

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of Ladybank Golf Club –

Ladies Section Held on 7th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Jean Aitken, Nina Alexander, Anne Anderson, Jane Beaton, Moira Begbie, Lorna Bennett, Marion Campbell, Linda Cochrane, Jaci Connally, Liz Crookson, Ray Drummond, Cath Findlay, Diana Frazer, Myrtle Gilbert, Alison Grant, Joy Gritton, Catherine Hardie, Elsie Houston, Elsie Hutcheon, Susan Jackson, Sheila Johnston, Jean Lawson, Ann Lunan, Christine Mathers, Linda McDonald, Shona McRae, Lyn Murray, Shona Peebles, Jenny Rearie, Mary Robertson, Liz Stark, Ann Wheeldon, Fiona Whitton, Sheila Will, Christine Wilson, Heather Young, Kathleen McInnes, Sheila Cameron, Christine Farmer, Ann McGregor, Irene Morrow, Dianne Watson. (42 ladies)

Apologies: Juliet Beamish, Anita Crocker, Caroline Liddle, Ann Gibb, Ina Shankley, Sandra Carmicheal, Aileen Penny, Liz Marshall, Aileen Manson, Joan Prentice, Susan Gassner, Margaret Hair, Joan Moir, Julie Otto, Mary Samson, Mairi Disborough, Elsie Chalmers, Edith Patterson, Alison Houston, Isobel Stuart, Jocylen Mackie, Fiona Doig, Janice McHugh, I McInroy, Kay Halliday, Judith Fusaro, Alison Paul, Hazel Law, Iona McKean, Evanna Hynd, Sheena Graham, Lyn Francey, Jane Buchanan, Frances Black, Anne Grange, Norma McKinnon, Jean Duncan, Jean Malcolm, Linda Ferguson, Aileen Wylie, Audrey Fairnie, Sandra Forbes, Aileen Hampton, Betty Lyndsay, Connie Donaldson, Aileen McGowan, Deborah Rettie, Jill Hayward, Anne Wilson. (49 Ladies)

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Proposed: Catherine Hardie
Seconded: Anne Anderson

Matters Arising;

None

Captain's Report

Good evening ladies and welcome to the ABM for 2017. I hope those who have partaken of the Buffet have enjoyed their meal. Many thanks go to Grant and his team for their hard work.

Sadly two of our members passed away this year - Nan Gray and Elspeth McIntyre. We will remember them fondly. Also a number of ladies have lost loved ones and so our thoughts have been with them. There have been one or two who have suffered illness and injury so to those who are still suffering - we wish you all the best.

Now I'd like to talk about some of the achievements of our ladies - and if I do not mention someone then, my apologies, but here are a few.
Well done to the winners of the Club Championship -Dianne Watson won the Ping Trophy again with Linda McDonald as runner-up.

The Wilson Salver was won by Irene Morrow who beat Ann Lunan in the final and the Bronze Championship was taken by Sheila Will with Fiona Doig coming second. Congratulations to our Scratch fives a-team who won their league and have, therefore, been promoted to Division One. Shona McRae will elaborate on this later. Honorary President, Lorna Bennett has been busy (as always) She was Captain of the Scottish Senior Ladies' team in the European Team Championships in Slovakia and the Home Internationals in Wales. She was in the Fife County Ladies' Team for the East of Scotland Division Inter-County matches along with Jocelyn Mackie and Evanna Hynd. Susan Jackson had a similar honour and was Captain of the Scottish under 18 girls' team in the European Team Championships in Finland in July and also, the Home Internationals in Birmingham in August. She has now undertaken the role of Fife Junior Convener and hopes to recruit lots more juniors and get them involved in golf.

Two of our juniors, Evanna Hynd and Eilidh Henderson are progressing very well in the Scottish Golf Academy, playing in a huge number of events with very many successes. Eilidh won the East of Scotland Girls' Championship and was runner-up in the East of Scotland Girls' order of Merit. Evanna was a member of the Scottish Schoolgirls Team playing against England in an International match. Both girls were selected by "project 19" to be part of the Solheim Cup handover ceremony in the States this year. Project 19 is a charity set up to invest in Girls Golf in Scotland with a view to selection for the Junior Solheim Cup at Gleneagles in 2019.

Now back home at Ladybank. Our competitions have run pretty smoothly this year. Well done to all those who took part and congratulations to all the prizewinners throughout the season. I should say, at this point, that due to the lack of usage of our evening times we are going to start at 5pm and finish at 5.45pm anyone is unable to be there by then you can still play but will have to arrange your own time and playing partner. The 9 Holers have been religiously competing in their weekly Stableford competition and seem to have a very sociable time of things. We thought, next year, you might like some variation and will put our heads together, along with you, and throw in some more interesting competitions as well.

