamboree and we retained the Richardson trophy.

1988 The AGM to be held on a separate day at SandMoor Club. From the Silver Div the 16 best scores are to qualify for match play, automatic draw and matches to follow on the same course. Gross and Nett Team events to be included at the Northern Championship. Bronze Div at Northcliffe, hole in one, Mrs Renshaw (SandMoor) Silver Div meeting Ilkley, -Holes in one Mrs M..Williams ,Headingley and Mrs D. Dewhurst Shipley Northcliffe at the 15<sup>th</sup>.The Richardson trophy was retained.  
1369 members, 417 ordinary and 952 Life members from 94 clubs all playing golf in our wonderful County –Yorkshire.

The rest is still vividly in our memory and the dedicated Captains and Committees who have guided us through the last 20 years. So I leave another Secretary to catch up with recent events.

2018 Karen Jobling (Richmond) & Julie Wheeldon (Wakefield) selected to play in the Jamboree team for the North at Hexham Golf Club. On a punishing course, the Northern Team finished runners up, winning the Tony Moffat Quaich.  
Karen Jobling (Richmond) was selected to represent England in the R&A Seniors Home Internationals  
Bet Sworowski & Julie Wheeldon (Wakefield) won the Brenda King Foursomes at Brough GC in October.

2019 It was Yorkshire's turn to host the YVLGA Northern Championships which were held at Rotherham GC. Karen Jobling (Richmond) was top qualifier with a score of 77. The Championship was won by Caroline Berry (Cheshire). Yorkshire took the honours in the second flight competition with Angela Morris (Brough) beating Julia Smith (Rotherham) in the final.  
Yorkshire were nudged into second place by Cheshire in the Richardson Trophy matches – losing to Cheshire 3-4 at Royal Liverpool – so close!  
Karen Jobling (Richmond), Julie Wheeldon (Wakefield) & Bet Sworowski (Wakefield) were selected to play in the Northern Team at the Jamboree held at Northamptonshire County GC in August &, once again, were runners-up, retaining the Tony Moffat Quaich.  
Julie Wheeldon (Wakefield) played in the victorious English Team at the European Team Championships at BlackSeaRama GC in Bulgaria in September. She has also been selected to represent England in the R&A Senior Home Internationals at County Sligo in October.  
Membership: 1371 Annual Members, 452 Life Members = Total 1,852

2020 We started the year with such optimism which was soon to be dashed as the Covid 19 coronavirus overwhelmed the country which was plunged into total lockdown from March. Although we were allowed to play golf from May, clubhouses were still closed & groups permitted to play together was limited. Social distancing & the wearing of masks became the

order of the day. The YVLGA committee took the difficult decision to cancel all competitions before June &, as time went on, it was clear that we would not be able to hold any events in 2020, such were the restrictions. It was decided that subscriptions would be rolled over to 2021. England Golf & the YLCGA were also slashing their calendars, the NCVLGA cancelled the Richardson Trophy & the Jamboree was also cancelled. Committee meetings continued to held online as we faced preparations for the World Handicap System which was due to be introduced in November this year. This will mean that our individual competitions (Spring, Championship & Autumn meetings) will be qualifying for handicap purposes. This has necessitated purchase of new software (Club V1) so that we can return scores for handicap adjustments. It is anticipated that handicap indices will be higher than existing handicaps at the outset so the committee decided to increase limits for competition entry to ensure the majority of members would still be eligible. This may need revision in the future. Restrictions were still in place in October so the AGM was cancelled & reports from officials emailed to members. The committee of past captains asked the Captain to repeat her year & the membership was asked to approve the extension of the terms of office by one year for the all other committee members who wished to continue. The committee has also sought approval from the membership to investigate the benefits of incorporation.

One item of good news! Karen Jobling (Richmond GC) won the Brenda King Foursomes at Michinhampton GC with her partner Helen Lowe from Leicestershire.

2021 Fortunately, Covid restrictions were eased on the same day as our first planned competition, the Spring Meeting at Kirkbymoorside GC. It would be some time before competitions would feel 'normal' but all events were completed. Members were obviously delighted to be out again although caution was still the watchword.

Our 2021 Champion was Bet Sworowski (Wakefield) who beat Heather Butcher (Wakefield) in the final.

Yorkshire was well represented at the NCVLGA Championships at Bishop Auckland with Karen Jobling losing in the final to Cath Rawthore (Cheshire) & Tracey Batty winning the Second Flight competition on the second extra hole.

Disappointment again in the Richardson Trophy as we beat hot favourites Cheshire but a loss to Northumberland meant coming up short by 2.5 points on countback to Cheshire – champions for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in succession.

