



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

Held at Harleyford Golf Club - Wednesday, 27 October 2021

PRESENT:

Lynda Hilton	County President
Janet Beal	County Captain
Fiona Robb	Honorary Secretary
Carolyn Rivett	Honorary Treasurer
Jackie Edwards	2nd Team Captain
Jackie Maher	Competition Secretary
Susanna Mitterer	Seniors' Captain and EG Voting Member
Delyth Barnett	County Junior Organiser
Christine Bishop	Handicap Advisor

plus 36 Members

INTRODUCTION TO AGM - Janet Beal

Janet welcomed all the ladies to the AGM and introduced each member of the Executive Team.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Fiona Robb

Fiona read out the list of names and clubs who had sent their apologies. See Appendix A.

2 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS - Lynda Hilton

Good afternoon ladies, a warm welcome to you all, thank you for coming today and supporting your County's AGM.

It is really nice to see you all in person, face to face so to speak, especially after all our Zoom Meetings over the last trying two years. Hopefully this can now continue normally.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2020 minutes have been posted on the BCLGA website for the past few months. Janet asked if there were any amendments to the Minutes then stated that she would propose the minutes be adopted and this was seconded by Lynda Hilton. Janet asked for a show of hands to adopt the Minutes - a unanimous vote. Janet confirmed that the minutes were accepted as a true record, and duly signed the 2020 Minutes.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2020 MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS AND TROPHIES AND COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Janet read out the list of prizewinners, Jackie selected the trophy and Lynda presented the trophy. Prizewinners then had their photo taken by Heather:

Winter Scratch League 2020/21: cancelled due to Covid.

Summer Scratch League 2021:

Silver: Premier Division - Gerrards Cross

Div II - Ellesborough

Div III - Gerrards Cross B

Div IV - Denham B

Bronze: Div I - Hazlemere

Div II - Buckingham

Div III - Harleyford

Div IV - Weston Turville (no attendee at the AGM)

The County Champion was won by Daisy Kennedy, Harewood Downs (not at the AGM)

Intermediate Trophy Baxter Bowl won jointly by Alice Kozlowski, Ellesborough and Lily Robinson, Woburn. This is the trophy for ages 18-25 and Alice has won it seven times, so as many times as she could have done; so next year some of us could have a chance.

The Seniors Championship was won by Katie Reid, Gerrards Cross and was presented at the Championship.

The Bucks Shield Challenge Trophy was won by Chartridge Park and presented on the day, and Runners-up were Gerrards Cross.

Interclub Foursomes, for those of you who were there, there was a slight misunderstanding of the rules, so the Interclub Foursomes was shared between Gerrards Cross and Woburn. So if someone from Woburn can come and pick up the trophy for the first six months and then hand it over to Gerrards Cross for the second six months.

The Champion of Champions was won by Olivia Lee, Gerrards Cross, which was played on Sunday just gone; a great match.

The Challenge Cup the runner-up was Lois Shoosmith, Ellesborough and the Winner was Heather Pentney, Harewood Downs.

The Rosebowl was presented on the day, won by Susan Withey, Huntswood.

The Summer Greensomes was won by Claire Wilcox and Aggie Bzinkowska, Burnham Beeches.

The Winter Foursomes was cancelled.

The Junior Champion was Grace Rigby-Walden and was presented on the day.

Coronation Medals:

Silver Coronation Medal for the lowest 4 gross medal scores awarded to Ella Butteriss - Beaconsfield - score +5

Bronze Coronation Medal for the lowest 4 nett medal scores awarded to Ingrid Creighton - Beaconsfield - score -10.

The Charity Eclectic Cup with a very narrow margin of victory was won by Beaconsfield.

The Cygnet Trophy was shared between Chartridge Park and Beaconsfield.

Other trophies on show on the table: The Dog Trophy was won by the County 1st team at County Match Week. The 1st Team had a clean sweep and won all their matches at County Match Week. The other Trophy that the team won was the BB&O Junior Scratch League Trophy.

The one remaining presentation which Janet was very happy to make is the **County Colours:** Roisin Scanlon, Woburn played for the 1st Team for the first time at County Match Week and she played in the National Finals; she played 7 matches and won 6 of them. She has just comeback back from playing in the National Under 16 Finals and was second, and yesterday won the Bedfordshire Schools Championship.

End of the Trophy presentations.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT - AGM October 2021

The Winter Scratch League

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 the Winter Scratch League had to be cancelled.

Summer Meeting

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Summer League

Due to Covid 19, the Summer League had a later than usual start. There also had to be some re-organisation of the divisions because we lost some teams. The winners were:

Silver Division

Premier Division – Gerrards Cross

2nd Division - Ellesborough

3rd Division – Gerrards Cross B

4th Division – Denham B

Bronze Division

1st Division – Hazlemere

2nd Division - Buckingham

3rd Division – Harleyford

4th Division – Weston Turville

The County Championships

The County Championships were played at Denham on the 20th, 22nd and 23rd May 2021. Well done to all who participated in bitterly cold weather. The Final was a very close match between Ciara Egan (Woburn) and Daisy Kennedy (Harewood Downs) with Daisy winning on the 18th hole. The Intermediate Championship was shared between Alice Kozlowksi (7 time winner) and Lily Robinson (Woburn).

