

Sussex Lady Captains and Secretaries Golf Association

Spring Meeting at the Dyke Golf Club 18th May 2017

84 ladies from 19 clubs met at The Dyke Golf Club on 18 May for our first event of 2017. The day started dry and cloudy, however by midday the rain had set in but mercifully no wind. The golf course was playing long but was in splendid condition and thanks were expressed to the greenkeepers for all their hard work. Despite a bad accident on the A23 almost all ladies teed off eventually with some shuffling around of start times. Commiserations to Judith Gallagher who was trapped behind the incident and only managed to catch up with her team on the 5th hole. However, with her first shot she won the nearest the pin prize – who needs practice before playing!

Thanks were extended to both the starters, Anup Vasant, Secretary of SCGU and Tony Case, Past Captain of The Dyke and to

Course Marshal, Robert Fell.

£400 was raised for the Dyke Lady Captain's Charity, Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Thanks go to Bali Bassan from The Dyke GC for organising this raffle.

Gratitude was expressed to the bar staff and the catering team who produced a lovely meal to round off an enjoyable day. Thanks were also extended to SLC&SGA Committee for their help, especially Hon. Sec., Elaine Fell, for her splendid organisation.

This was a stableford competition played off full handicap with two scores to count on each hole – the scoring

was quite tight at the top but congratulations go to the winners: Pat Jenks & Theresa Williamson from Haywards Heath and Alicia Phillips from East Sussex National with 77 points. For full results



Match -v- Berkshire at Sweetwoods

We welcomed Margaret Edwards and her team from Berkshire for our match at Sweetwoods Park on 31 May on a warm but overcast day. Some Berkshire ladies had driven for 100 miles to be with us!

Thanks go to the Greenkeepers as the course was looking at its best. Although the greens had been treated recently, they were slick, leading to some ladies despairing of ever making a putt. As the day went on the sun shone through, culminating in a lovely evening and most ladies

enjoyed a drink on the terrace in the sunshine before their excellent meal. We were well looked after by the staff at Sweetwoods Park and our thanks go to them. The matches were friendly but competitive resulting in a win for SLC&SGA 4½ – 3½.



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Match -v- Surrey 8th June at Nevill Golf Club

On a very windy and overcast day we welcomed Lesley Nickolds and her team of Surrey Lady Captains to The Nevill Golf Club on 8 June for our annual match where the course was in superb condition. However, the greens were very fast and were a stiff test of technique, ability (and temper) for some, along with the tree-lined fairways in the blustery conditions!

All the staff at The Nevill looked after us very well indeed and our thanks go to them. We were served an excellent meal following our match but the dessert (a large slice of Kentish Apple Cake with Ice Cream), whilst delicious, proved a bit of a challenge for some ladies.

Last year at Burhill we were soundly beaten by the competitive but friendly ladies from Surrey but this year we nearly managed a half, being beaten by just one point $4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$.

Match -v- Sussex Golf Captains 10th July

The course was looking its best when SLC&SGA were invited by the Sussex Golf Captains to take part in a match against them at Haywards Heath GC.

We were fortunate to play in lovely sunshine. Carole Lee, whose father was a founder member of SGC and began these matches, travelled from Wiltshire. She played with our President, Wendy Shergold and was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a token of our thanks.

Brian Street, SGC Captain said how much the Sussex Golf Captains looked forward to this match and presented SLC&SGA Captain, Janet Garbutt with a vase to remember the occasion.

Janet thanked Brian for their invitation and presented him with a tankard as a memento of the day.



Match -v- Hampshire 3rd August 2017

Following Wednesday's torrential rain, I wondered if Meon Valley Golf Course would be open. Thursday dawned with overcast skies and high winds which reached gale force during the afternoon but only a shower or two of rain whilst we were playing, thank goodness. What we had not bargained for was the Wickham Music Festival taking place about 2 miles away from the golf course. On Wednesday, more than 3in of rain fell on already sodden fields turning them into quagmires needing tractors to tow cars and campervans on to the

site. Inevitably this caused a massive build up of traffic in the lane outside the entrance resulting in a knock-on effect to the main road. Some members of our team waited in the queue for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. All of this meant there was a chaotic start to the day with no introduction of pairs before the game – as soon as we had a complete four, they were sent out to play. Some had to take their bacon rolls out with them! Not the best way to begin playing a course with which you were unfamiliar. Despite the weather, the course was in good condition and I



think when everyone settled down they enjoyed the challenge. Thanks go to Kathy and her team of Hampshire ladies for their hospitality; Meon Valley looked after us well. The combination of the high winds and an unfamiliar course proved a major test for most of our team and we were soundly beaten by the Hampshire Ladies: 7 -1.

