



## **CUMBRIA COUNTY VETERAN LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Penrith Golf Club** **On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**1. Welcome:** The Captain welcomed everyone to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and requested that all mobile phones be switched off. Condolences were expressed for members lost in the past year. There were 46 attendees.

**2. Apologies:** Before the meeting apologies received from the Ladies of Windermere GC; Sue Cotter; Rose Saunders; Nicola Tebutt; Brenda Ewbank; Glenys Robinson; Ruth Coleby; Linda Young; Irene Todhunter; Elspeth Cooper; Rosie Waller; Rosie Wadmore; Janette McWhirter; Gill Punton; J Edmondson; Isobel Williams.

**3. Minutes of the 45th AGM –** There were two corrections (Kathryn Bulman not Bull and date of 46<sup>th</sup> AGM). Proposed by Carol Slinger and seconded by Kathryn Bulman. The Captain signed the minutes as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising –** There were no matters arising

#### **5. Honorary Competition Secretary Report**

Lady Captains, Presidents, county Lady captain and President, lady captains ..... ladies, I am sorry I cannot be with you all to read my report but I hope to see you all at least at one of our competitions in 2025. 2024 started as usual with our Silver and Bronze Championships this year at Penrith Golf club. The relentless rain over the winter and early spring meant it was very difficult for the Penrith green staff to prepare the course for us to the standard they would have liked. However in the end it was only the greens that made us decide to make it a non-qualifying round on the Monday, which the players appreciated, many of whom had hardly played because of so many closures at most of the courses because of the weather. 95 ladies played on the Monday in the two championships and saw Marian McFeagan, Keswick GC, with the best gross stableford score and Diane Law, Kirkby Lonsdale GC, the Bronze Champion with best converted gross. The best silver nett score was by Carole Slinger, Penrith GC and Brenda Ewbank, Appleby GC, had the best gross score. Brenda went on into the knockout stages and became the Silver champion. The knockout stages were played on the Tuesday and Wednesday when the playing conditions became gradually better. The winner of the Cupboard trophy which is played by the second flight was won by Anne Cousin, Appleby GC.

The sun is shining, no clouds in the sky, just a light breeze coming off the sea and the ladies in short shirt sleeves. Is this the Costa del Sol? No think again it is the Costa del Walney in June. This is the Team of three at Furness Golf Club where the 29 teams were treated to a lovely course in good conditions. The scores were excellent especially by the local team of Alyson Wood, Anne Edwards and Jane Trelore the eventual winners. The team make up was to have a maximum total of the three Handicap Indices as 120. This meant that we could include ladies of all handicaps up to 54. This new restriction was well received by those who gave their feedback. After the presentation, the day was extra special as we had a celebration for Jan Moore's birthday, who was 90 on the day and had insisted she was going to play in the competition. She has been Captain and President of both the CVLGA and also the Northern Counties Ladies Golf Association and always supported both associations.

We also had positive feedback of the change we made to the rules for the 4BBB winners held at Keswick GC. The 28 pairs were put into three handicap divisions with prizes for the winners of each division. The winners of the trophy were the local pair of Judy Figg and Vera Jackson, who had the overall best score from the three divisions. Again, the poor weather which continued to hamper the green staff preparing the course had made underfoot conditions difficult. Even so there were some good scores and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough entries for the Mixed 4BBB at Eden GC to take place, but hope that next year ladies you will find a willing gent to join you at Penrith GC.

We would like to thank all three clubs for their great hospitality and help they gave us to run our competitions. Plus of course the green staff who under such difficult weather conditions worked tirelessly to

prepare the courses to the best possible. Also a special thanks from me to the support from the committee. We look forward to 2025, which for me will be my last year as Competition's secretary. The CVLGA will be looking for a replacement and it would certainly be good if someone came forward early to work closely with me during the year. We will be using the software the County Ladies have used this year through the Cumbrian Union website. The link will be on our CVLGA website. The competitions, terms and conditions, and the posters will also be on our website. Here's to a great 2025 with sunny skies and no rain. Well I like to dream!

## **6. Honorary Treasurer's Report**

This year we made a surplus of £655.19 due very much to the amounts raised in the raffles and the support for the competitions, the championships in particular.

Our numbers have dropped by 8 this year with subscriptions down £48 on last year. Maryport leaving us altogether was very sad after so many years.