The Seniors' County Championship

The Seniors' County Championship was for the first time played as a separate event at The Buckinghamshire on 21st July 2021 in blistering heat. The final ended with a play-off between Powatti Simper (Abbey Hill) and Katie Reid (Gerrards Cross) with Katie coming away with the Championship.

Other Trophies

Coronation Medals

The Silver Coronation Medal will be awarded to Ella Butteriss (Beaconsfield) – score +5

The Bronze Coronation Medal will be awarded to Ingrid Creighton (Beaconsfield) – score -10

Summer Charity Eclectic

The Summer Charity Eclectic Trophy was won by Beaconsfield with a score of 102.4 followed closely in 2nd place by Burnham Beeches with a score of 101.2. This year was again disappointing with only 8 Clubs entering (and one Club making a donation) resulting in £854 towards the Captain's Charity.

Cygnet Trophy

The Summer Cygnet Trophy has raised £1,192 for the Juniors Girls. The trophy this year is shared by Beaconsfield and Chartridge Park; both had a score of 229.

Bucks Challenge Shield and Inter Club Foursomes

A big thank you goes to Glenise Marfell for once again, acting as the Co-ordinator for the Bucks Shield and Inter Club Foursomes.

The Bucks Challenge Shield Final was held at Ellesborough Golf Club on Sunday 10th October. It was played between Chartridge Park and Gerrards Cross. Chartridge Park were the victors winning the Shield for their first time.

The 2021 Inter Club Foursomes will take place on Thursday 14th October at The Lambourne Golf Club.

Knockouts:

My thanks to Heather Pentney for organising the 2021 Knock-out Competitions.

Winter Foursomes

Unfortunately, this Competition had be cancelled due to Covid 19.

The Champion of Champions

The Champion of Champions Final will be played at Burnham Beeches GC on 24 October. The Finalists are Amelia Curtis (The Lambourne) and Olivia Lee (Gerrards Cross).

Challenge Cup

The Challenge Cup KO Final will be played at Burnham Beeches GC on 18 October. The finalists are Lois Shoosmith (Ellesborough) and Heather Pentney (Harewood Downs).

Rose Bowl

The Rose Bowl KO Final will be played at Burnham Beeches GC on 18 October. The finalists are Susan Whitney (Huntswood) and Sue Davies (Beaconsfield).

Summer Greensomes

The Greensomes final will be played at Burnham Beeches GC on 18 October and will be between Viv Williams & Jackie Maher (Burnham Beeches) and Claire Willcox and Aggie Bzinkowska (Burnham Beeches).

Results for the Championships, Leagues and Knock-out Competitions can be found on the County Website.

Thank you to all the Clubs that have kindly hosted BCLGA Competitions throughout

6 COUNTY CAPTAIN AND EXEC REPORTS - Janet Beal

As we have done for the last few years, all the Exec Reports have been posted on the website for the last few weeks. We are not proposing to read out all the reports but would just like to go down the list of Execs to see if anyone has any questions to ask about the reports.

Janet went down the line of the Execs and no one had any questions to ask about the individual reports.

COUNTY CAPTAIN REPORT - AGM October 2021

When I took over as County Captain last October, we were all hoping that we were coming to the end of all the Covid restrictions, and 2021 would be 'back to normal'. That hope did not last very long, and my first few months were spent cancelling most of the events and competitions that had been scheduled for winter 2020 and spring 2021.

Like many of you, I spent several months being able to go and walk with friends on the course but swinging a club or hitting a ball was far too risky! We all became experts in zooming and I spent lots of time talking to a screen and just hoping that someone (anyone!) was listening at the other end.

We have a great County Executive Committee who all worked extremely hard to keep us all up to date with the latest regulations and kept updating all the competitions so that we were ready to roll as soon as we were allowed back golfing.

We have been meeting by zoom since March 2020, but I am pleased to report that we had our first face to face meeting last month. We have agreed that zoom is still very useful, and we will continue to hold around half of our exec meetings by zoom in future to save both time and money.

I would like to thank Lynda, Fiona, Jackie M, Jackie E, Carolyn, Susanna and Delyth for all their hard work on exec this year. Also many thanks to Glenise and Heather, who help Jackie M with competitions and to Wendy, Brenda and Cecilia who help Delyth with the juniors.

Special mention to Christine Bishop, who is retiring after 11 years as County Handicap and Rules Advisor. Christine has visited most of your clubs to give rules and handicap talks and we have all learnt from her expertise. This year she has guided us through the move to WHS. Christine is remaining as Regional Handicap Advisor, so we are not completely losing her knowledge.

Susanna Mitterer is retiring as Seniors Captain but will remain on executive as England Golf Voting Member.

We would normally be electing a new County President this year. Lynda Hilton was elected as President at the October 2019 AGM and was looking forward to attending lots of events over her term of office. With all the Covid cancellations since early 2020, Lynda has been unable to enjoy her term as President, so I am very pleased that Lynda has agreed to continue as County President for another two years.