Our Open Geensome was very well attended and the day a big success so thanks to the committee for all the hard work making the day run so well. Next year it has been decided to change our ladies open to a Tri-Am as the numbers have been consistently poor at the Open. We'll give it a try anyway!

Captain v Vice Captain was, I'm told, a very good day with a win for the Captain (who was away in Australia at the time) so well done those who played in my team.

Captains Pink Day was once again a lot of fun with some amazing outfits on show and over £400 raised for Breast Cancer Now. And the "Invitation Day" was very well run by Cath and Sheila. Everyone had a lovely day with very nice food at the end. Finally the committee sent a team to the "Tassie" at the Dukes course, which is a team competition, and we won for the third time.

The juniors, under the energetic command of Gregor, have had a busy summer and I'm sure we all appreciate the hard work Gregor has been doing to encourage young golfers - not only here at Ladybank but in local schools as well. He sends regular emails to update us on what's going on. This year he organised 2 matches with teams consisting

of Juniors, Seniors and Ladies. They were great fun and a good way to integrate the youngsters into the body of the Club.

Now I would like to say a huge thank you to my committee. They have been a fantastic team who managed to put up with a somewhat unpredictable Captain. (It has been an extremely busy year for me out-with the Club and my mind has not always been on the Job)

They have worked tirelessly to make sure all the competitions have run smoothly.

The endless supply of dross from peoples purses has been counted and banked/sent off to Charities.

The amazing Exchange day has been organised with military precision.

The flowers have been lovingly arranged.

The books have been sold.

The Birdie Trees have been collated.

The eclectics kept up to date.

Scratch 5's arranged.

Inter-Club friendlies organised.

Handicaps attended to.

Committee meetings attended and ably minuted by Myrtle along with all her other secretarial duties. So thank you all - it has been a pleasure working with you.

Thanks also to Grant, Lisa and the team, who have done a great job with the catering and increased the number of members using the Club dramatically over the season. We will be sorry to lose them. Thanks also to Reece, Kathleen and Nancy who have watered us well. Also to Colin, David and the Greens team who have made such vast improvements to the condition of the course over the last few years. I will miss the Greens meetings. To the girls in the office and Drew a big "Thank you". Everyone has helped enormously.

Now to the Vice Captain, Cath who has been a huge help to me during the course of the year. She is so organised, just as well too. She has kept me right all the way and I have absolutely no doubt she is going to be a very efficient Captain. Thank you Cath. I hope you enjoy your year.

Nina Alexander – Captain

Secretary's Report

To date our ladies section has a membership of 173. Of these 7 are non-playing, 19 are junior girls (under 18 yrs) and 9 ladies live out with 50 miles. We have 1 life member, 3 honorary members and a country member. The remaining ladies are divided, into 3 categories.

Under 30 – 1: Ordinary Members – 63: Senior Members – 69.

The club, at this time, is operating a waiting list consisting of 26 men and 1 lady. We are very fortunate as many clubs are not in this position.

During the course of the year we aim to keep you informed of events via e-mail. We would be grateful if you could inform the office and the ladies secretary if you have made any recent changes to your e-mail addresses. My apologies for the recent computer glitch and thank you for your patience.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for this year have been examined by Mr John Deas and the Statement of Receipts and Payments have been circulated in the room, hopefully you have had a chance to read them.

The main thing I would like to bring your attention to – if the colour red has not already done so is the deficit for the year of £374.97.

The reason for having a deficit rather than the usual surplus is twofold.

Firstly, the decision was made last year not to hold a collection for the Sundries Fund at the Ladies Dinner as we held a very large bank balance of £1257.14 and as we are non profit making this was a considerable amount of money to have in hand.

Secondly, last year the decision was made by the club when Gordon Simpson took over, to only pay prize money for those receiving silverware and not for the monthly medals or similar smaller competitions. The ladies committee last year felt it was a bit unfair to do this without warning, so, for one year only, the Ladies Fund took the big hit for our ABM prize giving. Obviously an outlay of £271.50 (or thereby) is not sustainable indefinitely so a more conservative prize giving will be enjoyed tonight. We still have a healthy bank balance of £882.17 to carry forward into next year and therefore it is a committee decision not to have a collection at this year's dinner.

May I suggest that Mr Deas be nominated as our Auditor for the forthcoming year.

