

**LLCGA**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Cambuslang Golf Club**  
**on 21 November 2011 at 7.30pm**

**Captain Lesley Lloyd welcomed** 65 members to our Annual General Meeting and said it was nice to see so many there. Over the last few years we had been one of the most successful counties in Scotland at attracting new members and if anyone was a new member, attending their first AGM, she hoped they had enjoyed their first year with us and had made some new golfing friends.

**Apologies:** There were 41 apologies

**Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 which had been circulated to all members, were adopted on the proposal of Susan Wood and seconded by Margaret E Allan.

**Business Arising:** Lesley reported that SLGA members, comprising of Counties and Clubs, voted by a significant majority (93%) in favour of amalgamation. However, the Scottish Golf Union's shareholders, comprising the sixteen Area Associations, voted 10 to 6 against the amalgamation proposal. This meant that the proposal in its current format did not receive the required level of support and therefore amalgamation could not proceed at this stage.

The decision to award Spoons in two divisions, rather than Silver and Bronze, proved very successful with more even numbers competing in each division leading to a fairer distribution of prizes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fiona Scott read out the following report prepared by Pam Rice who was unable to be present. Pam apologised for not attending the AGM and for leaving her duties to other people and gave sincere thanks to them.

She hoped the figures given on the statement of accounts were clear. There were a few items where the comparison with last year might not be, since last year the net amount was shown whereas this year both the income and expenditure amounts appeared. These items were the tri-am, the autumn meeting and the jamboree. The Christmas quiz was a very successful addition to our fundraising.

The figures for coaching were also presented rather differently. The cost of team, development squad and junior coaching was practically totally covered by contributions from the individuals concerned and the SLGA training grant. The coaching offered to other member was funded from the donation from the R & A.

She hoped other income and expenditure was self explanatory. She pointed out that entry fees were down but subscriptions were up. However, full members' subs had been raised by £5.

We had a very healthy surplus for the year which, even taking into account the funds remaining from the R & A donation, was well up on last year.

Lesley said that despite rising costs and increased demands on our funds it was encouraging to know that notwithstanding the balance of the donation from the R&A we have shown a reasonable surplus this year due to Pam's careful management of our funds.

Adoption of the treasurer's report was proposed by Roxy Brown and seconded by Jean Reid.

**Captain's Report:** Lesley Lloyd reported that 2011 had been another busy year and she thanked all the courses that hosted our events this year. She also thanked the members for their continued support and generosity throughout the year.

Competitions were well attended this year but on a few occasions members did not turn up. Members should check their starting time either on the website or by contacting the Committee member responsible for the event. If unable to play they should please let the Committee member know as it obviously caused disruption and created extra work for those involved if people did not turn up. Next year there would be a County mobile telephone which members could call on the day of competition if they were unable to play.

The Christmas Quiz in aid of Junior and Team Development had raised over £200 and the winner was Caroline Smith from Strathaven.

Our Squads worked over the winter with Lesley Mackay at Playsport in East Kilbride, and the programme built on the work undertaken during 2009 and 2010. We also continued the monthly informal practices with the Junior and Senior squads which again proved very popular. The 2011-12 programme had already commenced with another session due to take place on the following Sunday. She had advised last year that we had received a

generous donation from the R&A. The Committee felt this presented an opportunity to offer coaching to members who were not already being coached through our Squads. Initially an Effective Practice session was offered at Playsport and 60 ladies participated. Following much positive feedback it was agreed to offer a further session concentrating on the short game. This was well received with 65 ladies taking part. A total of 82 members took advantage of one or both of these sessions and she hoped those who participated had benefited during the playing season. She thanked Lesley Mackay for the many hours she spent with us and for her support at Barassie in June. We were also indebted to Playsport for their continued support in allowing our Squad members use of their facilities throughout the year.

In **April** our annual social event was a Race Night. This was a very enjoyable and extremely profitable evening. The County Championship was held at Strathaven Golf Club. When she arrived at 8.00 am on the first day the course was closed and covered in frost. By 9.15 am the frost had melted, we teed off on time and had 2 glorious days. The course was presented to its usual high standard with the greens increasing in pace each day due to the greenkeeper's passion for ironing them.

Rachael Taylor led the qualifiers and after two days of keenly contested matches, Rachael and Angela Devine contested the final on a cool, breezy afternoon. Although Angela put up a brave fight Rachael proved too strong and won her first County Championship. Incidentally, this was Rachael's first win in Scotland and Lesley was sure it would be the first of many.

The final of the Bronze Lady was contested by two local members with Agnes McCall running out the winner against clubmate Aileen Woodland.

Lorna Laidlaw was the winner of the Centenary Salver for the best net return in the qualifying round.

In **May** Lanarkshire hosted the West of Scotland (Close) Ladies' Championship and despite a lot of heavy overnight rain the competition went ahead. Eilidh Briggs of Kilmacolm was the winner and Lesley finished third. Lanarkshire represented by May Hughes, Lesley Lloyd and Susan Wood won the Team Trophy.

The Scottish Ladies (Close) Championship was held at Machrihanish in horrendous conditions. Elaine Cuthill, Rachael Taylor and Susan Wood all qualified for the Championship and Jenny Potter qualified for the Clark Rosebowl. Unfortunately Elaine, Rachael and Jenny lost their first round matches. Susan had reached the Quarter Finals only to lose on the last and Lesley congratulated her on a fine performance.

In **June** the West of Scotland Vets Championship was played at Renfrew Golf Club. May Hughes and Pat Hutton qualified for the matchplay stages. Pat went on to win the Championship by defeating Jennifer Mack from Haggs Castle in the final. At the Inter County Foursomes Finals at Milngavie Golf Club Lanarkshire couples filled the first two places in the Scratch Section with Susan Wood and Jenny Potter and Lesley Lloyd and Fiona Scott.

