

MIDLAND VETERAN LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 4 November 2009

The Annual General Meeting was held at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club, Leicestershire at 11.30am.

President Maggie Wylde welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

It does not seem a year ago that you elected me your President – an honour I am not sure I deserved but I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year of office. I have met old friends and got to know some of the new younger vets – baby seniors. This year we have been blessed with good weather for all of our competitions and I congratulate all of the winners.

A big thank you goes to our Secretary and Treasurer for all their efforts keeping the Association running smoothly. Andrea and Andree retire this year; we will miss them, but look forward to working with Geraldine and Anne.

To all the County Reps thank you for all the work you do on our behalf and a special thanks to Judith and Elizabeth for running the 4BBB and the Stableford. To Denise, congratulations on 2 very successful years as our Captain and thank you for your dedication and excellent leadership.

The Jamboree in Bath was my first. When I joined the Midland Vets 20 years ago there was a waiting list and they only took Jamboree potential – well potential was as near as I got!!! The weather in Bath was certainly not like summer and the umbrellas were in constant use but the team played wonderful golf and I had a great time supporting them. Congratulations to them for finishing runners-up. I look forward to Seascale and going one better in 2010.

A big thank you to Sue Timberlake for once again organising the Team Championship – a great end of season event and played this year in glorious weather at Woodhall Spa. Thank you also to Denise and the Lincolnshire County Association for their generosity in providing the prizes and the pre-dinner drinks on the Thursday evening. Our entertainment that evening was provided by Lincolnshire – a choir followed by Chris Means and a present wrapping demonstration followed by a hilarious competition to wrap a wine bottle – thank you Chris

Kath Sharman is stepping down this year as the Nottinghamshire Rep – thank you Kath for the 3 years of support and work on our behalf. Our present secretary, Andrea Stockdale is to take over from Kath – the competition for the most talkative vet continues at least for another year!! We welcome next year Rosemary Whitehouse – a baby senior to fill the vacant post of rep for Derbyshire.

As President you get to work with two Captains. This year it has been a great pleasure to work with and get to know better Denise Parker and I really look forward to working with Gill Spencer next year. 2009 has been a good year for the Midland Vets – long may it continue.

The President called upon the Hon Secretary to convene the meeting. The meeting was convened and the Hon Secretary welcomed the 30 members present.

1. APOLOGIES

23 apologies were recorded.

2. MINUTES The minutes of the 2008 AGM had been circulated to all members. The minutes were agreed and signed by the President Maggie Wylde.

3. MATTERS ARISING
None

4. CAPTAINS REPORT.

The Captain started by thanking the Committee for attending the meetings, their help today and continued support and help in running all the competitions we have had.

The 2009 Championship was held at Copt Heath a very popular venue. Andrea Stockdale and Liz Moverley, the Warwickshire rep ran this very successfully. Claire Dowling is the 2009 Champion.

Judith Pearson ran the 4BBB at Brampton Park and Elizabeth Holbrook the Stableford at Spalding. Both these meetings attracted small entries but nevertheless were enjoyable and successful. Thank you to these ladies for all their efforts. At all these venues we have always received a warm welcome and a lot of help from the lady members.

The Jamboree was hosted by the South at Bath Golf Club, Sham Castle. Once again the weather was to play a big part in this event. Wet and windy weather greeted us every day. We played the South on the first day and wining all three foursomes set us up for a 5.5-3.5 win.

On the second morning against Scotland no foursomes were played due to the wet conditions. In the afternoon eight single matches were played instead of the normal six and with an extra half point awarded to each team to make up to the normal nine points, we lost to Scotland 3.5 – 5.5. But it was an incredibly exciting afternoon with matches turning on the last hole.

On the last day normal play was resumed and we beat the North 5 -4. So once again we were runners-up to Scotland. The weather did nothing to dampen the team's spirit and this was a happy team both on and off the course.

The Team:

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| • Jo Ashmore | Norfolk |
| • Angela Dawson | Warwks |
| • Janet Melville | Nott's |
| • Denise Parker | Lincs |
| • Andrea Stockdale | Nott's |
| • Paula Parker | Cambs |
| • Julie Walter | Cambs |
| • Pat West | Lincs |

Our President Maggie Wylde and Sue Pidgeon, who stood in for the vice-captain, were an enormous help to me during the three days. Ann Booth, Deborah Backhouse and Liz Moverley came to support and caddy and it really did help. Thanks were given to these ladies for their support.

