

## Yorkshire Veteran Ladies Golf Association (YVLGA)

### Notes from Club Representatives Meeting, Pike Hills, 22 August 2019

**Apologies:** Jo Somers (Alwoodley), Sandra Paul (Huddersfield), Julia Smith (Rotherham), Carolyn Kirk (Ganton), Ros Lumb (Meltham), Mary Bryan (Kilwick Percy), Elizabeth Tucker (Saltburn), Margaret Blakely (Woodsome Hall), Anne Stebbing (Masham), Chris Hope (Shipley), Belinda Tempest (Northcliffe), Sue Littlewood (Outlane), Anne Savage (Hallamshire), Michelle Dixon (Ilkley), Ann Wriglesworth (Scarborough SC), Dawn Cartright (Skidby Lakes), Susan Mannion (Moortown), Carol Whitely (Rudding Park), Margaret Brown (Clecheaton), Jill Harrison (Abbeydale), Julie Jordison (Brough), Carole Blackburn (Aldwark Manor), Jenny Crane (Halifax Bradley Hall), Ruth Senior (East Bierley), Ann Wood (Ripon), Nancy Lightowlers (Crossland Health), Enid Spencer (Leeds)

**Present:** Karen Leake (Vice Captain), Penny Holroyd (Acting Secretary), Helen Duckett (Treasurer), Patsy Rochester (Hon Comp Secretary), Joyce Slater (Oakdale), Sue Belbin (Drifffield), Isobel Wright (Pike Hills), Christine Greenhalgh (Horsforth), Alison Mowat (Howley Hall), Pauline Longbottom (Bradford), Carol Patterson (Rudding Park), Kathryn Roberts (KP Club, York), Sue Miller (KP Club), Veronica Waters (York), Pat Dawson (Keighley), Sue Verity (Lightcliffe), Judy McHenry (Fulford), Gina White (Low Laithes), Marion L Riley (Hessle), Jane Langley (Scarcroft), Judy Adcock (Ganton), Sarah Arrowsmith (Woodsome Hall), Jan Metcalf (Hunley Hall), Jen Rowland (Doncaster), Linda Davies (Selby), Anne-Marie Martin (Aldwark Manor), Mary-Pat Moore (Bingley St Ives)

1. Vice-Captain Karen Leake welcomed the reps & introduced the officials. Apologies were given by Captain, Sandra Paul & President, Jo Somers. She thanked the reps & all the individual members for their support of the Association – emphasising the vital roles played by all those concerned

She reported on the representative golf played this year by YVLGA. The first team fell just short again in the Richardson Trophy, the competition held annually between the Northern Counties of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland & Cumbria. Cheshire retained the Trophy this year & we lost just 3-4 in a tough away match at Royal Liverpool – good home advantage for them.

We were proud to provide 3 representatives in the Northern Team competing for the Miller Stirling Trophy held annually between the North, South, Scotland & the Midlands. Congratulations to Karen Jobling, Julie Wheeldon & Bet Sworowski who were selected this year to join the squad of 8 players. This is a gruelling event with 36 holes being played 3 days in a row & with only 8 in the squad, there's not much time for rest! As in 2018, the North were beaten into 2<sup>nd</sup> place, last year by the South but this year, by the host region, the Midlands.

Some of you may have seen the notice on our website congratulations to Julie Wheeldon from Wakefield who has been selected to represent England in the EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP at BlackSeaRama Golf Course, North East Bulgaria from 3 - 7 September 2019. We wish her all the best.

2. 2020 Venues & Competitions formats (Penny Holroyd -Acting Hon. Secretary)

Penny outlined the dates and venues for the 2020 competitions. These dates will be added to the YVLGA website shortly. Penny hoped that all of the competitions will be fully supported next year.

3. Role of club reps, GDPR & Membership (Karen Leake, Registrar)

3.1 Karen Leake thanked everyone for coming today & for continuing to support the Committee in communicating with over 1800 members – despite the wonders of modern technology, the job wouldn't be possible without your help.