The County Lunch was cancelled in spring this year. I had hoped that we would be able to rearrange the lunch this autumn, but we just ran out of possible dates. We will be arranging a 2022 County Lunch next spring, so I hope that many of you will be able to come along.

The Vice Captain's meeting is normally held in spring, when most Vice Captains are at the beginning of their term of office but was postponed this year. We eventually held the meeting in late July and it was great to see so many attendees. I hope everyone found the meeting useful.

The first two Delegates meetings this year, in February and June, were held by zoom, but we were able to hold the September meeting face to face. It was so nice to see everyone at the meeting and we held some useful round table discussions in small groups and Christine came along to answer questions on everyone's favourite topic (WHS). We have one more meeting this year, on December 2nd at Beaconsfield.

Next year we plan to hold all the Delegates meetings face to face and will reintroduce Tony's coaching session before the meetings.

Club Delegates are very important to County, as they are one of the main ways that club members can find out what is happening at County. Every club member pays an affiliation fee to county (£8.00 per person from November 2021) and we use this money to support, nurture and promote successful women's and girls' golf at all levels, from the complete beginner to our first team players at national level. We are very keen to provide events and competitions for everyone, but we need our Delegates to promote our activities. We provide an induction pack for delegates to help them in their role.

Unfortunately three of our main events have been cancelled this year – the Seniors Spring Meeting and Summer Meeting were casualties of Covid, but the Seniors Autumn Meeting had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers, which was very disappointing.

We are planning to run a full schedule of events in 2022 and a fixture list will be available early in the new year. Let's just hope that we are able to live with Covid and there are no more restrictions or closure over the winter.

My charity is Carers Bucks and I was hoping to raise funds for a cause that is probably close to many of us. Unfortunately the cancellation of events meant that county fundraising has been severely curtailed this year, so I am working on how to make up some of the shortfall in 2022.

All the Executive Committee have written reports about their particular area, so I will try not to repeat any of their news, only to say that I have attended lots of competitions and matches this summer and seen some great golf and, most importantly, lots of girls and ladies enjoying their golf and catching up with friends.

I invited 25 players to our winter elite training, as we have so many low handicap players but, due to Covid, we only managed one winter training session at a sunny and (fairly) warm Oxfordshire GC.

County Match Week at Northampton GC was a great experience. Special thanks to Helen Mines, house mother, kit manager and caddy master, who came along and made sure we all arrived at the right place at the right time wearing the right kit! Thanks also to Lynda Hilton for all her help and Tony Bowers for all his advice and expertise. We had an excellent 3 days and won all 5 of our matches, with a fabulous record of 21½ games won out of 25. There is a full report and photos on the web site.

National Finals were held at Denham. The standard of golf was extremely high, with lots of girls and ladies who represent England (and Wales) playing for the various counties. We started slowly with a loss to Yorkshire, probably one of the pre-tournament favourites, and then had a tough second day losing very close matches to both Surrey and Somerset. On the final day we had a great win against Hertfordshire and finished 4th overall, losing out to Yorkshire on countback. Again there is a full report and photos on the web site. Roisin Scanlon was awarded her first team colours at the end of Nationals, with a fabulous record of played 7 matches, won 6 over the two events at Northampton and Denham.

We had 14 girls and ladies who played at County Match Week and/or National Finals. Of these, 9 are still juniors, aged between 12 and 17. The 5 adults have all come through the county junior ranks and 4 of them are still at university. Six of the 14 were rookies, but most of the others are now very experienced county players having represented county for a number of years. The mixture of rookies and experience worked very well, with the 'old girls' passing on all their experience to the 'new girls'. We are so fortunate that the foresight of those involved in setting up all the junior pathways over the last 10 to 15 years means that we are now reaping all the benefits of their effort.

We held the seniors and juniors county championships at The Buckinghamshire and were very well looked after at both events. It was baking hot at the end of July for the seniors, and wet and miserable at the beginning of August for the juniors – a typical English summer!

The main county championships was held at Denham. The course was in excellent condition but played very long as it was very wet and windy. Lily Robinson set a course record in the qualifying event. Well done to Daisy Kennedy who won the championship. Daisy has had a very difficult couple of years after some major health issues and it is great to see her back playing top level golf. I must also mention Alice Kozlowski who won the Baxter Bowl (shared with Lily Robinson this year) for the best intermediate (aged 18 – 24) in the qualifying competition, this means that Alice has won this competition every year she has been eligible.

I must also mention Stoke Park, which has closed for major refurbishment. I hope that all the Stoke Park ladies have managed to find new clubs to play their golf, and I'm sure they will be warmly welcomed at their new club

I started with some thanks and I would like to end with some thanks:

- to all the clubs that give us the use of their courses and their facilities whether for Executive or Delegates meetings, training sessions, an individual match or a large competition and to the Ladies' Captains who support our events on their premises and provide starters and ball spotters; special mention to Harleyford for again hosting our AGM.
- to Tony who is a fantastic County coach, equally happy coaching the younger intermediate golfers, the (generally) older delegates, and the main County teams, and for his support during County and National Finals week in particular
- to all the parents, friends and members who provide transport, caddy for daughters or friends, attend prize-givings and generally support our members
- to you the BCLGA members who come to our meetings, support our competitions and our teams: (they really appreciate the good luck cards).

