

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SVLGA WEST DIVISION

COWGLEN GOLF CLUB 5TH NOVEMBER, 2015

Captain Marion Stewart gave a warm welcome to 39 members to the 47th Annual General Meeting of the West Vets at Cowglen Golf Club.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were 70 apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

The adoption was proposed by Helen Faulds and seconded by Rena Simpson.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mo gave a detailed report on the Division's finances. The main points were that a new computer had been purchased during the year; the Stewart Trophy replacing the Bronze Championship plate had to be engraved. As we only had one Home Match this year, the catering expenses were down on last year. However, these will increase next year as we host two Home Matches.

The Closing Balance as at 30th September 2015 was £3,688. The Trophy Insurance Account stands at £1,400 giving us a total Closing Balance of £5,088.

The adoption of the Financial Report was proposed by Lana Macdonald and seconded by Christine Finlayson.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Morag informed the Meeting that she had received 10 resignations as at today's date which leaves the Division with 170 playing members, 1 Honorary Member and 3 Associate Members. There are 46 ladies on the Waiting List.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Marion reported the deaths of two of our members, namely Lynn Mitchell of Gleddoch Golf Club and Moira Hogg of Old Ranfurly Golf Club. Lynn was a Past Captain of Gleddoch and Clydebank and District. Moira was a member of Old Ranfurly Golf Club and an enthusiastic member of the West Vets, winning the Bronze Championship in 2012. Both these ladies will be sadly missed.

Marion wished Sally Coster a speedy recovery after her recent illness.

The West Vets three meetings were well attended and we are still extremely fortunate to have courtesy of the courses as all the other Divisions have to pay an average of £10 for the privilege of playing.

It was a wet and windy day for the Spring Meeting at Elderslie Golf Club with only our newest Vet, Gillian Kyle, managing to master the Course which was reduction only.

After a slight hiccup before the Summer Meeting at Largs Golf Club, when Morag discovered to her consternation that our tee reservation had not been entered in the Largs diary and their Secretary had resigned! However, all went well in the end despite the first tee off time being 8.30am. It was a very cold start but the sun came out and the wind was fierce. Again the competition was reduction only. This competition was the Championship

qualifier and Lesley Lloyd was the leading qualifier, winning the Heather Anderson Trophy for the best scratch score.

16 players contended the Championship at Renfrew, Gillian Kyle losing in a very tight semi-final to Lesley Lloyd at the 21st hole, and Linda McDougall losing to Sheena McDonald in the 2nd semi-final. Lesley triumphed over Sheena McDonald and won the West Vets Championship. Marion informed the Meeting that the 2016 Championship at Renfrew would be held on the Tuesday and Thursday of the last week in May.

8 players qualified for the Stewart Trophy. Marion had beaten Morag in the 1st semi-final and Margaret Gray had beaten Lynn McColl in the second one. Margaret Gray (Old Ranfurly) was the overall winner and the first person to get her name on the Stewart Trophy.

The Scratch team played the East Division at Mortonhall G.C on a sunny but very windy day. The West players found conditions very tricky. Lesley Lloyd was the only winner but 5 matches went to the 18th green and Gillian Kyle had a great match ending in a draw after being 3 down at the 15th. The final score was 6-3 to the East.

At the Scottish Seniors at Powfoot, the West had several qualifiers in the Scratch event including Anna Telfer, Alex Glennie and Liz Keohone, but our star was Karen Maxwell who won the handicapping event defeating Aileen Baker of Crail 3 and 2 in the final. Congratulations to Karen.

The West mid handicap singles team played against the Midlands at Blairgowrie and although the West fielded a strong team we were no match for the many home players in the Midland team. The result was 4 and 3 to the Midlands with two matches going to the 18th green. Thanks to Anne Aitken and Jennifer Graham who both filled in at the last moment and both won their matches. It was a great day, weather was fantastic, the Rosemount Course in superb condition and the day ended with a delicious meal in the clubhouse.

The Foursomes match for 10+ handicaps was played at Kilmacolm Golf Course in very sunny conditions. Captained by June, the team played well and won 4/3 and regained the Friendship Trophy. A superb buffet was provided after the match by the new caterer at Kilmacolm.

