

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SVLGA WEST DIVISION

COWGLEN GOLF CLUB 4TH NOVEMBER, 2016

Captain Marion Stewart gave a warm welcome to 47 members to the 49th Annual General Meeting of the West Vets at Cowglen Golf Club.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were 58 apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF 2015 AGM

The adoption was proposed by Helen Faulds and seconded by Anna Telfer.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer distributed copies of the Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 30 September. The entries in the account were fairly self explanatory. This year yielded a surplus of £426 compared with a deficit of £24 in the previous year. Engraving costs were less and there were no extraordinary expenses. However our match expenses were greater as we hosted two divisional matches compared with one in 2015. Our closing funds were £5865.00 compared with £5088 in 2015. Next year the increase in our subscription to £30 should offset any increased costs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The membership had been kept level at 180 and we still had a healthy waiting list.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Marion reported the deaths of three of our members, namely Past President Sally Coster, former Scottish International Dorothea Hastings and former west Captain Jean Brown. They were all well known in Scottish Golf and will be sorely missed.

Marion specially welcomed past Captain, Anna Telfer and Vice-Captain June Lockhart to the meeting after their major health problems during the past year.

The season began with the Spring Meeting at Hayston Golf Club. To say it was a hurricane blowing was an understatement, however Liz Stewart and Jean Irvine both managed to master the course. We did have our mishaps and Glennis Rintoul parked her car on a tree stump and had to be rescued by the greenkeepers with crow bars and jacks. This did not seem to upset Glennis who went on to win the Bronze Section. The Irish match was played at the same time as the Spring Meeting so Lesley Lloyd and Carol Whyte, who were selected for the Scottish team, were unable to play.

The Summer Meeting at Caldwell GC was held in wonderfully sunny weather but again it was blowing a hooley and players found the conditions very tricky. Carol Whyte was the best scratch player and won the Heather Anderson Trophy (Heather herself was playing in this event and returned a very creditable nett 78) Anne Judge had the best silver score and Pat Robertson the best Bronze score. We were disappointed with the number of call offs for this event – it makes running the tournament very difficult for the officials.

The Autumn Meeting took place at Hilton Park I then very wet conditions and there were a lot of N/Rs. Anna Telfer and Lynn McColl both managed to master the course with Lynn winning the May Craddock Trophy for the best nett score.

All the meetings were RO and we look forward to better weather next year.

The Championship took place at Renfrew GC and was closely contested, as usual. The first of the semi finals between Carol Whyte and Alex Glennie was a very close match with Carol winning 2 and . In the other semi finals Anabel Kane had an exciting match with Gillian Kyle with both players needing birdies to win holes. Gillian triumphed 3 and 2. In the final Carl got off and by to an excellent start and was 2 up after 3 holes but Gillian fought back and by the turn was 2 up. Carol won th 11th but Gillian upped her game and went on to win 3 and 2. Fiona Roger played Lynn McColl in the final of the Stewart Trophy in a very tight natch with Fiona winning on the 19th.

The Scratch match against the East was not determined until the last game on the course which was halved. match was played at West Kilbride in excellent conditions. The matches were all very close. Ann Brownie the East Captain was not even put off by a large branch falling off a tree on the first hole and the result of the m atch was not determined until the last game on the course which was halved giving the East a win by 5 games to 4. We look forward to playing them at Mortonhall next year.

In the match against the Midlands we asked if we could add another 3 players of 7-9 handicaps as we felt these players were not getting any matches. This was agreed and we fielded a team of 10 instead of 7. On a glorious day in Kilmacolm the West managed to defeat the Midlands by 6 games to 4, however if we had fielded a team of only 7 players we would still have won the match. It has been agreed to continue this format and we look forward to playing them at Auchterarder next year.

On 16th August 10 West players plus Vice Captain June Lockhart travelled to Baberton to defend the Friendship Trophy against the East. As Lynn McColl and Karen Maxwell had a reputation for getting lost, June drove them to the match. Unfortunately the Google map instructions had not been updated for the new clubhouse location – all three of them got lost! However the weather was excellent and the team played well retaining the Trophy by 3 games to 2. we look forward to playing them at Kilmacolm next Year.