PRESIDENT REPORT - AGM OCTOBER 2021

As your President, I have tried to support all sections of our County; from the pre handicap juniors; to the girls who are going from strength to strength; to the girls/juniors who have arrived; to the Seniors Team and to the 2nd Team. I have also enjoyed meeting parents from all sections of our County golf and I have been very fortunate to have been able to watch some fabulous golf.

The start of my Presidency was knocked sideways by the emergence of Covid19 in early 2020. My term of office, being “hands on”, really started in April this year as Covid restrictions slowly lifted and my year then really took off; which has been very busy but very enjoyable.

I have been able to witness how our County supports all levels of lady golfer and how we are there to encourage all our Bucks ladies. I have also been amazed at the standard of all our County Teams, at all County and National levels.

I stand in awe of the dedication and the hard work that our County Captains; past and present; also our Executive Committees put into the BCLGA.

A big thank you to you all.

The BCLGA is an association I am honoured to represent and feel privileged to be part of. I look forward to continuing this coming year with all it has to throw at us and me.

I wish you all enjoyable fun golfing this coming year.

2ND TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT - AGM October 2021

Since taking in the role of 2nd Team Captain at the end 2019, which was followed by the craziness of 2020, it has been good to get down to competing in 2nd Team Matches over the past year! The best learning is doing and I have learned a lot that will stand us in good stead for 2022.

We played 2 Matches, a Final and, whatever the result turned out to be, we can all be proud that our team has such strong competitors who gave their best and did us proud!

Our first match was at Badgemore Park in May on a very chilly day... we won with 5 Matches to 4. Our squad was:

Lynn Fitzpatrick	Catherine Smith	Janette Psyllides
Sue Holdship	Sally Richards	Katie Reid
Lisa Holloway	Fran Leach	

Our second match was at Harewood Downs in July where, unfortunately we were not successful, but still put in a good effort by capturing 3.5 matches to our opponent Berkshire's 5.5 matches. Our squad for this match was:

Jenna Campbell-Byrne	Sue Holdship	Katie Reid
Kadda Mohammed	Catherine Smith	Lynn Fitzpatrick
Powatti Simper	Nicole Davis	

The Midlands South Region's Second Team Final were on 26 August at The Vale (in Worcs not Wales!) against Worcs&H for 3rd Place. It was a tough ask given that our opponents were pretty much local ladies but our squad battled through. Holidays and other golf commitments meant that our team had two players with higher handicaps than usual but the usual true grit of our squad! Worcs&H team was extremely strong and they won all matches which meant we ended in 4th Place. Thanks to those who played on the day:

Powatti Simper	Katie Reid	Demi Maxey
Beate Reimann	Di Davies	Jackie Edwards

It's been a great year although still not back to normal and it will be exciting to put things in place for the Bucks 2nd Team in 2022 without Lockdowns to deal with. We look forward to shaping the 2nd Team and the way it works going forward into 2022.

COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER REPORT - AGM October 2021

The junior section has grown from strength to strength this year and with the exception of the Par 3 competition in March and the Spring meeting, we have been able to run all of our competitions

A number of the girls have been playing in national competitions throughout the summer, with many of them making the cut in their respective competition.

Rosie Bee Kim and Olivia Lee both finished in the top 5 players of the English Girls Open amateur stroke play championship.

Rosie Bee Kim went on to win U14 English Girls Championship and both Olivia and Rosie were asked to play for the England junior team at the Home Internationals at Woodhall Spa. Rosie has also been part of the G B & I Junior Vagliano team playing in the Netherlands.

We are fortunate that we have a number of girls being considered for the England Thames Valley training squad and were invited along to the selection day..

The junior captains for 2021 were Ciara Egan (Woburn) and Amelia Curtis (Stoke Park) and we are delighted to announce that Georgia Lloyd (Buckingham) will be our junior captain in 2022.

We wouldn't be able to run the competition without support from others and I would like to thank Cecilia Williams (Huntswood), Brenda Byrne (Gerrards Cross) and Wendy Egan (Woburn). They have worked tirelessly to help the section thrive.

Matches

Every year we play in the Midland South junior team events. The region is divided into two divisions and we play our matches against Berkshire and Oxfordshire with the winner going through to regional finals.

Due to the number of low handicaps in the junior section it is not always possible to field a full team for the girls handicap competitions (handicaps 16-36) . We were fortunate to have some girls quite new to golf prepared to play and they played extremely well but were sadly beaten by Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

The junior girls scratch team beat Berkshire and Oxfordshire in the match play tournament to qualify for the MS Team championship at the end of August. We faced Worcester & Herefordshire at Shirley Golf Club with some very evenly matched teams. All girls played extremely well and we tied 3-3. Both counties had won by the same number of holes and the competition was declared a draw and we

MS Championships

It was our turn to host the Midland South Championship this year and we are very grateful to Beaconsfield Golf Club for allowing us to play the 36 hole championship at their course. We had a good day with a number of our girls winning prizes and we won the overall team prize.

