

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

CENTENARY YEAR
1923 - 2023

100
YEARS



Celebrating **100 years** of supporting
Women and Girls Golf in Buckinghamshire

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1ST AUGUST 2022 TO 31ST JULY 2023

The year saw a small deficit of £981 compared to a surplus of £5,908 in 2022. Although income was higher than last year there were increased costs associated with the Centenary year including the Gala Day and additionally costs were higher for the Finals and County Match Week due to geographical location and an increased focus on development.

Main Accounts

Income increased by £7,002 (15%) to £53,438. This was principally from £4,854 of income from the I Golf surplus and the Gala Day that did not arise in the prior year and an increase in affiliation fees. The slight reduction in competition fees was offset by higher charity and County Lunch income.

Affiliation fees were £2,350 (14%) higher than last year. This mainly reflects a reassessment of the time apportionment of this income entailing a catch-up together with a slight increase in member numbers of 35 (1.6%) in 2022. However, there appears to be a downward trend in membership in 2023 with a reduction of 8% in the 57% of membership returns received so far.

We are seeking an **increase of affiliation fees** in 2024 from £8 to £10 which will bring it in line with the level levied by B,B&O for male golfers. There are a number of reasons why we request this increase; new website costs of £1,450 pa as we have had to migrate off Club V1 which is no longer supported, inflationary pressures in particular for venue hire for our events and finally the likely reduction in member numbers adds to these pressures.

The £3,723 brought forward **charity monies** was paid to Young Carers along with £1,357 in competition fees that were donated from Covid cancelled competition entries. In total £5,080 was paid to Young Carers in January 2023.

In regard to the **new Captain's charity**, Dogs For Good, the £3,248 raised during the year was all paid to the charity within the year in order to have an immediate impact. I'm sure many of you have seen the pictures of Caddie our sponsored dog.

Competition income dropped slightly from last year from £18,910 to £17,563 (-7%). The main deficit is from the Midland South Senior Championship which we ran last year but hosting has rotated out of our County this year.

Expenditure increased from £40,529 to £54,420 (+34%). The main drivers of this increase were the Gala Day and Centenary costs of +£6,642, Finals at +£2,512, County Match Week +£2,006, Women In Golf grant funding of +£2,714 and +£1,250 for the Centenary County Lunch. Costs were generally in line with Budget, albeit with some offsetting variances. Savings on travel continued through the increased number of Zoom meetings, miscellaneous costs were contained but there was an increase in team costs as the County's stock of balls was replenished. Finals and County Match Week adverse variances were mostly offset by lower than Budget coaching and competition costs.

Junior Accounts

Overall there was a surplus of £2,741 compared to a £114 prior year deficit. **Income** was slightly lower at £6,387. Academy and coaching income rose by £963 but competition income reduced by £1,272 as a couple of competitions including the Midland South competition were not held. However, **costs** were much lower with a reduction of £2,893; particularly for competitions -£1,918 and travel £-920. Some travel and prize costs of BCLGA representatives have not been claimed this 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 2023 have been approved by our Honorary Auditor, Mr S Godfrey of Godfrey Anderson & Co. No issues were raised following the review.

Alison Cadwell

Treasurer