Congratulations go to Alex Glennie who won the Scottish Seniors stroke event at Fortrose and Rosemarkie in very testing conditions.

Anne Aitken and Jennifer Graham who both filled in at the last moment and both won their for the new clubhouse 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, Gillian Kyle beat Lorna McKinlay (Midlands) in the first round but narrowly lost in an exciting match to Sheena Wood (North) at 20th hole. Jennifer Bryans (East) was the eventual winner. Alex Glennie won the Patrick Rosebowl and the Lyon

Picture while Jill West was 4th and Carol Fell was 5th. Carol Fell was also the Runner-Up in the Buchanan Cup and Winner of the Small Cup while Foina Roger was the Runner-Up in the Past President's Quaich. The West drew with Midlands for the Lyon Trophy. The highlight of the weekend was a Hole in One by Susan Young at the 9th hole.

DATES FOR 2017 SVLGA FIXTURES

Mary McKenna Trophy - Murcur GC – 9th - 10th April, 2017

Jamboree - Frilford G.C. - 8th - 10th August, 2017

Blairgowrie – September 24th and 25th

Championship – September 23rd and 24^h at Blairgowrie

West Vets Fixtures

Spring Meeting - East Kilbride G.C. - Tuesday, 4th April, 2017

Summer Meeting - Ralston G.C. -Thursday 11th May, 2017

Autumn Meeting - Douglas Park G.C. – Monday, 4th September, 2017

Championship Finals - Renfrew Golf Club,-Tuesday 23rd May, and Thursday, 25th May, 2017

Singles Match –v- East Division at Mortonhall G.C. - Thursday 1st June, 2017

Singles Match –v- Midlands Division at Auchterarder G.C. - Monday, 22nd May, 2017

Foursomes Match -v- East Division at Kilmacolm G.C. - Tuesday, 15th August, 2017

SCOTTISH VETS MATCH REPORTS

Irish Match - The following report by Lesley Lloyd.

This year's match against the Irish Seniors for the Mary McKenna Perpetual Trophy was played on the magnificent links of Lahinch Golf Club on the West coast of Ireland with stunning views overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Scotland, captained by Lorna Bennett, was represented by Alison Bartlett, Lorna Bennett, Gillian Kyle, Lesley Lloyd, Lorna McKinlay, Meg Sievright, Carol Whyte and Sheena Wood.

We had a bit of an adventure getting to the course. Having set off from Scotland on an early flight on the Saturday morning to Dublin, followed by a 3 hour plus car journey across Ireland, we finally arrived at Lahinch in time for our 3.00pm practice round!

After Sundays fourballs we were 3-1 down with our only point coming from West Vet and team rookie, Carol Whyte and her partner Lorna McKinlay. In the evening we had a lovely meal with excellent Irish hospitality followed by the draw for Mondays singles.

Due to time constraints on Monday, 3 hour return journey to Dublin Airport, it was agreed the singles matches would be decided over 14 holes. Although many of the matches were very close, our only winner was Lorna Bennett. Unfortunately the trophy stayed in Ireland for another year with a disappointing final scoreline of 10 – 2-in favour of the Irish.

Next year we will have home advantage at Murcur Links and fingers crossed we can reverse the result.

Jamboree – The following report by Alex Glennie.

As you will all know from following Carol's blog the Scottish Vets Jamboree was played on home soil this year at Panmure Golf Club, Barry on Tuesday, 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th August under an excellent captain Kathleen Sutherland. The team this year contained three West Vets, Alex Glennie, Gillian Kyle and Lesley Lloyd. The remaining team members were Fiona de Vries and Lorna McKinlay (Midlands), Meg Sievright and Mary Smith (Highlands) and Sheena Wood (North).The course was in excellent condition and the greens faster than most of us had played on this season. Panmure is a challenging course which was greatly appreciated by all players. In fact, the players from the other teams that we met through the rest of the season have always commented on how great a course it is. Usually someone has something negative to say but not this year.

I am not going to go through all the results as you will have already seen them at the time. The matches were played in a fiercely competitive but friendly manner. Most of Scotland's games going into the home stretch, we were always closer but not close enough. The main difference

seemed to be the amount of 8-12ins putts the others made in comparison to. In fact sometimes you thought they were never going to miss. If, but for a few putts, it could have been us but sadly it was the North of England who came out victorious. Hopefully we will come out winners at Filford next year with a few new West Vets in the team.