The Autumn Meeting was held at Balmore in excellent weather but only our Vice Captain mastered the course and returned an excellent nett 68 and won the May Craddock Trophy. This was a Counting Competition.

Thanks go to all the ladies of the committee who manned the desk and also to the members who assisted at the Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings and ensured the smooth running of all the competitions, in particular Anne Dunn who assisted at all 3 meetings.

Thanks also goes to Carol Fell who edits all my reports and photos. She does a wonderful job keeping the website up to date.

Congratulations go to Gillian Kyle, Alex Glennie and Lesley Lloyd who all represented the West Vets at Scottish level, and in particular Lesley who was selected for all 4 Internationals. Congratulations also go to Anna Telfer who captained the Scottish Senior Team who did so well in Lithuania.

BLAIRGOWRIE REPORT

In the SVLGA Championship at Blairgowrie, Lesley Lloyd beat Margaret Davidson of Borders in the first round but narrowly lost in an exciting match at the 20th hole to Fiona de Fries in the semi-final. Sheena Wood of Northern Division was the overall winner.

The Monday stroke competition for the Patrick Rosebowl was marred by bad weather and controversy over the condition of the course, prompting players to send letter of complaint to their Divisional Secretaries which were forwarded to Gillian Kirkwood, Captain of the SVLGA. Copies of her reply were available to read at the meeting.

Anna Telfer did well and won the Scratch Trophy for the over 65's and Joanne Sharp was 5th in the Patrick Rosebowl. Midlands Division won the team event and the Tuesday Greensomes was won by Sheilah Ramsay (Morag's sister) and Sally Rowan of Highlands Division.

DATES FOR 2016 SVLGA FIXTURES

Mary McKenna Trophy - Lahinch G.C. County Clare – 16th, 17th and 18th April, 2016

Jamboree - Panmure Barry G.C. - 2nd, 3rd and 4th August, 2016.

Blairgowrie – September 19th and 20th

Championship – September 18th and 19th at Blairgowrie

West Vets Fixtures

Spring Meeting - Hayston G.C. - Monday, 18th April, 2016

Summer Meeting - Caldwell G.C. - Monday, 9th May, 2016

Autumn Meeting - Hilton Park G.C. (Allander Course) – Monday, 5th September, 2016

Championship Finals - Renfrew Golf Club on Tuesday 24th May, 2016 and Thursday, 26th May, 2016

Singles Match –v- East Division at West Kilbride G.C. - Tuesday, 14th June, 2016

Singles Match –v- Midlands Division at Kilmacolm G.C. - Tuesday 7th June, 2016

Foursomes Match -v- East Division at Baberton G.C. - Tuesday, 16th August, 2016

SCOTTISH VETS MATCH REPORTS

Irish Match - The following report by Lesley Lloyd.

Dunbar Golf Club hosted our annual match against the Irish Seniors for the Mary McKenna Perpetual Trophy. Having staged the Scottish Boys Championship the previous week, the course was in great condition and the weather was also very kind to us over the three days.

The Scottish team of Lorna Bennett, Alison Bartlett, Gillian Kyle, Lesley Lloyd, Lorna McKinlay, Mary Smith, Anne Ryan and Sheena Wood was captained by Noreen Fenton. Unfortunately we trailed 3-1 after the first day fourballs due to some excellent play by the Irish Team.

On the Sunday we had a very enjoyable evening with excellent food and chat followed by the much anticipated draw for Monday's singles which was made from two wine glasses!! Scotland drew first blood in the singles when Lorna Bennett had a resounding victory over Pat Doran. However, Ireland took the next 3 points to ensure the trophy would be returning across the Irish Sea! Scotland rallied to win 3 late points to share the singles 4-4 and ensure a respectable score line of 7-5.

Next year's match will be played over the famous Lahinch links when it is hoped Scotland will be victorious.

Jamboree – The following report by Gillian Kyle.