BCLGA competitions

We have been able to hold all our competitions throughout the summer. Our county championship was held at The Buckinghamshire and the 2021 champion is Grace Rigby- Walden. The summer meeting was held at Harleyford and the autumn meeting at Buckingham.

Karchargis competition

This is a lady / junior foursomes competition which we hold at the end of the summer holidays at Oakland Park. This is always a great fun day out and it would be great if you could encourage the junior girls at your club to play and play with them.

Training

Training with Tony Bowers (County Coach)

Each year we try to run three or four training sessions with Tony Bowers. These are a mixture of skills practice, on the course and rules and are always great fun. We have been fortunate that we have been able to run three sessions this year in April, May and the final session will be at Oakland Park in October.

Academy training

We have been able to add girls in to the training days at Abbey Hill and Wycombe Heights and currently have 19 girls with a few more interested for next year.

Funding from England Golf

Each year we apply for funding from England Golf (£1,400) to help with training costs and this year I have been putting together a new pathway setting out what the training we offer will cover. The draft has been approved by Gareth Jenkins (Talent Development Officer) from England Golf and it will be rolled out later this year.

Pre handicap and higher handicap Par 3 Fun Days

We relaunched these in July and I am pleased to report that these are going from strength to strength. We have been meeting up each month at either Abbey Hill and Wycombe Heights and have roughly 15 girls currently playing at one or the other centre. We are really grateful to Abbey Hill and Wycombe Heights for all of their support.

We will meet the first of the month and it would be great if clubs could encourage their new girl golfers to come along and join us. It is a great to practice with the aim of helping girls obtain their handicaps.

We are also planning some 9 hole competitions on full courses and Huntswood Golf Club have kindly offered to host us on 24th October.

SENIORS' CAPTAIN REPORT - AGM October 2021

We completed all our leagues matches in August 2021: Losing 2 League matches narrowly (by a score of 3:4 matches versus Berks & Hampshire), Drawing with Oxon and Winning against Hertfordshire 5 ½ to 1 ½ . We ended up 3rd in the League Table with 3 Points from 4 Matches.

Our friendly matches were played in the usual good spirit against Bedfordshire away at Pavenham Park which we lost 3:1. Our home friendly against Middlesex played at Harewood Downs was won convincingly 4:0.

I would like to thank all the team members for their efforts and congratulate them on their excellent golf displayed over the season.

Our Seniors Championship was held for the first time as a stand-alone event at The Buckinghamshire Golf club on 21st July and we had an amazingly large turn-out at this wonderful venue. I would like to congratulate the Winner, Katie Reid, and runner up (after a play-off), Powatti Simper.

Our Inter County Team Championship was held at Rochford Hundred on 13th September and we were represented by Jackie Thompson, Sue Adams, Powatti Simper and myself. We came 6th with Surrey taking the crown.

Seniors / Vets Spring & Autumn Meeting: sadly both events had to be cancelled this year. Our spring meeting was affected by the Covid lock-down and sadly our autumn meeting had received very little interest and we had to cancel due to the low number of entrants. We are hoping to re-invigorate interest and participation for 2022.

My four years as Senior Captain are sadly coming to an end this year and I would like to thank all my players as well as the Exec members for all their support over these past four years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and look forward to many more years of senior county golf. I would like to wish the incoming Senior Captain all the best of luck!

Dates for next year:

26th April 2022 – Seniors / Vets Spring Meeting at Buckingham GC

ENGLAND GOLF REPORT - AGM October 2021

After nearly 16 months of virtual meetings EG's General Meeting on 22nd September was held at Woodhall Spa and via TeamViewer. Below is a brief summary of the main points discussed.

Sport England Funding

- Current Sport England funding is committed through to April 2022. EG have submitted their submission for future funding and confirmation for a further 5 years' funding should be imminent

Diversity & Inclusion

- EG & R&A conducted diversity research prior to starting a programme of work to develop localised strategies in areas with a higher proportion of ethnically diverse population that will have a positive impact within these communities
- The Research on diversity and inclusion in our sport used in-depth interviews, surveys and focus groups and focused on:
 - ✓ Understanding attitudes to physical activity and sport and golf more specifically
 - ✓ Identifying barriers ethnic minorities perceive
- Results: 13% of England's population is 'non-white' which increases to 44% in London. Over ½ are Asian/Asian British and ¼ are Black/Black British and ½ of ethnic groups are under 35.
- There is appetite amongst ethnic groups to play golf: over ¼ are interested in playing golf but only 7% of ethnic minorities play golf (vs 9% of the white population); golf ranks 10th out of 13 sports listed
- Current level of participation in golf is low, particularly in the light of the high level (76%) of general sport participation
- Main barriers cited are: cost of playing, lack of people to play with, lack of leisure time and lack of facilities and lack of ethnic inclusion of people from similar backgrounds

EG have developed a set of recommendations and actions based on the research findings:

- To overcome the current perceptions of 'typical golfers' and get away from the image of 'boring and time consuming'
- Support clubs that are close to ethnically diverse communities and focus on driving ranges and lower cost options
- Increase EG connectivity with non-affiliated facilities
- Train staff and educate; develop a more inclusive workforce with the golf industry
- Implement a junior golf strategy in collaboration with the Golf Foundation

iGolf Update (Independent Golfer Scheme)

Since the Launch date of 13th July 2021, a total of 7,029 subscribers have signed up. Sadly only 4% are female golfers but the average age is 42 years. 93% of all subscribers have never belonged to a golf club.