Match -v- Kent 7th August



Our return match with Annie Idle and her team of ladies from Kent was held at Ashford Golf Club. The weather was benign and there were no dramas getting to the venue this time! We were delighted to be joined by the Kent Society's President,

Pat and the Ashford Ladies' Captain, Elaine for bacon rolls before the match.

The parkland course was in great condition, although the greens were tricky to read and very fast and for some the incessant noise from the adjacent M20 was quite intrusive. Our hosts were very hospitable and our thanks go to the staff at Ashford GC who looked after us very well.

Judging from the chatter around the tables at supper, everyone had enjoyed their day of competitive but friendly golf. Quite a few of the matches were decided on the last hole, so it was nip and tuck but, sadly, we could

not quite make it over the line, losing 4½ – 3½.

This was our last match of the inter-county series and thanks go to all our members who played and especially those who stood by as reserves. We hope you have thoroughly enjoyed representing SLC&SGA both home and away.

President's Invitation to the Sussex Golf Captains

This year's fixture with the Committee of the Sussex Golf Captain's was played on the Lower course at Worthing Golf Club, the home of the current President. The course was in beautiful condition and we were very fortunate to play in lovely weather.

Wendy changed the format this year to a 4BBB competition off 90% handicap which seemed to go down very well.

Many thanks to Lesley Talbot who stepped in at the last minute as one of the ladies was not well enough to play, she came in from a round at her own course at East Brighton, jumped in her car and hot footed it to Worthing.

After a delicious meal the prizes were presented and congratulations go to this year's winners Tony Bauckham (West Sussex) and Jane Price (Willingdon) who had 40 points and won on countback from Dave Harmer (Willingdon) and June Garland (Worthing) also with 40 points. Third with 37 points were Dave Wilkins (Sweetwoods Park) and Lil Cummins (Cowdray Park).

Wendy was presented with a beautiful vase from Eddie Noyce, President of Sussex Golf Captains.



President's Day 11th September

This year's President's Day was played on the Upper course at Worthing Golf Club, the home of the current President. The course was in beautiful condition and we were very fortunate to play in fine but windy weather despite the gloomy weather forecast. The rain held off until the last matches were finishing but the sun came out at the end.

There were 28 teams of three playing on the day which was the capacity number for the day. There was a three tee start and thanks go to Roy Shergold – the president's husband and Lesley Mann for being very able starters, Lesley also acted as Marshal for the day.

Many thanks also go to Caroline Nicholls and Chaz Laurie lady members at Worthing Golf Club for manning the halfway

house and June Garland for helping on the Registration desk.

The Worthing Lady Captain's charity Friends of Worthing Hospital for Interventional Radiology Equipment raised £273, many thanks to our very generous players.

After a delicious buffet meal the prizes were presented and congratulations go to this year's winners:-

1st with 79 points – Lyn Turner, Doreen Dinnage and Rosemary Martin from Mannings Heath

2nd with 76 points – Sue Sexton, Maxine Green and Helen Raynor from Willingdon

3rd with 74 points on count back – Brenda Cliff, Pat Currie and Terry Comby from Crowborough Beacon

4th with 74 points – Sandra Holman, Theresa Williamson and Avril Plowright from Haywards Heath.

Front 9 with 39 points – Maggie Hayden, Janet Scott and Sue Walkden from Copthorne.

Back 9 with 38 points on count back – Susan Weldon, Kate Salmon from Royal Eastbourne and Marlene Gibson from Ham Manor.

Nearest the pin on the 2nd – Doreen Dinnage from Mannings Heath

Nearest the pin on the 12th – Sarah Brook from Haywards Heath

Nearest the line on the 6th – Sue Sexton from Willingdon.