Shona Peebles – Treasurer

The approval of the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year to 31st October 2017 was proposed by Linda McDonald and seconded by Elsie Hutcheon

Handicap Secretary's Report

Our current lady membership of 142 is 4 higher than at this point last year. This represents 16.5% of club membership. Across Scotland ladies make up 13.35% of members. 126 of our ladies hold CONGU handicaps - 102 are home players and 24 away members. Of these 111 are Competition Handicaps 'c' statuses.

Players can be divided by Category as follows; Category 1 has 5, Cat 2 – 18, Cat 3 – 33, Cat 4 – 41 and Cat 5 – 29. In TOTAL column categories 3 to 5 show minus where a total of 15 players have non-competition handicaps. We have 7 players holding 36'c' and 5 with 36 non-competition handicaps.

A total of 35 counting rounds were played resulting in CSS of 74 twice, 75 fourteen times, 76 on nine, 77 on six, 78 for three and one Reduction Only. Interesting to note that over April and May we had a run of 9 consecutive 75 followed by four when CSS was 76. Last year we had 5 RO and 6 78 so scoring has improved.

18 hole competition entry varied across the season with highest being in May when 49 ladies played in McRobert 1 and May Medal. We had a further 11 occasions when over

30 played, 5 where 20 to 30 played, 9 with entry 10 to 20 and 8 with fewer than 10. Tee allocation time would allow 46 to play if in two's and 69 if draw is in threes.

Number of scores returned – 21 members returned no score, 48 returned between 1 and 9 (Note that 10 of these submitted 3 Supplementary Scores). 33 between 10 and 20, 18 played 21 to 30 while 4 played 31 or more.

Our nine-hole ladies played 24 9-hole Stableford Competitions thirteen of which had 9 to 11 players, one 12 and one 13. These are all counting competitions, a format which should perhaps be reviewed in discussion with the ladies involved to explore whether more non-counting events should take place perhaps mirroring the format of 18 hole competitions such as Texas Scramble or pairs.

Returning to right hand section of first table this shows the end result on playing handicaps with 59 (53%) remaining the same, 39 (35%) increasing and 13 (12%) decreasing.

As in my last report I thought it would be good to compare the scoring analysis provided by Handicapmaster with the course stroke index. The stroke index was set following guidelines provided by CONGU designed to make allocation of points fair to all handicap categories. Note that all our odd numbers are first nine and even back nine.

HOLE	Stroke index on card	Rank from analysis 2016	Rank from analysis 2017	HOLE	Stroke index On card	Rank from analysis 2016	Rank from analysis 2017
1	9	4	4	10	18	17	17
2	13	13	13	11	4	6	6
3	3	7	11	12	14	16	18
4	17	18	16	13	12	5	5
5	11	14	14	14	10	11	9
6	7	9	10	15	8	10	7
7	5	2	2	16	2	8	8
8	15	15	15	17	16	12	12
9	1	3	3	18	6	1	1

Twelve holes are ranked same for 2016 and 2017 – 1,2,5,7,8,9,10,11,13,16,17,18
Holes 2 and 8 are the same as stroke index.

Holes proving more difficult – 4, 14, 15

Holes proving easier – 3, 6, 12

Each year we have guidance from CONGU on running competitions and handicap conditions. I'd like to mention two for clarification. Firstly 3 nine-hole qualifying competition or Supplementary Scores are all that need be entered on handicap record to retain or regain 'c' status.

This might be useful information for anyone who loses 'c' at Annual Review, which will be carried out next week.

The second point relates to *Multi-tee competitions* which can utilise two or more sets of tees to promote a mix of players whether single or mixed gender. To determine winners and adjust handicaps a *Competition handicap allowance* is used.

TEE	PAR	SSS	POINTS	Red Add
White	71	72	35	H'cap +3

Blue	71	70	37	H'cap +5
Red	71	75	32	

It is important to note that Competition Handicap Allowances are NOT 'Courtesy shots'.

CONGU has intimated some changes, which will be effective from 1st January 2018. These have been made in light of proposed introduction of World Handicap System (WHS).

Club and Disability Handicaps are to be removed and replaced by a new Category 5 for men and 6 for ladies with a maximum handicap of 54 for both. There will be Competition Handicaps 'c' status in all categories with upward adjustment of 0.1, downward 0.5 for Category 5 and 0.6 for Category 6. After 1st January handicaps can be adjusted above 36 by committee and automatically in Qualifying Competition and Supplementary scores. When setting up competitions for 2018 we will consider the appropriate maximum handicap for each. I refer back to comments earlier on format of nine-hole competitions.