The Vets Jamboree was held at Sherwood Forest Golf Club in Nottinghamshire from 4th - 6th August, 2015. It was a long and tricky course – a links one with hills you could say! It had a fabulous clubhouse looking down on to the course and the weather was rather hot. The team was again captained by Noreen Fenton, aided by Vice-Captain Kathleen Sutherland and there were 4 new “girls” this year – Gillian Kyle and Lesley Lloyd from the West; Lorna McKinlay from the East and Meg Sievwright from the North. Sheena Wood and Alison Bartlett from the North plus Alex Glennie made up the team.

Day 1 was against the South and unfortunately we lost 6.5-2.5 with Lesley being the one from the West to gain even ½ a point. 4 other games were lost on the 18th green which was disappointing but encouraging.

Day 2 was against the North which was a very close match – Scotland losing 5.5-3.5. The West won 2.5 of the points – Gillian a ½; Lesley 1 point and Alex 1 1/2 points. Again 3 matches were lost on the 18th green and there were 3 halved matches. So, a better day. Day 3 was against the Midlands and we lost 6.-3 with no West girls contributing. Again some close matches but just not converting to points. The event was won by the North who won all 3 of their matches. Unfortunately Scotland were 4th but with experiences gained by the new girls, hopefully they will be in a stronger position next year.

SENIOR INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

This report was submitted by Anna Telfer who captained the Scottish Team.

The Senior European Championships were held in Lithuania this year – a nightmare for travelling but an extremely interesting country to visit. The course was Klaopeda and most of the holes had encroaching lateral water hazards so accuracy was far more important than length. Lesley Lloyd and Gillian Kyle from West Vets both made their European debuts this year and it was a sharp learning curve for both of them. The standard of golf is extremely high at this championship, with many of the ladies having handicaps of scratch, or better, which means they hit the ball long distances, and also putt very, very well. After two rounds of stroke play, Scotland found themselves in 12th place – well below the target of 8th place that we'd set ourselves. This meant we were in the 2nd flight. Austria were our opponents in the 1st round of match play and we won 4-1; next up were Italy and another victory for Scotland. The final match was against the Netherlands which proved, exciting, thrilling, nerve-wracking and ultimately one of my proudest moments as Captain. The tie was drifting Holland's way so I told Lesley on the 14th that I needed a point from her.

Under extreme pressure, Lesley duly delivered and Scotland finally won 3.5 to 1.5.

Scotland topped the 2nd flight and finished a creditable 9th overall.

And so to Dublin for the Senior Home Internationals. Lesley Lloyd and Alex Glennie were the representatives from West Vets and Elm Park G.C was the venue. It was a long, parkland course with a pesky burn running through and across 8 or 9 holes. We faced Ireland on Day 1 and unfortunately a whitewash for us. However, our team knew we could do better and in the foursomes against England the following morning we did just that and went into lunch 1.5 – 1.5. Unfortunately England won all 5 singles matches. The last day we faced Wales, a team we all felt we had a chance of beating. Scotland won the morning foursomes 2-1, but sadly we lost all three matches in the afternoon and, therefore, the match. That just summed up our week – so near and yet so far!!

Scotland were the stars at the closing ceremony with their Scottish country dance – complete with kilts and “see you Jimmy” hats!

The only way is **UP** and I believe that success can't be too far away for future Scotland teams.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

Julie Will has indicated she is willing to serve another year on Committee. The Meeting gave its approval.

June Lockhart (Vice-Captain), Mo Neilson (Treasurer) and Mary Wylie (Committee Member) also have further terms to serve.

Anna Telfer retires as Past Captain. Morag Key retires after 4 years as secretary.

Marion thanked both Anna and Morag for all their hard work and support over the years.

Marion proposed Anne Dunn as the new Secretary and this was seconded by Annette Baillie.

A.O.C.B.

Marion announced that in accordance with the Constitution, the Committee proposes

increasing the Annual Subscription to £30 and the Entry Fee to £15. The West Division has been very fortunate in receiving courtesy of courses but in view of the rising costs incurred by Clubs, this pattern may not continue in the future. Courtesy has been granted for our fixtures in 2016.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks from Lesley Lloyd. Lesley thanked Marion and the Committee for all their hard work, saying how much she enjoyed being a West Vet and all the friendship she had encountered.

DATE OF 2016 AGM - 4th November, 2016 at Cowglen Golf Club.