SENIOR INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

This report was submitted by Gillian Kyle

The European Senior Ladies Team Championships were held at Sierra Gold Club in Northern Poland from August 30th until September 3rd.

Under the Captaincy of Lorna Bennett, the 6 'woman' team of Fiona de Vries and Lorna McKinlay (Midlands), Alex Glennie, Gillian Kyle and Lesley Lloyd (West) and Mary Smith (Highlands) set off from Edinburgh Airport on Saturday, 27th August as there were no direct flights to Gdansk on a Sunday. We were staying in the Mistral Sport Hotel which was around an hour from the airport and had been purpose built for the Euro 2012 football tournament. As we were about 40 minutes from the golf course, mini buses were used for transfers between the hotel and golf club. Well one mini bus actually with the same driver who went back and forth when he desired! After a very long wait, for the aforementioned bus on the Sunday morning, we arrived at the beautiful golf course and clubhouse with all our gear to put in storage cages and lockers. We weren't allowed to play before the practice round on the Monday so we investigated the wonderful driving range, short game area and putting green before having a stroll round the course – in 29 degrees! We were advised that the greens were reading 12 on the stimp meter. Augusta has its greens running at 14 so we were not far of that! They certainly looked very daunting. Monday was our practice round and we tried to get used to the heat, long holes and superfast undulating greens. The Opening Ceremony took place outside on the Monday evening with everyone wearing their official team uniforms. We were proudly sporting the new navy Scottish blazers as the purple ones are now defunct after the Amalgamation. Straws were drawn that night for the early bus at 6.40. Bit tough when your time was 9am but that was the time. 3 played in the morning and 3 in the afternoon for the 1st two days which were strokeplay. After the Wednesday we qualified for the 2nd flight in 9th position. Matchplay then commenced with one foursome followed by four singles games. Thursday's matches went very well and we beat the Czech Republic 4-1. Friday brought a strong experienced Italian team and unfortunately we lost 4-1 although 3 games were lost on the 17th, 18th and 19th holes respectively. A quick change then back to the Club for the closing ceremony. Ireland were still playing against Belgium for 1st and 2nd place on our return so we shared their excitement when their final singles won on the 20th hole for them to be the overall winners.

After the prizegiving we were bussed to the town's new civic centre. A building of which the Poles were obviously very proud and wanted us all to see. It really was stunning and they put a lot of effort into the evening with an orchestra playing on our arrival.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

As one of her last actions as Captain, Marion proposed that Aileen Wilson and Heather Anderson should be nominated as Honorary Life Members for their long and valued services to the West Division. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Marion then proposed June Lockhart as the new Captain of the West Vets, saying that June had been absolutely tremendous as Vice Captain, so dependable, organised and a great captain of the foursomes team which she has led to two victories over the East. I am so glad she is recovering from her recent illness and I am confident she will make an excellent Captain. Seconded by Morag Key.

June thanked Marion for her organisation over the last two years and particularly for her support over the last two months. She also took the opportunity to thank all who visited her in hospital and at home and sent cards, flowers etc.

She proposed Chris Fowler as Vice Captain. Julie Will was due to retire from the Committee Sandra MacDougall was proposed to take her place. The Meeting gave its approval.

The Committee comprises June Lockhart (Captain), Chris Fowler (Vice Captain), Marion Stewart (Past Captain), Mo Neilson (Treasurer), Anne Dunn (Secretary), Mary Wylie and Sandra

MacDougall (Committee Members)

A.O.C.B.

It was reported that courtesy had been given for all the 2017 fixtures but again we should bear in mind this might not always be the case.

The possibility of issuing the fixture cards at earlier was discussed and it was agreed that thought would be given to this.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks from Gillian Kyle. Gillian thanked Captain Marion, Vice Captain June and all the Committee for organising the 2016 events saying that it had been a great season and that the members were all very grateful for their time and hard work arranging all the fixtures. She congratulated Marion on her success as Captain and wished June all the very best for her time in office. She then wished all the members good health and fulfilling golf for the season ahead.

DATE OF 2017 AGM - 2nd November, 2017 at Cowglen Golf Club. At 2.00pm