Autumn Meeting Ham Manor—5th October

A very large field of 102 ladies from 23 different clubs met at Ham Manor Golf Club on 5 October to compete in our Autumn Meeting. Play was due to get underway at 10.00 am but a very heavy rain shower put

back the start by 10 minutes. Shortly afterwards the sun came out and stayed with us for the rest of the day.

We welcomed Lynette Chaney, Ham Manor's Ladies' Captain, who organised a wine raffle for her Charities: Ferring Country Centre for the Disabled and Lavinia Norfolk Centre at Angmering School. £380 was raised for these organisations and members were thanked for their generosity.

Thanks were extended to Lynette who also acted as starter along with Vice Captain, Jill and we were very grateful to another Ham Manor member, Judy, who gave up her entire day to help our Committee. Gratitude was expressed to Course Marshal, Robert Fell, for ensuring a good place of play with such a large field.

Following the rain throughout September, the course was playing very long. Paul Brown and his team of greenkeepers were thanked for their hard work in producing Ham Manor in such good condition under difficult circumstances and we were all delighted to see some of Paul's handiwork on the 1st tee where he had painted our logo. We were very well looked after by the bar staff and the catering team who produced an excellent meal which everyone enjoyed after their game and our thanks go to all of them..

The SLC&SGA Committee were thanked for their help, especially Elaine Fell, Hon. Sec. for her superb planning and organisation. This competition is our last event for 2017 – we have some great venues lined up for 2018 so hope to see many of our members at those events next year.

This was a stableford competition played off full handicap with two scores counting on each hole and congratulations go to the winners from Peacehaven: Eileen Ritchie, Margaret Woolf and Jean Shutt with 75 points. In second place Wendy Street, Marilyn Davis and Tessa Stockwell from Cowdray Park with 70 points and in third place Carole Hayward, Rosie Chisholm-Hill and Sandy Flynn from Copthorne with 69 points.

NP silver 4th Terry Trusson
Ifield

NP bronze 8th Wendy Shergold
Worthing

NP bronze 13th Sandra Wiles
Lindfield

NP silver 17th Tessa Stockwell
Cowdray Park

Best F9 35

Janis Kinnear Copthorne J anie
Hartle Sweetwoods Park
Barbara Podbury

Best B9 35

Maxine Green , Jean Uden
Helen Rayner—Willingdon

6th team 64

Judith Gallagher Cuckfield
Hsien Power , Wendy Waite

5th team 69 CB

Caroline Hawkes Chichester
Fiona Walsh Pauline Beale

4th team 69 CB

Lil Cummins Cowdray Park
Terry Hughes Ann Tyrrell

3rd team 69

Carole Hayward Copthorne
Rosie Chisholm -Hill
Sandy Flynn

2nd team 70

Wendy Street Cowdray Park
Tessa Stockwell Marilyn Davis

Winners 75

Eileen Ritchie Peacehaven
Margaret Woolf , Jean Shutt



Winners



Second



Third

A very warm welcome to all Lady Captains & Secretaries, both past and present. My name is Janet Garbutt and I am honoured to be the Association's Captain for 2017.

SLC&SGA was formed in 1962 by Miss Joy Graham of Royal Ashdown Forest GC for FUN! Additional founder members were Miss Margaret Ackford from Bognor Regis, Mrs Jackson from Cooden Beach and Mrs Leonie Law from Goodwood. Joy Graham was Captain until her death in 1982. In May 1964 membership stood at 132 and currently stands at 450. The first match against another County was played at Liphook in 1963 v. Hampshire since when matches have been extended to include Berkshire, Kent and Surrey.

Membership is open to any lady who has been a Captain or Secretary of a Sussex Golf Club and we hope that existing members will encourage other past Lady Captains or Secretaries in their Club to join the Association.

We have our usual friendly but competitive programme of meetings and matches against nearby Counties and any member with a handicap high or low can participate. Please see Events & Entry Forms page on the website for details, together with results.

I look forward to meeting many members during the course of the year and wish you all a very successful and enjoyable golfing year.



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