Further advertising and promotional activities are planned across various channels (digital, Rick Shiels Podcast, Golf Today, GolfNow promotion, Todays Golfer and UK Club Golfer) and specific target groups (Military, Fire Service, Professional Associations)

Golf IQ – business intelligence solution

The system and data samples were showcased which should help to focus decision making in the future and help drive and measure the impact of strategic initiatives. The central database is pulling data from multiple sources, such as the CRM, WHS and the EG website. It then provides drill down options on both a national level (i.e. 676,842 member with HI; 1,754 clubs; members per club, etc) and regional or club level. You can analyse data per type of member (i.e. 88,354 female members with HI across 1,647 clubs) or per county or per club. The data can also show how many rounds of golf have been played (competitive or tracked on MyEG App / iGolf).

National Golf Centre / Woodhall Spa Golf Club

Mid 2020 EG reviewed the situation with the NGC and agreed that a greater integration of operations with the EG board should be considered. In March 2021 Jeremy Tomlinson was appointed as Group CEO for NGC / WSGC. In July 2021 new board members were appointed to the WSGM Board and 2021 objective / initiatives agreed. At the GM EG requested representation from the 6 women's regions and 4 men's regions to sit on a new NGC Working Group with a purpose of defining 'how best to promote and utilise our NGC for our members'. Janice Kerr (Worc/Here) will

HANDICAP ADVISOR REPORT - AGM October 2021

The World Handicapping System was launched on 1st November 2020 on schedule and almost immediately we were plunged into another lockdown. This impacted the effectiveness of having an averaging system as players were unable to return scores to achieve a reflective Handicap Index. This started to level out once play resumed though some players are still a little reluctant to return scores as they don't fully understand the system.

I ran a couple of WHS update sessions; one via Zoom on 25th February and another at the Delegates Meeting on 15th September at Weston Turville Golf Club and these were well supported.

Throughout the year I have provided the Handicap Secretaries with copies of all the documentation from England Golf so that they are kept informed. The information is sent to the club by England Golf but I know from past experience that this doesn't always get passed on to the Ladies Section.

Area Handicap Advisors are no longer required to conduct a Category 1 Audit as England Golf monitor all elite players.

You may remember that I advised last year that I was stepping down as your Handicap Advisor – a role I have been in since 2010 - and I pleased to recommend Karen Scott of Hazlemere as my replacement. Karen has been assisting me this year and she is fully conversant with WHS. Karen will only deal with Handicapping issues so for Rules queries or Rules Seminars, contact the County Secretary who will be able to source the appropriate officer or official.

COUNTY COACH REPORT - AGM October 2021

Well it's been a very strange year in the world of Golf but a very successful one for BCLGA in the County theatre.

There have been some phenomenal performances from our juniors leading up to National selection.

The County training this year has been hit by the pandemic but we did manage some pre County Match Week sessions which were very helpful indeed as it brought to the fore some new Juniors which we had previously been unaware of.

County Match Week this year was a fantastic success as we managed an overall 5/0 victory.

The Squad this year was very young and bodes well for the future as it gave some of them invaluable experience for their next step into the National amphitheater.

At Nationals we were again going into battle with what was probably the youngest squad of players on view and we were also unfortunate to have lost 3 of our very experienced players in the form of Thalia K/ Megan D/ and Rosie K to American Scholarships and Canadian schooling.

Nevertheless our extremely young and inexperienced team performed tremendously well, finishing 4th losing out on 3rd only by game points won. After a very heavy 4/1 loss on the first morning to Yorkshire the team rallied to beat Lincolnshire 4/1 and then narrowly lost out to the eventual winners Surrey and Somerset alike.

On the final day our girls really raised their games and beat Hertfordshire very comprehensively.

All these performances bode very well for the upcoming season ahead.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1ST AUGUST 2020 TO 31ST JULY 2021 - Carolyn Rivett

Carolyn hoped everyone had had a chance to review the Accounts on the website.

Despite the difficult circumstances in the past year we have managed to generate a surplus in the accounts this year. We have had a second year of disrupted competitions and events, with no county lunch being held and competitions reduced even from last year's level, however correspondingly costs will be reduced in most cases.

The lack of a County Lunch and the main Spring and Autumn meetings, have significantly impacted on the amount raised for charity and may need to look at whether we can boost this for next year.

Although we would have been able to hold the Autumn Meeting this year(which would have been in the 2021/22 Accounts) it was cancelled due to lack of numbers, therefore we may see some Covid impact in the accounts for next year as well.

