

# **Kings Hill GOLF CLUB Ladies Section Committee Meeting**

## **MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:-** Saturday 4 February, 2017 – 2.00 pm

**Attendees:** Judy Leadley-Woods – Captain  
Lindsay Tilley – Vice-Captain / Competition Secretary  
Jane Marr – Handicap Secretary  
Treasurer – Nancy Caldwell  
Hilary Stephen – Secretary  
Gill Olke – Past Captain  
Denise Harker – Ordinary Member

**Apologies for Absence:** Debbie Crumpton, Dawn Edwards, Glen Halsey, Ben Blackburn

**Approval of Minutes:** **Proposed by :** Lindsay Tilley  
**Seconded by:** Gill Olke

**Outstanding Action from Previous Meeting:** None

### **Reports:**

#### **Captain's Report:**

##### **VICE CAPTAIN**

I am pleased to report that we now have a Vice Captain in the role. Lindsay Tilley has speedily taken on her tasks and is already making a worthy contribution in supporting the ladies' section. Lindsay will continue to be Weekday Competition Secretary for the remainder of 2016/2017 whilst she is Vice Captain but will be resigning from the role once she becomes Lady Captain in October 2017. Accordingly, I have given Lindsay the Vice Captain's brooch!

Since Lindsay is now on board, she will be taking on the responsibilities of managing the diary planning with the Men's and Senior's Vice Captains (relinquishing the stand-in role of committee members Denise and Dawn, who kindly stepped in during the interim.) Also, Lindsay will now be managing the Fun competitions, taking over from Linda Chapman who kindly helped out with these comps whilst waiting for the new Vice to start. Yvonne Tucker will continue with managing the Ladies' Friendlies and Lindsay will support her.

Lindsay becoming Vice Captain is a significant contribution to our ladies' section. Not only does it create a very good impression of the club as a whole but it establishes the whole structure of our section. I know the ladies have welcomed Lindsay very warmly and the Committee is delighted that she is in post.

##### **COMMITTEE ROLES and CONSTITUTION**

In an attempt to promote awareness of how the committee functions, I have devised a Committee Folder so that all ladies can view the role of each committee member, which in turn,

will help potential committee delegates understand the tasks and responsibilities. The information within this folder ought to be updated regularly as changes happen, to keep it up-to-date.

Further discussion is scheduled for today's meeting. Additionally, the Constitution document is being checked to ensure it is valid for our purposes. This is also scheduled to be discussed today.

## **COMPETITIONS and BRS**

Reflection / discussion is required for some of our competitions. Noted for discussion today.

Review of progress of BRS bookings. Noted for discussion today.

It has been suggested by Management that we review our fees for Stablefords and Medals to allow for more expensive prizes. Noted for discussion today.

## **TEAM KIT**

Some committee members met with the Footjoy rep to view their latest range of clothing. Provisionally, a team kit has been chosen. Noted for discussion today.

## **CHARITY UPDATE**

I am very pleased to say, that ladies in the section have been very supportive and generous in donating money towards the Dandelion Charity. Little things happening like donating winnings from a fun competition and a mini putting competition just shows the kind nature of our ladies, finding all sorts of ways to help. It's wonderful! More so, we have had over £60 worth of donations from the Christmas Card that Chris Hearn made as well as an excellent response to the 'selling off' of my captain's parking space. I am delighted with the result - it was well worth selling it with a total sum of £350, donated between the ladies, men and seniors. There was also a fantastic response to the 'Pick a Number' for the Turkey Trot which raised a fantastic amount of £910.

## **Management Report:**

**Extension** – Second phase to begin soon. KHGC members Roy Croucher is waiting for the remaining quotes to arrive in order to start the foundations and steel work. Estimated completion time of 6 to 9 months.

**Men's A + B team match start times on Sundays** – Raised at last men's committee meeting for discussion. The men's committee were, unsurprisingly, not in favour. Ben contacted the league organiser for clarity on the entry stipulations and can confirm that after the recent Kent League AGM it is now a condition of entry that teams will tee off at 9am on Sundays. To be discussed further. We obviously cannot pull out of the leagues so marshalling will probably be the way forward.