Competitions have run well thanks to Rose and Joan and all the club helpers, sadly the mixed 4BBB had to be cancelled as so few members had entered.

The Richardson Trophy matches went well as ever. The bronze ladies had a great time playing in their matches against Durham and Northumberland and this year they have been able to purchase pink polo shirts to replace the white ones worn in the past.

It is many years since we raised our subscription and so that we can continue the subscription will be raised from £6 to £7 for 2025. We are in the process of updating our entries to competitions and due to this we need to purchase a laptop and a subscription to allow on line entry.

We are always looking for new members so please encourage your club members to join the vets and participate in our Championships and competitions. We need you and we always have fun!

## **Full accounts attached to minutes.**

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Trudy Hubbard and seconded by Felicity Holloway.

## **7. Captain's Report**

Many a non-golfer might be deceived into thinking golf is a deceptively simple game only to discover, if they ever take it up, that it is endlessly complicated. Such was the sentiment of one of the greatest ambassadors of the game, Arnold Palmer.

The same sentiment might be said of the becoming the Captain of Cumbria Veteran Ladies Golf Association except for one significant difference. It appears to be deceptively simple but rather than being endlessly complicated, my year has been immensely enjoyable and rewarding.

Of course, that is not down to me but comes from the support and hard work of my committee. Past Captain Janette has always been on hand to offer wise words of advice, while outgoing President Sue freely shared her vast experience at both County and Regional level. Treasurer Margaret managed to balance the books as always and keep the Association on track, whilst Rose, our Competition Secretary worked tirelessly on making sure all our events went as smoothly as possible. Special thanks for her patience and understanding must go to Secretary Adele who somehow manages to make sense of our meetings and keeps us all organised. Alyson, Helena and Serena are all valued Committee Members whose common-sense approach is a positive asset.

However, deciding that she had had enough of being chief team photographer, leader of the Bronze team, raffle organiser extraordinaire, not to mention being the flag monitor, Vice-Captain Judy extended her recent holiday cruising the Great Lakes through ill health. A most difficult time Judy – we are all delighted you are well on the way to recovery, are back amongst friends and ready to take over.

The County Championships for both Silver and Bronze ran concurrently here at Penrith which I think was a successful re-instatement of the format, but they were a cause of huge personal anxiety, before even a ball had been teed up, all due to the unprecedented weather, which has unfortunately been a feature of the season. You cannot change the weather, you can only manage it – these situations happen, it's how you deal with it that matters, a little bit like when your ball intended for the fairway goes into the thick rough. So, it was such a huge relief and pleasure to see so many competitors on the course and in the clubhouse. Congratulations to everyone who entered and who dealt with the conditions. Congratulations to all the qualifiers and prize winners, especially to our Silver Champion Brenda Ewbank and to the Bronze Champion Diane Law.

I must express my sincere thanks to Penrith GC for the fantastic support they have given the Vets this year,

by not only allowing us to hold the Championships but also reacting positively when we played practice, Bronze and Richardson Trophy matches. Such unstinting support is very much appreciated. It personally makes me feel proud to be a member of a hospitable and welcoming club.

All match reports for the Bronze Team and Richardson Trophy matches are on the website, for which I must thank Sue Cotter. As such, I don't intend to detail them in this report, other than to say I was once again bowled over by the team spirit, camaraderie and pride that blossoms when players don the pink shirts and navy tops with the Cumbria badge emblazoned across the front. Representing your County is special, it's all about team work, making connections, honesty and caring for each other. Suffice to say, we had some very good results, winning 2 of our Richardson Trophy matches and finishing a respectable joint 3<sup>rd</sup> overall on match points. County colours were awarded to Fliss Holloway, well done Fliss. The Bronze team were victorious in their match against Northumberland and came a good second to Durham in a very close match.

I am delighted to announce that Jo Tinsley, Appleby and Helen Halsall, Kendal will soon be taking on the administration of the Northern Association on behalf of Cumbria as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Sincere thanks and appreciation go to Jo and Helen for taking on these roles, as it ensures Cumbria, which may be small, is nonetheless a proactive member at the northern regional level.

As I near the end of my report, I would like to leave you with a few thoughts.