There was success for Sam Harben & Cathy Riley (Hallamshire) who won the Brenda King Foursomes nett prize at Wollaton Park GC, Nottingham.

We had 2 representatives, Bet Sworowski & Karen Jobling, at the Jamboree at Glenbervie GC, Falkirk. Another close run but runners up again by half a point to the South.

Membership: 1,408 Annual Members, 361 Life Members = Total 1,769

2022 Life returned to normal after all the restrictions of the previous year. In her first year as a YVLGA, Emma Brown (Malton & Norton) won the Championship at Richmond beating Karen Jobling (Richmond) in the final. Emma went on to win the YLCGA Championship at Alwoodley the following week and is the first woman to hold both titles since Ethel Hartley in 1960. Emma also won the YLCGA Senior title. She also won the Senior Champion of Champions by 8 shots from her nearest challenger and has been selected to represent England in the Home Internationals in Wales. A truly fantastic first year as a Senior player!

Karen Jobling had the best score (level par over 36 holes) in the qualifying round of the English Senior Women's Amateur Championship at High Post GC.

Karen was again in fine form at the NCVLGA Championship at Penrith GC, winning the best gross on qualifying day. Other qualifiers were Julie Wheeldon, Bet Sworowski (Wakefield), Heather Staniforth (Hallamshire), Pat Wrightson (Huddersfield) and Elaine Pearson (Keighley). Qualifiers in the second flight were Carol Simpson (Malton & Norton), Jackie Starkie (Keighley) and Anne Flintoff (Bingley St Ives).

Disappointment again in the Richardson Trophy when we were pipped again by Cheshire by just half a point.

There were successes again at the Brenda King Foursomes event at The Mere Resort with Karen Jobling & Helen Lowe (Leicestershire) winning the gross competition which they last held in 2020 & Sam Harben & Cathy Riley (Hallamshire) retained their nett title won at Wollaton Park, Notts.

There were unprecedented temperatures this year which led to the postponement of the 4BBb at Keighley in mid July as temperatures were up in the high 30s & it was considered unsafe. High temperatures also meant the Jamboree was shortened to 8 singles on the final day at Moor Park GC, Rickmansworth. The course was parched (as were the players!) & the Northern team were edged into 3<sup>rd</sup> place but look forward to hosting the event at Huddersfield next year.

The funeral of HM Elizabeth II on September 19<sup>th</sup> meant that the AM AM at Waterton Park scheduled for the same day had to be postponed to September 28<sup>th</sup> as a mark of respect.

Membership: 1,218 Annual Members, 353 Life Members = Total 1,570

Annual subscription fees were raised from £5 to £8 due to steeply rising costs.

2023 A field of 84 competitors returned to Huddersfield for The Championship in cold but dry conditions – no problem for defending Champion Emma Brown (Malton & Norton) who took her second title on the 14<sup>th</sup> green, defeating Heather Butcher (Ganton) who was playing in her second final.

Yorkshire had 8 qualifiers for the NCVLGA Championships at Arcot Hall – Karen Jobling (Richmond), Heather Butcher (Ganton), Julie Wheeldon (Wakefield), Jane Oliver (Hallamshire), Mary Pat Moore (Bingley St Ives), Angela Morris (Beverley), Elaine Pearson (Keighley) & Pat Wrightson (Huddersfield). Karen Jobling won a tough battle against Cath Rawthore (Cheshire) 3&2 to win the Championship for the first time since 2005. Second flight qualifiers were Carol Simpson (Malton & Norton) and Alison Clark (Ganton).

The Jamboree was held very successfully in August at Huddersfield Golf Club with Karen Jobling, Julie Wheeldon and Heather Butcher selected for inclusion in the winning Northern team.

Emma Brown took 2nd place in the R&A Women's Senior Amateur Championships at Woodhall Spa & Karen Jobling finished 10th. Emma was selected to represent England at the Senior Home International match at East Kilbride with Karen as a named reserve. Further success for Emma as she retained her Senior Women's Champion of Champions with 2 scores of 74, winning by 7 shots.

Sadly, the Richardson Trophy slipped through our grasp again & was won by Cheshire, despite Yorkshire not losing any matches. The countback went in Cheshire's favour by 27.5

matches to 25. Colours were awarded to Emma Brown (Malton & Norton) and Alison Clark (Ganton).

Following the rise of Annual Subscription fees, Annual membership has reduced slightly (67) but the change of competition format for the Spring Meeting & continued full attendance at most other competitions has meant that finances have stabilised sufficiently to cope with ever-rising costs.

Membership: 1151 Annual Members, 344 Life Members = Total 1,495