**Head Chef** – Mike Matthews is running the kitchen in conjunction with new chef de partie Geoff Black. A new team and a fresh start. Mike has lots of experience of F&B operations within the golf industry and has already made a good start. Thank you for your patience with Jimmy who was dismissed in early January.

**Fog & Frost** – At time of going to print we have lost 3 weeks to heavy frost and fog. Thanks again for your patience within this period. The only benefit being that the course has had a good rest during this period.

**Carvery** – The idea is to have a carvery for the match food (Seniors/Men's) ASAP. The ladies are of course included in this but may decide on a menu style - TBD. We would ideally like to serve all matches from the carvery unit if possible although nothing finalised as yet. Please discuss with Mel & Mike.

Once the extension is completed we will be running a carvery every Sunday throughout the year.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

## Competitions Report

Competition	Organiser	1st Round	2nd Round	Comments
Captain's Cup	Alice Gazet	Sundridge (Away) by 12/3		
Tappin Trophy	Kath Coombs	Bye	Home to Shooters Hill (early May)	

3 Feathers	Alice Gazet	The following have been entered: Alice Gazet - Bye Debbie Crumpton - Karen Duncan (Nizels) Heather Dunne - Bye	Alice - Sati Paada (away MK) Heather - Eleanor Butler (RB)	
Bradley Cook	Jane Marr	By early June Langley Park West Kent Cherry Lodge		
Daily Mail Foursomes	Denise Harker	Wrotham away		
Mail on Sunday	Denise Harker	N/A	N/A	Not being run this year
Lohan	Lisa Babadi	Sundridge Park - Home		
Holland Trophy	Individuals	None		No-one entered this year.

## MAIN HANDICAP UPDATES

**CDH clean up.** – A reconciliation between our handicap records and that of England Golf's central database has been completed and all duplicates and old records have been deleted.

**New system** – The club has introduced a new handicap system called ClubV1. This is much more intuitive and can be operated from home. The installation went very smoothly and no known issues have been experienced.

**Non-Qualifying Away Scores** - England Golf is introducing a new process whereby players must advise handicap committees of any away individual or team events that are non-qualifying. Jane will email all members to advise the process. See below for further information.

**New local rules** – People may be aware of a new local rule that is available for clubs which provides protection for moving a ball on the putting green by accident. The ladies' committee is asked to approve the inclusion of this local rule in all ladies' competitions as the club does not want to introduce it as a general local rule. Whilst introducing this rule, it is also recommended that a permanent local rule is noted regarding the use of measuring distance devices. See suggested notice below.

### Playing Handicap Reductions

Very little activity since the last report with few winter competitions played. The most improved player 13 November to 30 January was Debbie Crumpton (20.3 – 20.2), although the playing handicap did not change.

Name	Previous Handicap	New Handicap	Comments
Debbie Crumpton	20.3	20.2	No change in playing handicap

### Playing Handicap Increases

Name	New Handicap	Comment
Kath Coombes	18.5 (19)	Following the January mid-week stableford
Julia Honey	19.5 (20)	Following the January mid-week stableford
Val Lugard	29.5 (30)	Following the January mid-week stableford, plus an additional 1 shot is recommended following the continuous review. Jane will offer the additional increase as optional.
Alice Gazet	18.5 (19)	Following the December weekend stableford
Jean Breslin	28.2 (28)	Jean received a +1 increase following December's continuous review.

## New Players

Karen Fleet was allocated a handicap of 36.

**Kent Ladies Golf Union**, following a decision by England Golf, requires all players to return all scores in non-qualifying competitive golf played away from Kings Hill. This will assist the handicap committees in annual handicap reviews but will not be used to regularly adjust your handicap. Failure to return these scores may result in your handicap being suspended.

### **What do I need to do?**

After playing a **non-qualifying individual** or **team** event **away** from Kings Hill, you must email the handicap committee with the following information.

<u>Player's Name</u>	<u>Date of Score</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Competition format</u>	<u>Tee played</u>	<u>SSS of Course</u>	<u>Playing Partner/s</u>	<u>Score Returned</u>
Jane Marr  Example	30/01/2017	Dale Hill	4BBB	Red	71	Denise Harker Judy Leadley-Woods Alice Gazet	42

The handicap committee will retain the scores for the year for use during handicap reviews.