9 Hole: introduction of 9 hole Medal and Open competitions where software will convert medal scores to Stableford points which will appear on handicap record.

Supplementary Score: removal of restriction of one per week and allowing unlimited number per year except for Category 1 players which remain the same as at present. There is to be no new hard copy of the 2016-18 Manual but an updated online version will be available. Please refer to notices provided in locker room.

Christine Mathers – Handicap Secretary

Match Secretary's Report

Good evening ladies, nice to see everyone. We have 8 Inter club matches each year and this year we have had mixed results.

We won 3, drew 2 and lost 3 so, room for improvement next year!

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for playing in the teams.

I look forward to many more of you putting your names up to play in these matches as they are great fun and a great way in which to play other courses and have a fantastic meal. So watch out for the notices going up and add your name. A club the size of Ladybank should have 20-30 names up for each match! Our team outfits – We are sourcing new shirts and gilets for next year – very smart. Watch this space as they say. Our team sweaters can still be purchased as well. Don't let this put you off playing as you can borrow!

Thank you again and here's to good matches next year.

Elsie Hutcheon – Match Secretary

Scratch 5's Report

I am pleased to report that the Ladybank Ladies (Team 1) finished top of Division 2 for 2017. This has earned the team promotion to Division 1. In 2018 we will compete against St Regulus (Team 1), St Rule and Dunnikier Park.

Team 1 was presented with the Moffat Salver at the recent Scratch Fives annual general meeting and the trophy is now on display in the Club's trophy cabinet.

In Division 3, Team 2 finished joint second and will remain in Division 3. In 2018 they will play against Crail, Kirkcaldy, Kinghorn and St Regulus (Team 2).

Thank you to all the ladies who take the time to play in these enjoyable matches and we hope we can count on your support in 2018.

Shona McRae & Aileen McGowen - Ladybank Scratch 5's Team Organisers

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

The following were elected to serve on the 2018 committee.

Proposed: Marion Campbell.

Seconded: Jean Lawson

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>
CAPTAIN	Catherine Findlay	Linda McDonald	Lyn Murray	Agree
VICE CAPTAIN	Christine Mathers	Jenny Rearie	Myrtle Gilbert	Agree
SECRETARY	Myrtle Gilbert	Diana Fraser	Irene Morrow	Agree
TREASURER	Shona Peebles	Linda McDonald	Mary Robertson	Agree
HANDICAP SECRETARY	Sheila Will	Christine Mathers	Lyn Murray	Agree
MATCH SECRETARY	Elsie Hutcheon	Anne Anderson	Jean Lawson	Agree
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Aileen McGowan	Sheila Johnstone	Anne Wheeldon	Agree
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Heather Young	Linda McDonald	Lyn Murray	Agree
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Irene Morrow	Cath Findlay	Anne Wheeldon	Agree
Ex officio	Nina Alexander	Past Captain	*****	*****

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Cath Findlay took the chair and explained to the floor that the committee had been looking at the tee times used, in competition, by the ladies on Mondays. She presented an analysis of the start times and highlighted problem areas. She proposed that we should consider that the times being altered as follows.

18 holes: 8.00 - 10.00am (with an early and late slot)

9 holes: 12.15 – 12.45pm

18 holes: 4.45 – 5.30pm

Discussion followed, in particular, re the evening slot - the concern being, difficulty for ladies who were unable to make the last tee time. Initially, it was proposed that they would be allowed to arrange a playing partner and book a time after 5.30pm. However it was pointed out by the membership that the lack of a reserved tee time

could affect them badly. Namely - times being legitimately booked by other players thus preventing them from completing their round or indeed playing at all. It was then suggested that the evening tee times should be ***5.00pm – 5.45pm.**

A vote was taken and the majority agreed to adopt all the changes in 2019. However the *evening slot (5.00- 5.45pm) should be altered and put in place in 2018

Alternate Day (Medals) was also discussed and the proposal that it should be moved to a Sunday during the “shoulder season ” was unanimously passed.

Eclectic and Red Cross Competitions – the regular small payments for these ongoing competitions was also considered and discussed.

Proposal: -

Entry for 18-hole summer eclectic is £5 payable by 1st April.

Entry for 18-hole winter eclectic is £3 payable by 1st October.

Entry for 9-hole eclectic is £3 payable by 1st April.

As this is a charity competition any additional donation may be made at the time of entry.