The current accounts you have include the 2021 County Match Week but there was no National Finals in September 2020.

The increase in Affiliation fees from £6.50 to £8 originally planned for 2020 will now be implemented in Nov 2021 increasing affiliation fees for the coming year
Competition entry fees cancelled due to Covid have been refunded where requested or carried forward (the amount carried forward in the accounts is just over £6,000, of which £3,545 is from cancelled competitions and £2,540 is from money collected before year end for winter competitions which will be played in the current year. Competition costs exceeded income partly due to Inter-county Competitions paying an entry fee and partly due to a timing issue where competition entry fees are received in one year but the competition is played in 2 different financial years. We have had disrupted competitions this year but should not be the case next year, so this should have a positive effect on 2021/22.

On the expenses side. Meeting costs are slightly up due to Zoom licensing costs in Zoom but there is an offset in reduction in travel costs. Also our auditor, as a kind gesture, reduced his costs for last year, the Covid year, which slightly impacted our figures.

On the junior side we have been able run the Academy training this year and also most of the junior competitions and by increasing training fees slightly and streamlining training costs, the junior section has broken even for the first time in a while, which we hope to carry forward.

Carolyn Rivett proposed the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021 Accounts be adopted, and were seconded by Liz Harris-Ulph, Buckingham.

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TREASURER'S REPORT - AGM October 2021

The main accounts for 2020/21 show an income of £17,260, down £12,122 on the previous year. Expenditure was £14,518, down £15,188 on the previous year. This resulted in a surplus of £2,742 this year, compared to a deficit of £324 last year.

We have been planning to try and bring the accounts back to break even after the deficits in previous years, although the impact of Covid has helped this along. Affiliation numbers have hopefully steadied, from the previous declines, although the closure of Magnolia Park and temporary closure of Stoke Park will have an impact on next year. However, this will hopefully be offset by the increase in affiliation fees from November 2021. This increase, from £6.50 to £8.00 was planned originally for 2020, but with Covid it was delayed to 2021. Even at the increased rate, Buckinghamshire Ladies will have the lowest affiliation fees in the BB&O group for either Ladies or Gentlemen.

We were unable to hold our County Lunch this year and with the Spring, Summer & Autumn Meetings all cancelled and no eclectic last year, we have not been able to raise any money for Charity this year. We will hopefully try and find a way to increase the funds for Charity in the coming year, however with the 2021 Autumn Meeting cancelled through lack of entries, there is still an effect from Covid.

Competitions have been patchy this year with the majority being cancelled. Refunds were offered to all entrants but the remaining money has been carried over in the accounts to be used by the entrants in future competitions. A total of £6,085 has been carried forward, £3,545 from cancelled competitions and £2,540 from entries before the year end for current winter competitions. Competition costs are down on last year, however competitions ran at a deficit this year as there are inter-county competitions we enter and pay for and also there is a timing difference as summer competitions are played in one year but the prizes are purchased in the following year. This should have a slight positive impact on next year.

We did not have National Finals in September 2020, so we have no costs and no income from the grant. County Match Week in 2021 did go ahead and Buckinghamshire were successful, so National Finals will be in the accounts for next year again.

Costs were generally reduced this year, due to less activity in all areas. Meeting costs increased, due to a subscription to Zoom, but this was more than offset by a saving in travel costs. We may try and run a mixture of Executive Meetings going forward, some virtual and some physical, but we hope to keep as many Delegates Meetings as possible on a face to face basis as this allows better input from the Delegates at the meetings. Website costs have increased due to Club V1 costs which had previously not been charged for County.

The Juniors section broke even this year due to a slight increase in training fees and a streamlining of costs following a review of the section last year. Hopefully this will

We are still working towards the new budget, with the coming increases in Affiliation Fees and the changes we have made in costs and we are hopeful that when we are fully out of Covid and back on normal terms, we will have a breakeven budget year on year.

If there are any questions on the accounts, I would be happy to take these at the AGM.

The accounts presented to the end of July 2021 have been approved by our Honorary Auditor, Mr S Godfrey of Godfrey Anderson & Co. No issues were raised

8 ADOPTION OF AUDITOR: MR STEPHEN GODFREY - Carolyn Rivett

We have been served well by the auditor, Stephen Godfrey Associates and Carolyn Rivett proposed the auditors for another year, and seconded by Jackie Boath, Buckingham.

9 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Seniors Captain - Susanna Mitterer is standing down after 4 years. Lois Shoosmith, Ellesborough is standing in the role. This was unanimously approved

The following committee members are confirmed as continuing their term and remaining in office:

President - Lynda Hilton

Captain - Janet Beal

Hon Treasurer - Carolyn Rivett

Hon Secretary - Fiona Robb

Competition Secretary - Jackie Maher

2nd Team Captain - Jackie Edwards

County Junior Organiser - Delyth Barnett

EG Voting Member - Susanna Mitterer

We would normally be electing a Vice Captain at this meeting - this role is yet to be filled and will be co-opted at a later date.