The Inter County Team Championship

This was held at Woodhall Spa in October. Nine counties participated. Sue Timberlake once again organised this event and with Maggie and Andrea on the desk all went smoothly. The Captain thanked Sue for running this event over the last five years. Andrea will be a good successor.

Our 'entertainer' was an old friend Chris Means. We are now experts in the art of wrapping and making bows. An empty wine bottle, wrapping paper and a handful of conkers proceeded to create mayhem. We thank Chris for her time and indeed good ideas.

Champions	Lincolnshire	Runners-Up	Northamptonshire
Nett winners	Suffolk	Runners-Up	Warwickshire
Individual Gross	Karen Lobb	Northants	159
Individual Nett	Mary Seymour-Taylor	Suffolk	147

English Senior Events

Congratulations to Jo Ashmore, Janet Melville and Paula Parker on gaining International Honours this year. Jo and Janet were selected for the European Team Championships and the Home Internationals and Paula was selected for the Home Internationals. Janet Doleman represented Wales in the Home Internationals.

England came third in the European Team Championship and runners-up to Scotland in the Home Internationals. The Scottish side bar one was the same team that the Midlands were runners-up to in Bath. Sue Westall was the non-playing captain for the European Championships and the Home Internationals.

The Senior Women's Close Championship, Hunstanton.

Five ladies qualified for the match play in Div A: Jo Ashmore, Janet Melville, Paula Parker, Denise Parker and Pat West. Jo and Denise lost in the semi-finals. Seven ladies qualified in Div. B: Nikki Clarke, Rosemary Farrow, Elaine Hancock, Chris Means, Liz Moverley, Sue Pidgeon and Eppie Zandvoort. Sue was the top qualifier. Nikki Clarke from Norfolk won Div B.

The Senior Women's Close Championship Stroke Play, Royal Ashdown Forest.

Div A:

Jo Ashmore, Gillian Curley, Karen Lobb, Janet Melville, Paula Parker, Gill Snelson, Andrea Stockdale, Pat West and Sue Westall all made the cut. Janet was runner-up to Chris Quinn.

Div B:

Polly Brown, Dianne Platt, Chris Means, Sue Pidgeon and Sue Timberlake made the cut. Sue Timberlake was runner-up.

Other Events

Janet Melville successfully defended her Midland Regional title at Erewash Valley. Gillian Curley won the Northern Regional at Malton and Norton. Elaine James won Div B.

Eppie Zandvoort was third in the Southern Regional at Canterbury GC

Four Midlanders qualified for the final round of the British Seniors at Pyle and Kenfig. Janet Doleman the highest placed in equal 4th.

The Brenda King Foursome at Minchinhampton was won by Jane Jones and Angela Dawson from Warwks.

Further afield and earlier in the year Andrea Stockdale was runner-up in the Portuguese Seniors' Open.

In conclusion the Captain said "It has been an honour to have been Captain of the Midland Vets and I have enjoyed the opportunity it gave me to meet so many of our members. Once again I thank the Committee for their support. I have worked with two lovely Presidents and enjoyed their company very much. Andree and Andrea, I really can't thank you enough for agreeing to be treasurer and secretary during my two years. You are the ladies who do all the work".

The Captain wished Gill all the best for her term of office.

5. SECRETARIES REPORT

The reports for the various competitions organised by MVLGA are:-

Championships at Copt Heath - May 21st

A total of 103 players entered the championships and 2 players were originally balloted out as the ceiling was 100. Several players withdrew and certain difficulties arose with players all wanting to play around the same time. The Club and especially the Lady Captain, Karen Dobson and Liz Moverley were very helpful in ensuring the day ran smoothly. A total of 98 players played. The tournament was played in glorious sunshine and the course was in fantastic condition and proved very popular with many players commenting on how much they had enjoyed the course.

Results:

Winner of the Dorothy Crooke Salver

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| • | Best Gross | Claire Dowling | Copt Heath | 73 |
| • | Runner up | Andree Burt | Woodhall Spa | 77 |

Div A (Scratch-12)

Best Nett

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|---|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| • | 1 st | Karen Lobb | Northants County | 77/71 |
| • | 2 nd | Angela Dawson | Copt Heath | 77/71 |
| • | 3 rd | Jean Mackenzie | Northampton | 81/72 |

Division B

Best Nett

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| • | 1 st | Bridget Jackson | Handsworth | 84/71 |
| • | 2 nd | Karen Cooper | Kirby Muxloe | 86/71 |
| • | 3 rd | Anita Cordery | Elton Furze | 86/71 |

Madeline Fyshe Trophy (over 65`s)

Winner Rosemary Farrow St Neots 80

Betterball at Brampton Park - July 2nd

This was a small field with 36 pairs. Judith Parsons ran the event and had help from the lady members of Brampton. It was a very successful day and our thanks go to Brampton Park for hosting the event and to the staff for looking after us so well.