The collection of membership renewals & submission of competition entries probably remains the most onerous of the tasks you take on for us. Please remember to prioritise competition entry lists to give as many people as possible a chance of playing in our competitions. In the event of over-subscription, a ballot will have to take place & the Comp Sec will usually take the first 2 or 3 names from each Club before applying

the 'elimination'. This means that if the same ladies have signed up first on each sheet as they happened to be at the Club when the lists were posted, no-one else will get a look-in!

3.2 We will be using the same software to issue the renewal notices this year but, because of your help last year, the collection of information should be less onerous & will be, mainly, a case of confirming & adding to, the information already held. Thank you to everyone for making the transition to the new system so smooth. We would like to reassure you that your personal details continue to be held securely & will not be shared with any third party. Please remember that if any members re-join after a period of absence, we will need their full details as these are no longer held when members leave the Association. Ideally, a new membership form should be completed.

3.3 This has been my last year as Membership Registrar as I will be taking up my duties as Captain shortly. I will be handing over to Joyce Slater & I am sure you will give her the same support as I have received over the past 2 years. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at Sand Moor Golf Club

#### 4. Competition Payments 2020 (Helen Duckett, Treasurer).

Thanked everyone for their co-operation during the year. A new Treasurer to be announced at AGM.

Payments by BACS - please ENSURE that you put the Club name as reference and also send an email to Treasurer & competition secretary notifying them that the payment has been made.

#### 5. Hon. Competition Secretary (Patsy Rochester)

Thanked all the reps for their patience during the year as her first year in the role.

5.1 Entries for 2019 – the majority of the competitions with the exception of the Spring meeting at Northcliffe and The Championship have been oversubscribed, so ballots were completed for these competitions. 99 out of 103 clubs submitted entries for competitions.

5.2 Review of competitions to date shows that the majority of competitions have run smoothly without any delays apart from the fog at Huddersfield at the start of the Championship. Results have been published on the website as soon as possible after the competitions.

5.3 During the year we have introduced a few changes including:- a donation to the Lady captains' charity of the club hosting the event as part of the income from the raffle, YVLGA pencils for all, copies of the new R&A rule books and engraved golf balls for those scoring a 'two'.

5.4 For clarity would you please note that the Gmail address will be used for all matters relating to competitions as this links to the PUMA software we use for competitions. (patsyrochester10@gmail.com).

5.5 Competition entries for 2020 – the closing date will be 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020, could reps please ensure that entries are in order of the club ballot and for next year by post until we can refine the on-line system to go paperless where possible. Invoices will be issued after the draw has taken place, so please do not send any money with entries, thank you.

#### 6. 2019 AGM – will be held on 14 October 2019 at Sandmoor Golf Club, Leeds. Nominations for the post of Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and committee members are still outstanding. If anybody is interested could nominations be sent to Penny Holroyd, Acting Hon Secretary.

#### 7. Questions

7.1 Patsy Rochester wondered if there should be a second flight match play to encourage more players to enter? The feeling was that this should be discussed at the main committee.

7.2 Should combined handicap limits be increased to 70 and 140 to allow 35 handicappers to play together in 4BBB and AMAM competitions? This will be considered at the next committee meeting and seemed reasonable as the limit for entry has increased.

7.3 Mary-Pat Moore asked how people felt about singles competitions being qualifiers? Some discussion took place and noted that with the introduction of the WHS (World handicapping system in 2020 this will be effective in 2021. It was felt that the competitions should remain NQ in 2020.

7.4 Could stick on badges be provided so people could show their name and club? This will be available for next year.

7.5 Was it a good idea to continue with a reps meeting? The overall feeling was yes but to review the venue and date to ensure that it did not clash with other major sporting events at the same time.

7.6 Mary-Pat Moore noted that YVLGA had done very well in running a very successful NCVLGA Championship at Rotherham