Every competition entered will automatically be added to your eclectic by the computer, there is no limit to the number of competitions played. Bounce game ‘ringers’ can be added to your eclectic by placing your ‘ringed’ card in the post box at the end of your chosen games.

A maximum of 10 ‘ringed’ cards can be added to your eclectic.

There is no need to sign in or pay any additional amounts for bounce games.

Prize money (£50) will be paid out at the ABM as follows: -

Summer Eclectic - £10 gift voucher each – Silver & Bronze

Winter Eclectic - £10 gift voucher each – Silver & Bronze

9 hole Stableford Eclectic - £10 gift voucher – Winner

The remainder of the total sum raised will be divided equally between Cancer Research and the British Red Cross at the end of the summer eclectic.

Decision: It was agreed the entry fee would be £5.00 for all three eclectics with an unlimited number of cards submitted. **This is for one year only and will be reviewed at the end of the year.**

Sweep: the committee recommended that the money for the Sweep should be increased to £1.00 for 18 holes and 50p for 9 holes.

This was accepted and will be implemented in 2018.

Entry Par/ Birdie Trees: the recommended amount of £2.00 was accepted and will be implemented in 2018.

Prizes: If we wish to continue presenting prizes at the ABM for competitions selected by the committee we must raise the money. This was agreed and it was decided that it would be funded by “Lucky Squares “ at Ladies Open Dinner.

Ladies Open Competitions: The Ladies Senior Open was changed in 2016 and became an Open Greensome. This resulted in an increase in entry and revenue. Consideration is now being given to changing the Ladies Open to a Tri-am. However some members think that, even allowing for the small entry, this would not be a good idea. Cost to club was discussed in terms of closing the course for part of the day especially at a weekend, and entry fees being too high. There was a suggestion to have a Four Ball Better Ball and reduce the fees.

Decision: The committee would look at the problem again.

ABM Prize Giving 2017

Scottish Golf Medal (4) Silver – Dianne Watson
Scottish Golf Medal (4) Bronze – Kay Halliday
Summer Medals (3) Silver – Lorna Bennett
Summer Medals (3) Bronze - Heather Young
Golf foundation Brooch – Heather Young
Winter Merit – Jenny Rearie
SAS Merit – Liz Crookson
Winter Eclectic Silver – Linda McDonald
Winter Eclectic Bronze – Heather Young
9 hole Eclectic – Christine Anderson
Silver Birch Cat 1&2 – Dianne Watson
Silver Birch Cat 3 – Marion Campbell
Copper Beech Cat 4&5 – Sheila Will
Rowan Tree – Jean Lawson

Captain's Closing Remarks

Firstly I would like to thank Nina for her Captaincy in what has been a stressful year for her. Playing golf in Australia in the first month - well maybe not so. She has sold a house, overseen the building of a new one and making all the difficult choices, like designing a new kitchen. The family had to move into temporary accommodation and only yesterday she was moving into the new house. After speaking to her earlier I would say she is camping out in her new home. We all wish you good luck in your new home and I hope that Wren enjoys her life back at Glentarkie. Despite all this she has always come up smiling and I can see the relief on her face already. We will be looking for your handicap to come tumbling down too.

I would also like to thank Christine Wilson for her input to the Committee in the last 2 years. No more start sheets and finishing competitions!!

Next I would like to welcome Heather and Irene to the Committee. We are really a 'lovely bunch' and I am sure you will find working with us a real treat. Christine and Sheila have taken up new posts as Vice Captain and Handicap Secretary respectively. I was delighted when they both agreed to taking up the roles. Myrtle, Shona, Elsie and Aileen will continue in their respective posts/roles so thank you too. Christine and I have already been working together. First big event - the Children's Party this Sunday. While thinking what I would say this evening the word CHANGE came to mind. A quote I found I thought was quite appropriate. Change is inevitable - except from a Vending

Machine. Mind you my experience and some other ladies lately has been getting coffee out of the machine.

Our Locker room etc has been re-decorated, we have a new post box so no more knocks in the back. The front foyer is to be changed in the New Year and unfortunately we are losing our Caterer. The Committee has made some changes, Congu has made changes as you heard from Christine and Scottish Golf is looking at the Future of Golf in Scotland. One change I do not want to see is in the Opening Match. The Captain must win this match again so those drawn in my Team you know what is expected of you.

Time flies so quickly that it won't be long till the start of the season so I look forward to seeing you all out on the course. In the meantime please feel free to approach me at any time. Any interruptions will not affect my golf. It will remain as poor as ever. I will finish by wishing you and your families a lovely Festive Season.