Results

Scratch	Elaine Hancock & Dianne Platt	Spalding	74 on c/back
	Rosemary Farrow & Julie Walter	St Neots/ St Ives.	

Nett

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|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| • | 1 st | Mae Kember & Judy Morris | Bourn | 76/65 |
| • | 2 nd | Joan Pearson & Pam Skidmore | Glen Gorse | 75/67 |
| • | 3 rd | Mo Poole & Brenda Davey | Brampton Park | 76/68. |

Stableford. at Spalding Golf Club - September 9th

There were 68 entries, an improvement on last year. Unfortunately 10 players scratched. 15 players from Lincolnshire played in the event. The weather was good –sunny and not too much wind. The course was in good order and the general feedback was that players had enjoyed the course.

Most were surprised to find that Spalding is not a flat fenland course. It is a fairly tight, parkland course with lots of trees. Play ran smoothly and prize giving was at 6.15pm. Local knowledge was a definite advantage with 4 Spalding players in the prizes. The lady members were very helpful in running the desk and results. Pat Hall a long standing member of the Mid Vets enjoyed running the half way house.

Results:

President's Plate:

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| • | Ann Hodgson | Boston | 38pts |
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Division A:

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| • | 1 st | Elaine Hancock | Spalding | 36pts on c/back |
| • | 2 nd | Barbara Hall | Luffenham Heath | 36pts |
| • | 3 rd | Pat West | Spalding | 35pts on c/back |
| • | 4 th | Elizabeth Holbrook | Spalding | 35pts |

Division B:

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| • | 1 st | Barbara Newcombe | Spalding | 37pts |
| • | 2 nd | Diana Pearson | Hunstanton | 34pts |
| • | 3 rd | Margaret Theakston | Luffenham Heath | 31pts on c/back |
| • | 4 th | Glenda Yeldham | Park Hill | 31pts |

When Denise asked me to be her secretary some 2 years ago, I immediately said yes, without thinking too much about the task ahead. I have always liked a challenge. I did feel quite daunted though, but I shouldn't have worried. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Denise and Andree and of course the in house secretary Tony, Denise's husband. What would we have done without his help, mostly correcting my spelling mistakes of course. Denise please pass on my thanks to him.

A big thank you also to Sue Pidgeon, who knows everything and everybody. Whenever there was a problem, I could always rely on 'Pidg' to know the answer. Working with the other members of the Committee and all the County Reps has been a real pleasure and I feel I have made some true friends. Thank you all. Although I am stepping down from my role as secretary, I will be taking over from Kath Sharman as the Nottinghamshire rep and also from Sue Timberlake in running the Team championships. You don't get rid of me that easily.

Dates for 2010 Events

Midland Vets

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| • Championship | 21 May | Burton on Trent |
| • Betterball | 19 July | Stourbridge |
| • Stableford | 13 September | Northants County |
| • Midland Senior Team Championships | | 11/13 Oct |

Other Events

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| • English Seniors Match Play | 20/23 April | Littlestone Golf Club |
| • English Seniors Stroke Play | 15/17 June | Stockport Golf Club |

Regional Events

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| • Midland Regional | 7/9 July | Walmley Golf Club |
| • South Regional | Aug | |
| • Northern Regional | | |
| • British Seniors | | West Kilbride |

Thank you ladies, that concludes my report.

6. TREASURERS REPORT:-

Treasurer's report at 30th September 2009

Madam President, Madam Captain, Ladies

It gives me great pleasure to present the Accounts of the Association for the year ending 30th September 2009, duly audited by Mr Tony Parker.

As you all have a copy of the accounts, I will not bore you with the details but I would just like to highlight a few relevant facts:

The membership income for the current year is **£3074.00**, down on last year by **£3.00**.

Membership stands at 532 up 1 from 2008. (We have 53 new members, 35 resignations and 17 lapsed memberships.)