### **Why has this been introduced?**

This will help promote the integrity of the handicap system and maintain player confidence in handicapping.

### **What competitions does this cover?**

This request covers any away competition which is non-qualifying and applies to individual and team events, including mixed competitions. This covers better ball competitions but excludes foursomes, greensomes and texas scrambles and all match-play.

### **But if playing 4BBB I may not always return a score?**

You still need to return your team score for consideration by the handicap committee at the annual review.

### **Do I need to return society scores?**

Yes. If it is played away from Kings Hill using your Congu handicap and played in competition conditions the score needs to be returned.

### **What about golf played outside England?**

No – only competitions played on Congu measured courses apply.

### **What about my weekly swindle?**

No – these are played at home and it is not the intent to impact social golf. However, handicap committees may take known swindle performance into account at annual reviews.

The following local rules apply to all ladies' competitions, in addition to those local rules applied by the club (on the score-card).

### **Ball on putting green moved by accident**

Rules [18-2](#), [18-3](#) and [20-1](#) are modified as follows:

*When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.*

*The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.*

*This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.*

*Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.*

## Use of Measuring Devices

*For all play at this course a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.*

**\*\*\* Committee approved the above rules to be communicated by Jane directly to the ladies by email. This has been done.**

### **Discussion Items:**

- a) The black folder of **Committee Roles** has been read by most of the committee and Judy expressed her thanks for the useful annotations. Committee members will henceforth be responsible for updating their information where necessary. **ACTION:** Nancy and Dawn to provide their comments (if any) to Judy as soon as possible.  
Over the course of the year it is intended to put together a Ladies' Section **Constitution** to sit alongside the generic club document. This need not be overly long or complicated, but up to date and relevant. **ACTION:** All available Club Constitution documents to be circulated by Hilary to the committee.
- b) **Vice-Captain:** Lindsay working on next season's diary with Michael Blanning and John Moss. She has consulted the weekend ladies on the recurring issue of preferred tees. The Ladies' AGM on October 14<sup>th</sup> will begin at 3pm to accommodate those playing that morning.
- c) **BRS:** Things have generally gone well since the introduction of BRS booking. Majority of ladies are now used to booking competitions online. Next step will be to run Tuesday fun games via BRS. Utilisation of online booking for all the ladies' games and comps was fully supported by the committee. **ACTIONS:** Ladies to be informed of imminent changes via Judy's ensuing newsletter. Lindsay and Judy to explore the best method of facilitating our competitions by automatic draw.
- d) **Fees for stablefords and medals:** It was suggested by Management that perhaps our competitions fees could be increased from £3 - £5 to achieve a larger prize pot. The committee deemed this likely to be both unpopular and counter-productive with the section, and the proposal was therefore rejected.
- e) **Team Kit:** Following a recent meeting between the Footjoy rep and members of the committee, a high quality, functional navy windproof jacket and mid-blue polo shirt have been selected for the ladies' section. The kit will be embellished with the Kings Hill logo and available for £50 (a reduction of 50%) and will be available to all ladies in the section who would like these items, irrespective of whether or not they would play in an inter-club competition. The committee agreed that a subsidy could be allowed by providing ladies who buy the team items, a discount of £5 for one item up to a maximum of £10 for two or more items. The Footjoy rep will also further discount a pair of 7/8 trousers from £65 to £50, if you would like to add these to your team kit. Sample garments for the ladies section will be available to view at the beginning of March. Denise has offered to co-ordinate the orders. **ACTION:** Ladies to be informed of these arrangements via Judy's ensuing newsletter.
- f) **Feedback on Comps since last meeting:**
  - Winter Festival:** The committee reflected on the event and discussed its viability and enjoyment for all concerned. **ACTION:** Lindsay will discuss the continuation and format with the Men's and Senior's Vice Captains for the coming year.
  - 9 Holes & Nibbles:** The event was very well attended and enjoyed by all. As it is very popular it was agreed it should be continued. The question was posed as to whether or not it could start earlier due to food timing after the event? However the start time should stay as close to late morning as possible to accommodate other players wishing to play 18 holes (before our comp) to benefit from the daylight hours. **ACTION:** Lindsay to bear this in mind when choosing the start time for the coming year's event.
  - Turkey Trot:** Fog stopped play on the day. Going forward, it was suggested that it might be a good idea to have alternative entertainment ready just in case (i.e. putting competition, quiz) This Christmas there were a lot of turkey prizes so near Christmas when many people have already bought one. Vouchers were suggested as an alternative, as well as the possibility of spreading the scope for winning a prize. **ACTION:** Lindsay to discuss with the new captains.