Firstly, Captains come and go, but it is you, the members of CVLGA who pay their subs each year, who enter the Championships and Opens year in and year out who are the backbone of what we are and what we represent. And I can't thank you enough.

Secondly, CVLGA is a good, fun organisation to be part of. Keep supporting us and encourage your friends to join too.

And thirdly, a question. You may ask, "Is being the County Vets Captain hard?" Well, you do have to stand up and talk to a few people, but you get used to it.

You also have to listen to lots of different points of views and opinions – just keep smiling.

And, if you haven't got them already, you quickly learn the value of developing diplomatic skills. So, is it hard? With such fantastic people around you, definitely not! CVLGA you are the best.

As I said at the beginning, I have immensely enjoyed my year as your Captain. I have learned so much from so many helpful, knowledgeable and supportive people.

Above all, I wish you all good health so that you may continue to enjoy all the benefits and challenges golf offers us, not least being part of the CVLGA family.

And now I pass the baton on to you Judy and wish you and Hilary a most successful 2025, in the hopes I have left you a strong legacy on which to go forward.

## **8. Vice-Captain's Report**

As vice-captain, it was my responsibility to organise this year's Bronze matches.

I succeeded in their organisation but as most of you have heard, I was in hospital in the United States when they were actually played, I need here therefore to express my thanks to Joan for both taking over my role on match days and for writing the reports which appear on our website and parts of which I am using here. More information about both the teams and the matches can be found on the website.

The Bronze matches are renown for being fun and this year seemed to be no different, so I was obviously very upset to miss what seem to have been two very enjoyable days.

The first match against Northumberland, was held in our normal summer weather, i.e. in the rain! at Blackwell Grange, Darlington.

However, that rain didn't dampen the team spirit, and each match was keenly contested. Unfortunately, though, despite their best efforts, the team lost 2 ½ to 3 ½.

The second match, against Durham was held at Penrith in dull but dry conditions. Once again team spirit and camaraderie were in evidence. There was some excellent golf played and at the end, our ladies won 4 – 2.

I would once again like to reinforce my thanks to Joan for stepping in for me and dealing so successfully with what was a difficult situation. I would also like to thank lady president Sue for starting the matches and for presenting the county colours and Hilary for helping with the Durham match at Penrith.

In addition, I would also like to thank all the ladies who played in the teams for all the effort they put into their matches, it was a real privilege to have been a part, however small, of this experience. Thank you also to everyone, for the supportive messages I received whilst in the US. They really did help to lift my spirits.

County colours were awarded to these ladies who played their first game for the county, namely, Gillian Hartley, Bridget Coy, Jill Alcock, Jill Kelso, Lynn Burke, Val Forsythe, Amanda Moffat and Elaine Wilson. It is so pleasing to see all these new players in the squad.

For those ladies who may not know, the Bronze team is chosen from the ladies who have the best gross scores in the Bronze Championship which is held during the Vets County Championships in April each year. Next year these will be held at Seascale on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

Having had such an enjoyable experience, I hope the ladies who played in the team this year will enter again, but if other ladies would like a chance to also be in the team next year, please enter the Bronze championships and come to Seascale, after all who doesn't like a day at the seaside amongst friends?

Despite the situation in the last few months, my year as vice-captain has been an enjoyable one. It has been a real pleasure working alongside Joan who has been an amazing captain, so organised and thoughtful and always at the end of a phone when I was needing an answer to the many questions I had during the year.

Thank you so much.

#### **9. Announce Captain and Elect Committee members for 2024/25**

Joan handed over her badge of office to Judy. Judy thanked Joan for all the help and support she had received during her year as vice-Captain. Judy took over the chair of the meeting and announced that the new President would be Alyson Wood (Furness).

Names of volunteers to join the Committee (3 years): Christine Hough and Sue Sharkey from Carus Green, proposed by Veronica Sanders and seconded by Sue King. Each was voted by a show of hands unanimously agreed.

**10. Vice-Captain 2024/25** Mrs Hilary Pollock (Brampton) was introduced as the Vice Captain 2024/25. Hilary thanked Judy for asking her and said she would do her best to continue supporting the Vets.