The total income for competitions is shown as £10382.00 but this is misleading as it includes £3024 for the Oct 09 Team Championship, **because the entries were banked in September 2009. The actual income from competitions is £7358.00, and the surplus after expenses is £1515.89. (App £300.00 down on 2008)**

Competitions profit / loss = Surplus of £1818.98

Team Championship Hunstanton Oct 2008 = In £2795.00 - Out £2720.15 = surplus of £74.85

Championship Copt Heath May 09 = In £2068.00 – Out £1435.51 = surplus of £632.49

4BBB Brampton July 09 = In £1182.00 – Out £1079.94 = surplus of £102.06

Stableford Spalding Sept 09 = In £1313.00 – Out £606.51, surplus of £706.49 *

***Spalding did not charge for green fees and a donation of £300.00 was made.**

On the expenditure side (**Total = 10,425.62**)

Competitions = The total expenses for the 2009 competitions shown as **£5842.11** does not include the Team championship expenses as they were incurred after the year end (**i.e. Oct 2009**).

Jamboree = **£3729.85**, down £223.95 on last year; a contributory factor is that most of the competitors did not claim for travel expenses.

Printing, postage, stationery = **£610.17**, down **£237.63** on last year mainly due to postage sponsorship.

Insurance = The Association no longer insures the trophies as they can be included on the winners insurance at no extra costs to them.

The Association did not incur any extraordinary expenses this year.

Balance sheet

The Association available funds at 30/09/2009 were **£6598.27**. This give a £17.24 surplus of income over expenditure for the year ending 30th September 2009.

Before I conclude my report, I would like to thank the Competition Organisers and the County representatives in the efficient way they balanced their money before sending everything to me.

This is my last year as treasurer, I have enjoyed every minute, well almost every minute and I would like to wish good luck to Anne Evans, my successor.

7. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Proposed by Sue Pidgeon

Seconded by Pat Martin

An appreciation on behalf of the members was given for continued hard work in conducting the affairs of the MVLGA.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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| • | PRESIDENT | Maggie Wylde | in her second year. |
| • | CAPTAIN | Gill Spencer | Proposed by Denise Parker
Seconded by Sue Pidgeon |
| • | HON. SECRETARY | Geraldine Bunyan | Proposed by Gill Spencer
Seconded by Andrea Stockdale |
| • | HON. TREASURER | Anne Evans | Proposed by Gill Spencer
Seconded by Andree Burt. |

Captain Denise Parker welcomed Gill Spencer onto the Committee. She has been a member for many years and had been the Northamptonshire Rep for 9 years. Gill replied by saying she is looking forward to the challenge and following in Denises footsteps. She also welcomed onto the Committee Geraldine Bunyan, who has come highly recommended and is the ex secretary of Wellingborough Golf Club and currently lady captain. Anne Evans the new Treasurer has a history of banking. All are welcome additions to the Committee.

9. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee is proposing to increase the cost of annual subscriptions starting in 2011, from £5.00 to £6.00 and the cost of entrance fee from £8.00 to £10.00. The last increase was in 2005.

Our budget for 2010, assuming income as per 2009 and **normal** level of expenses predicts a possible deficit of around £1,000.00. This deficit does not include any provision for extraordinary expenses or for inflation.

The proposed increase would go part way to addressing the deficit by contributing an extra income of approximately £550.00.

The Committee feels that it has a duty to the members to aim, at the very least, to break even for the normal yearly running of the Association. The bank reserves (presently £6,600.00) should be there as a buffer and for extraordinary expenses (i.e. computer, printer, silver badges, team uniforms, etc.) and as working capital.

- Proposed by Andree Burt
- Seconded by Denise Parker.

The members voted and all were in favour and therefore the annual subscriptions will rise to £6-00 and the entrance fee to £10-00.

10. COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS FOR 2009/2010

Leaflets were left for members to collect.

11. A.O.B.

No items

12. DATE AND VENUE FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

- Wednesday, 3 November 2010 at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club.

President Maggie thanked Anne Higgins, Kath Sharman and Elizabeth Holbrook for staffing the registration desk. A special thank you to Kath Sharman. She was presented with an orchid. Also thanks to Kirby Muxloe for allowing use of their room. A pot plant was presented to the lady captain of the club.

Captain Denise presented Sue Timberlake with a gift for her hard work in organising the team championships. She is stepping down after 5 years of running the event. Andrea Stockdale is taking over.

Finally Captain Denise presented Andrea Stockdale and Andree Burtt with a gift as appreciation for all their hard work over the previous 2 years.

The meeting closed at 12.07pm.