- g) **Update on external comp applications/progress – update:**  
*See external competition notes from Handicap Secretary.*
- h) **Pearson tournament:** Debbie provided the following update:.

### **Pearson Report**

Hever, Lamberhurst, Redlibbets opponents.

We have played 5 of the 6 games, last game is next Friday 10th February at home against Hever.

We have lost the 5 matches, so won't go any further. Although we did actually win the first match against Lamberhurst at home, but as Paula used a buggy on the 2nd half without first having a medical letter, we had to throw her game even though she won by 5 holes! (I was unaware she had used the buggy until after the event, Lamberhurst contested it 3 days later!)

Ladies who have played in Pearson matches so far - Debbie, Heather, Cathy, Fiona, Gill, Denise, Yvonne, Suzanne, Jean, Kath, Lucinda, Alice, Paula, Hilary, Nancy. This week Judy & Dawn will join the elite group!!

Ladies who have won their matches to date. Denise, Nancy, Yvonne, Cathy, Fiona, Paula, Debbie, a number of the others had close games.

We have been blessed so far with good weather.

Denise stated she had previously written to the organising committee outlining reasons why many ladies find this a difficult competition: poor winter weather, weekday fixtures etc. Since no response had been received it is unlikely to change. Over several recent seasons it has proved very hard work for the team captains to put together full teams of 7. Debbie posed the question – should we continue to participate in this tournament? After some discussion, the committee supported a change and we will not enter next season. As an alternative, it is proposed to approach other non-Pearson participating clubs to suggest some friendly winter games, preferably at Kings Hill, which is popular due to our dry course.

**ACTION:** The Committee would be pleased to hear from any ladies who would be willing to participate in friendly winter games against other clubs, purely for 'match-play practice' purposes. If there is enough interest, we will endeavour to achieve this format.

### **Any Other Business:**

**Gill:**

**Mixed Friendlies:** Kath has passed on her cache of information and Gill has confirmed the fixture dates with Ben. In order to accommodate all those wishing to play in these popular fixtures, and to ensure a fair spread of opportunity, teams will be chosen by Gill in consultation with other team captains.

**Disabled Golf Association:** Gill referred to her email to the ladies section and asked for as much support as possible for this worthy cause.

**Judy:**

**Alexander Cup -** The Committee was informed that this competition has been removed from diary. On further clarification from the Men's Captain, it transpires that the instigator of the cup no longer wishes to continue with the competition, also the Honours Board itself is full.

**Crystal Challenge on April 8<sup>th</sup> –** Judy has the agreement of the men's section for the following: 6 available tees, 1<sup>st</sup> Tee at 7.30, teams of 4.

**Ladies & Seniors St George's:** Due to hollow-tining on the course, the game needs to be re-arranged. The committee agreed **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April** was the best available option, provided function space is available. **ACTION:** Mel to be consulted.

**Denise:**

Denise has an indoor putting game in her garage which might be of use in poor weather, as a time-filler or a charity-earner. It is available to borrow.

**Jane:**

Question: Is there an agreed formula for match food? Jane was advised to liaise with the new kitchen staff and agree what is needed, cost etc.

Jane asked the committee for their opinion on the need for winter rules at the current time. It was generally agreed they are not needed.

**Lindsay:** Several lady members had suggested bringing back the ladies' Christmas Dinner at the club. The committee agreed it was an excellent idea which should prove popular. **ACTION:** Lindsay to look at dates for next season.

**Next Meeting Date: Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2pm at the club**

In Hilary's absence due to holiday, Denise has kindly agreed to take April minutes.