

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SVLGA WEST DIVISION**  
**COWGLEN GOLF CLUB 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

Captain Fiona Roger gave a warm welcome to 48 members to the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the West Vets at Cowglen Golf Club.

**MINUTES OF 2011 AGM**

The adoption was proposed by Carol Fell and seconded by May Hughes.

**MATTERS ARISING** - None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Sheila Shaw thanked Jan McNab for auditing the Accounts and to Helen Burnet for taking charge of the Sweaters this year. She also thanked Anna for her assistance in collecting subscriptions this afternoon.

The Subscriptions were increased this year by £3.00 per Member resulting in an increase in revenue of £540.

The Sweater sales were also up (by £215.00) making an overall increase in revenue of £755.00.

No Magnets were sold this year as these are given in prizes for "Two's" in the competitions.

On the expenditure side of the Balance Sheet, the Affiliation Fees to SVLGA were increased by £180.00 this year. The Match expenses were higher this year as there were two Home Matches to cater for.

The subject of Insurance for trophies was discussed at last year's AGM and as there was another increase in the Premium it was decided to go ahead with last year's proposal to open a separate Bank Account and make annual payments from our funds. The East Division agreed to continue to pay a proportion of the premium for their share of the E. Duncan Trophy. Hopefully the balance in this Account will accumulate over the years so long as we do not have to replace any of the silverware.

The stock of Sweaters and Slipovers had become depleted and a new supply was bought, resulting in a large but necessary expense.

The Sundry Expenses are £142.00 higher than last year mainly due to extra postage stamps being purchased before the last big price increase. Engraving charges were also up due to the West winning the trophies. It is hoped to save on postage this year by sending e-mails where possible but obviously the Fixture Cards require posting.

The Financial Report was proposed by Moira Hogg and seconded by Marion Stewart.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary reported that the membership currently stood at 166, there having been 14 resignations prior to the AGM. There are 46 ladies on the waiting list.

The Fixtures for 2013 are as follows:-

Spring Meeting	-	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Prestwick St. Cuthbert GC
Summer Meeting	-	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013 at Drumpellier GC
Autumn Meeting	-	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Buchanan Castle GC

### Matches

Midlands –v- West - Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 at Dunblane GC  
East –v- West (Singles) - Tues 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at Gullane No. 2  
West –v- East (Foursomes) - Tues 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at Troon Portland

### Championship

Renfrew GC - Wed 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013 9.30am and 2pm  
- Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 9.30am and 2pm

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Before commencing her report, Fiona announced the death of two ladies who were very much part of the Scottish Senior and Vets golf. Ethel Jack, a member of Gullane G.C. who died in May this year. Ethel was such a popular lady and will be sadly missed. The other untimely death early this year was Moira Thomson also of Gullane G.C. Moira was a regular Scottish Senior International player and she also will be sadly missed.

Fiona said that the time had flown by and she has thoroughly enjoyed her two years as Captain and was very grateful to her efficient and helpful Committee. Fiona also thanked Carol Fell who is the West Vets website's "guardian angel".

Fiona reported that we are still maintaining a full membership of 180.

The competitions were well supported and thanked the members for this. Despite the inclement weather some excellent scores were recorded.

The results of the matches were as follows:-

West –v- Midlands – Played at Ranfurly Castle and resulted in a 3.5/3.5 draw.

West –v- East singles – Played at Troon Portland and won 5-4 by West.

East –v- West foursomes – Played at Gullane No.2 and won 3-2 by West.

Championship – This was held as usual at Renfrew G.C. and was won by May Hughes with the runner-up being Lorraine Campbell. The Bronze Championship was won by Moira Hogg with Anna MacDougall being the runner-up.

The Captain congratulated all the qualifiers. Thanks were extended to Renfrew GC for granting courtesy of the Course once again.

Fiona went on to say what an honour it was to be Captain and to know that so many West Division members are committed to so many areas of golf and gave special mention to two of our Members. Firstly Helen Faulds as Captain of the Scottish Seniors Team and Captain of the Scottish Vets. Her dedication and hard work has been so greatly appreciated by everyone. Over and above all her numerous duties, Helen is for the second time, a triple Club Champion – Douglas Park, Elie and Bearsden. Secondly Aileen Wilson who won the Higgs Castle Championship for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time over 5 decades. What an achievement.

Fiona also congratulated the many West Vets members who had played in Scotland and elsewhere throughout the year and who had, on many occasions, been very successful. She also congratulated Sally Coster on becoming President of the SVLGA.

### BLAIRGOWRIE REPORT

The Captain reported that May Hughes the West Vets Champion beat Ruth Brown from the East to become the Scottish Vets Champion for 2012. Many congratulations to May. The West did very well on Day 1 of the Medal round, Anna being second, beaten by a better inward half and Fiona herself was third. Anna also won the Lyon picture for the best scratch score and Fiona won the Buchanan Cup for the best net score in the higher group. Carol Fell won the Small Cup for the 5 Club Competition over the 9 hole course

with Anna runner-up. West also shared the Lyon Trophy with Midlands for the Division with the best 3 net scores.