#### **11. Programme for 2025 (All match dates are on the website)**

**Championships (Silver and bronze)** Seascale 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Team of 3** Kirkby Lonsdale Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**4BBB** Workington Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Mixed 4BBB** Penrith Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

#### **12. President Alyson presented the trophies.**

#### **13. Any Other Business:** - No other business

#### **14. President Alyson** closed the meeting at 12.00

Raffle raised £114 Many Thanks to Serena and Helena who looked after the signing in book and the raffle.

AGM 2025 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 11:00 am at Penrith Golf Club

Minutes approved by Captain Judy Davidson

Proposed by

Seconded by

## CVLGA Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

2023	Receipts	2024	2023	Expenditure	2024
2088.00	Subscriptions See page 2	2040.00	192.49	Miscellaneous See Page 2	521.40
			396.00	NVLGA - Subs	401.00
				Bronze polos	328.08
				<b><u>Richardson Trophy</u></b>	
	<b><u>Comp Entries</u></b>		300.00	Cheshire	600.00
322.00	Silver Champs	600.00	420.00	Lancashire	496.00
434.00	Bronze Champs	855.00	494.50	Yorkshire	330.00
1287.00	Team	1095.00	494.50	Durham	300.00
364.00	4BBB	784.00	250.00	Northumberland	
728.00	Mixed	224.00	605.00	Northumberland 2024	
				Durham 2025	159.00
				<b><u>Bronze Matches</u></b>	
	<b><u>Raffles</u></b>		347.80	Match 1 - Away	106.40
77.00	AGM	121.00	420.00	Match 2 - Home	420.00
116.00	Silver	339.30			
Shared	Bronze	Shared		<b><u>Competition Prizes</u></b>	
No comp	4 BBB	104.00	300.00	Silver/ Bronze Champs	570.00
68.00	Mixed		540.00	Team	450.00
131.00	Team	202.00		4BBB	410.00
			360.00	Mixed	
				<b><u>Course Fees</u></b>	
	<b><u>Uniform</u></b>		350.00	Silver/Bronze Champs	500.00
	Bronze polos	308.00	300.00	Team	300.00
	CVLGA Bandanas	195.00		4BBB	100.00
			150.00	Mixed	
	Bank cash back	3.77		<b><u>Refunds Entry Fees</u></b>	
				Mixed	224.00
35.00	Uncashed cheque		14.00	Silver Champs	
			56.00	Bronze Champs	
			39.00	Team	
			364.00	4BBB	
<b>5650.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6871.07</b>	<b>6393.29</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6215.88</b>
			5650.00	Total Income	6871.07
			6393.29	Total Expenses	6215.88
			-743.29	Surplus/Deficit	655.19

Sept 2023	Balance sheet	Sept 2024
888.82	Cumberland Acct	539.87
	Virgin Money Acct	1004.14
7760.97	Deposit Acct	8037.01

3320.67 Jamboree Acct 3445.58

**£11970.46**    **Total**                      **£13026.60**

2023	Subscriptions	2024	2023	Miscellaneous Expenses	2024
138.00			18.40	Penrith GC - Meeting Exps	31.30
	Appleby GC	126.00		Web Hosting/Domain	216.00
60.00	Barrow GC	30.00		Trophy Insurance	73.60
78.00	Brampton GC	84.00	73.60	Trophy Engraving	78.40
192.00	Carlisle GC	228.00	60.50	Flowers	48.00
84.00	Carus Green GC	36.00		Competition exps team	15.75
48.00	Casterton GC	30.00	24.99	Competition exps 4BBB	22.95
114.00	Cockermouth GC	84.00		Competition exps champs	35.40
48.00	Dunnerholme GC	24.00		Competition exps mixed	
36.00	Eden GC	36.00	15.00		
84.00	Furness GC	96.00			
162.00	Kendal GC	90.00			
60.00	Keswick GC	72.00			
114.00	Kirkby Lonsdale GC	138.00			
30.00	Maryport				
258.00	Penrith	276.00			
114.00	Seascale	102.00			
18.00	Sedbergh	6.00			
	Silecroft				
66.00	Silloth	66.00			
	St Bees				
108.00	Ulverston	210.00			
24.00	Whitehaven	24.00			
150.00	Windermere	156.00			
102.00	Workington	108.00			
	Plus 3 members	18.00			
£2088.00	Total Subscriptions	£2040.00	£192.49	Total Expenses	£521.40

Margaret English – Treasurer .....

Date.....19<sup>th</sup> October 2024.....