We have also got the appointment of a Non-Exec Officer: Christine Bishop is stepping down after 11 years as Handicap & Rules Adviser. I am very pleased to announce that Karen Scott will be taking over as Handicap Advisor. We wish Karen all the success for the future. The role of County Rules Advisor is not being filled and if clubs require support in the future please contact the Hon Secretary (Fiona) as there are plenty of Rules Advisors we can call upon to support clubs.

County Coach will continue to be Tony Bowers.

10 PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING OFFICER AND NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Christine Bishop as Handicaps & Rules Advisor is stepping down after 11 years. We have all benefited from her expertise and presentations. For 11 years she has been going round the clubs making presentations, supporting and answering questions; we will really miss you. She is however staying in the role as Regional Handicap Advisor so will still be around. Janet presented a flower arrangement and gift card to Christine.

Susanna Mitterer has been Seniors Captain for 4 years & has guided the seniors through all their matches and events - a great asset to the Exec. We are not losing her as she will however be staying as EG Voting Member as well as helping Lois with some of the Seniors competitions. Janet presented a flower arrangement and gift card to Susanna

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Margaret Pitman, Chiltern Forest - Thanks for Interclub Foursomes which was a great day, can the full results be published? Jackie Maher indicated that Glenise Marfell will publish the results on the Internet by tonight.

Jenny Gibson, Woburn - Was there any further thought about revising the handicap limits in all the Bucks County comps? Janet Beal - This will be looked at how the handicap limits have worked, were there any in particular competitions... Jenny - there is an anomaly in Bucks area and in the Bucks Shield where with a HCI of 24 for Woburn, it means they are giving 30 plus shots, and doesn't understand the logic? Janet Beal - this will be discussed at the Exec meeting at the end of November and will report back.

12 VOTE OF THANKS - Liz Harris-Ulph

On behalf of the BCLGA membership it gives me great pleasure to offer a vote of thanks to Janet Beal and her dedicated committee for all their hard work throughout 2021. Following on from a pretty extraordinary year last year, this year has seen its many challenges the county diary and event cancellations and in some instances disappointing take up. This still creates a lot of additional work and effort and Janet and her team have done a great job in keeping the communication going with us all by Zoom and latterly in person. As members of the county we are hugely grateful for the energy and commitment of all our officers; old, new, incoming and outgoing and we are hugely grateful for them; they have kept Buckinghamshire at the forefront of Senior and Junior golf at both county and national level. We wish you every success going forward and hope for us all that 2022 sees us return to something more like normality. Janet thanked Liz for her lovely words.

13 CLOSING ADDRESS - Janet Beal

Janet Beal closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and supporting this AGM. We are already planning for the new season in 2022 and the website will be kept up to date with events as we arrange them. There will be the Tri-Fold and a poster to put up at clubs with events for 2022.

Here are some dates for 2022 diary:

Wed 9th March - County Lunch at Beaconsfield Golf Club

Tues 26th April - Seniors Spring Meeting at Buckingham, teams of 3 with the 2 age divisions.

Tues 3rd May - County Championships qualifying at Ellesborough

Sat/Sun 7/8th May - County Championship Matchplay at Ellesborough

Wed 1st June - Midlland South Inter-county Seniors Championship at Burnham Beeches

Wed 13th July - Summer Meeting at Beaconsfield

There are other 2022 events yet to be confirmed.

Thu 2nd December 2021 - The next County Delegates meeting at Beaconsfield, coffee & mince pies at 11:00, meeting starts at 11:30

Finally, many thanks to Jack Slade, General Manager at Harleyford Golf Club, for allowing us to use their club for the AGM again. Next year's 2022 AGM will be:

Wed 26th October at Harleyford.

Thank you to all the ladies attending the AGM this year, I hope to see you all next year and have a safe journey home.

Meeting closed at 14:36

Signed.....Date.....

APPENDIX A	
BCLGA AGM 2021 APOLOGIES:	
NAME	CLUB
Irene Brien Helen Mines Karen Platt	BEACONSFIELD
Diane Hofman	BUCKINGHAM
Rachel Mistri Christine Davies	CHARTRIDGE PARK
Irene Crook Rosemayre Barry	CHESHAM & LEY HILL
Jo Wells Margaret Maisey	ELLESBOROUGH
Lynn Dickeson	FARNHAM PARK
Susan Light	FLACKWELL HEATH
Pinki Catherall	GERRARDS CROSS
Karen Keen	HAREWOOD DOWNS
Nerys McGuiness	HARLEYFORD
Rowan Revell	HUNTSWOOD
Sheila Cathrow Anne Shaw	OAKLAND PARK
Anne Worby	STOKE PARK
Sandra Siggers	STOWE
Caroline Bond	THORNEY PARK
Anita Parker Ann Tomkins Yvonne Black	WESTON TURVILLE
Debbie Quigley	WEXHAM PARK

Pauline Risk Anne Chaplin Tricia Fisher	WHITELEAF
Julie Clarke Sue Ashworth Philippa Cook	WOBURN
OTHERS	Tony Bowers, County Coach Brenda Lee Bryne, Juniors Secretary Cecilia Finnegan, Jnr Development Officer Glenise Marfell, Bucks Shield & Inter-club Foursomes