Next year's competitions will be:-

SVLGA -V- Ireland - West Kilbride G.C. from 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013

Jamboree - North Hants G.C. from 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

Championship - Blairgowrie from 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

Home Internationals – Llandudno (Maesdu) G.C. from 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013

Fiona and Anna attended the SVLGA Committee Meeting on the Sunday and everyone attended the AGM and prize-giving on the Monday, when Sally Coster was appointed as the new Scottish Vets President.

### SCOTTISH VETS MATCH REPORTS

Irish Match: May Hughes reported that Hilton Temple in Belfast was the venue for the annual match with the Irish Seniors for the Mary McKenna Trophy. The team consisted of Elaine Allison, Heather Anderson, Karen Ballantyne, Lorna Bennett, Alison Bartlett, May Hughes, Mary Smith and Linda Urquhart. The match was played in rather cold conditions this year and unfortunately the Irish team proved just too hot to handle and retained the Mary McKenna Trophy. May said that Scotland looked forward to wrest the cup back at West Kilbride next year.

Jamboree: Alex Glennie reported that this was held at The Hirsell GC in Coldstream from 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2013. There had been torrential rain with flooding on the Sunday and this resulted in delayed starts. Alex praised everyone at The Hirsell for managing to get the Course playable. Unfortunately Scotland did not fare too well this year but looked forward to doing better at North Hants GC next year. Alex concluded by thanking Borders for being such superb Hosts.

Scotland –v- England North - 5-4 to England North

Scotland –v- England South - 6-3 to England South

Scotland –v- England Midlands – 6-3 to England Midlands

The Miller Stirling Trophy was won by England North.

Alex thanked Helen Faulds for being a most dedicated and hard-working Captain.

Home Internationals: This was held at Elie GC from 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and Helen Faulds captained the Scottish Team. Scotland beat Wales on the Day 1 but unfortunately lost the other two matches against Ireland and England. Ireland were the eventual winners.

Fiona concluded by thanking all members of West Division for their support throughout her two years as Captain. She said that it had been a pleasure and privilege to have held this position. As she handed over the reins to Anna, she assured the Meeting that the West Division would be in very capable hands. Anna had been a most supportive Vice-Captain, always ready to help in any situation. She then passed on the Captain's badge to Anna and wished her every good wish for her two years in Office.

Anna then took the Chair and thanked Fiona very much for all her hard work over the past two years and hoped that she would be able to maintain such high standards.

### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Anna proposed Marion Stewart as her vice-captain and this was seconded by Fiona Roger. Past Captain – Fiona remains on committee for one year.

Secretary - Anna proposed Morag Key to carry on for another year as Secretary. This was seconded by Janice Paterson.

Treasurer – As Sheila had agreed to serve another year, Anna proposed that the Meeting accept and Sheena McDonald seconded this appointment.

Committee – Helen Burnet will serve one more year and retire in 2013. Dorothy Horsfield was co-opted onto Committee when Morag became our new secretary, and Dorothy will retire in 2014.

Anna informed the Meeting that for a one year trial, there would be 16 qualifiers for the Championship. As there are now at least 30 single-figure handicap members, it would make for a more competitive Championship. On the other hand it was becoming increasingly difficult to persuade the Bronze handicappers to enter. For that reason, the four ladies will make their own arrangements to play the first round on their own courses but the Final would be staged at Renfrew Golf Club along with the other Final.

Competitions – Anna explained to the Meeting that it was becoming very difficult to get courtesy of courses to stage our competitions. The West has been extremely lucky in getting courtesy as most of the other Divisions have to pay. We have managed courtesy for all our competitions this year with the exception of our Autumn Meeting at Buchanan Castle. However, they are only requesting a £5 entry per member and it is hoped that as many members as possible will enter this event. We are committed to paying £450 to Buchanan Castle so a large entry would be appreciated.

Anna also reported that we hope to operate an on-line entry system next year, although the Autumn Meeting would probably remain a postal entry due to the £5 having to be paid in advance and would also be non-returnable.

Anna requested that it was vital that we have an up-to-date e-mailing list. If any member has changed their address, please let the Secretary know as soon as possible.

AOCB As there was no other business, Anna asked Wendy Cameron to present the prizes.

VOTE OF THANKS - The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks from May Hughes. She congratulated Fiona on her Captaincy and wished Anna best wishes for a successful term in office. She also thanked Carol Fell for all her hours of work for West Vets, West of Scotland and many other hats beside.

DATE OF 2013 AGM - 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013 AT COWGLEN GOLF CLUB.