The Junior Inter-County Matches for the Kennedy Salver were played at Erskine Golf Club with Ayrshire being the successful team this year. Our young, inexperienced team did their best against stronger opposition and hopefully the rescheduling of this competition to August will allow us to field a stronger team in future years.

The West District Inter County Matches were held at Kilmarnock Barassie Golf Club. Lanarkshire were represented by: Emma Caddow, Strathaven; Angela Devine, Hamilton; Lesley Lloyd, Hayston; Fiona Norris, Hamilton; Jenny Potter, Cathkin Braes; Fiona Scott, Bothwell Castle; Rachael Taylor (Am Reichswald) and Susan Wood, Drumpellier. The team was well prepared, team spirit was excellent and the players all tried their best but unfortunately results did not go our way and we finished third. She congratulated Ayrshire who were worthy winners over the three days. They went on to finish runners-up to Midlothian at the County Finals in September. Anne and the Caddies had provided encouragement, motivation, food and at Barassie – shelter. They were a dedicated group who looked after our every need. Over the years it had amazed her that on very wet days the players and the clubs finished dry and the caddies were the ones who ended up wet. That was very much the case this year at Barassie. She thanked them.

She thanked the team for their effort and commitment over the last two years. She had enjoyed working with them, getting to know some of them better and watching our newer members develop their talent. Hopefully it would not be too long before Lanarkshire made it back to the County Finals.

The Scottish Seniors Championship was played at Portpatrick Dunskey Golf Club at the end of June. May Hughes lost in the quarter-finals and Janice Paterson in the semi-finals – both ladies lost to the eventual Champion - Noreen Fenton from Dunbar. She said well done.

In **July** on a warm, sunny day at Colville Park we contested the Morison, Black Jack Cup and Junior Championship. Susan Wood won the Morison Cup for the fourth consecutive year. Susan also won the Black Jack Cup. The Junior Championship Salver was won by Heather Neilson and the Junior Scratch Trophy by

Emma Caddow.

Lanarkshire was well represented at the Scottish Ladies' Junior Open Stroke Play Championship at Cardross. Rachael Taylor finished 9<sup>th</sup> and Emily Glencorse won the Handicap Prize in the Under 15 age group in the final round.

In **August** the Tri-Am was again very well supported with 34 ladies taking part. The winners were Marion Brodie, Roxy Brown and Pat Casey. The putting competition and lunch was again well attended and enjoyed by those taking part. Congratulations to this year's winner Jan Vallance. We managed to play the autumn meeting at Hayston between the early morning and late afternoon downpours. 52 ladies participated and although the course was playing long some excellent scores were returned with Anne Cameron and Aileen Woodland winning by the closest of margins. The British Open Strokeplay Championship was played at Royal Ashdown Forest. After the first round Rachael Taylor was joint leader. Rachael and Pamela Pretswell finished in a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

In **September** the SLGA Medal Grand Finals were played at Crieff Golf Club. Marsha Hull (Strathaven) won the Silver Division and Michelle Molloy (Cathkin Braes) was third. The September Spoon and Centenary Rosebowl were scheduled for Cathkin Braes on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. However, Hurricane Katia made her presence felt and despite a valiant attempt by a few willing (stupid?) members the competition had to be abandoned after a few holes.

2011 had been a year of significant progress for the majority of our **Junior** Squad members. As well as County training, a group of our girls participated in the SLGA Training Workshops which focused on fitness, psychology and goal setting and planning. We nominated 5 girls for the selection process for the Scottish Golf Academy. Following the Regional Selection Day, 3 girls - Kirsten Brown, Ellie Bryce and Emily Glencorse progressed to the National Selection Day at St Andrews. Ellie was successful and had recently commenced Year 1 of the Programme. Although unsuccessful, Kirsten and Emily were invited to play in the Winter Series of competitions organised by the SLGA and their progress will continue to be monitored by the SLGA. At least two of our juniors had reduced their handicaps by more than 10 strokes with others finishing the season considerably lower than they started.

Performances of note by our juniors were as follows: Kirsten Brown, partnered by her Dad, won the Category 2 Section of the SLGA Adult and Girls Foursomes. Ellie Bryce won the Handicap Trophy at the SLGA under 16s Championship and was Runner-up in the West of Scotland Girls' Bronze Championship. Alexandra Duffy won the inaugural University of St Andrews Schoolgirls' Golf Tournament 2011 and the West of Scotland Girls' Bronze Championship. Emily Glencorse represented Team Lanarkshire at the International Children's Games and narrowly missed out on the Bronze Medal by finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. Eva O'Connor progressed to Year 2 of the Academy Programme and represented Team Lanarkshire at the International Children's Games where she finished 7<sup>th</sup> and recently won the West Area SLGA Winter Series event at West Kilbride. It was encouraging to see so many of our girls competing in the various events throughout Scotland during 2011. Lesley believed, introducing them to Squad training over the last two years, had encouraged them to make new friends and given them the confidence and belief in themselves to compete in these events. She had no doubt some of these girls would progress to the Senior Team in the future.

To identify our next group of budding golfers we organised a Talent ID Day. 17 girls showing potential were offered a series of five sessions with Lesley Mackay to allow us to assess their progress during the summer. Many of these girls were very young and only 3 progressed to our Junior Squad for Winter Training but with a little bit more practice I am sure many of the others will feature next year.

Lanarkshire members continued to be involved in various roles at national level namely:

Elaine Cuthill, Captain of the Scottish Team in the SLGA Under 16 Open Stroke Play Championship.

Fiona Norris, Captain of the Scottish Ladies Team at the European Team Championships and the Home Internationals

Alyson Hendry, Manager of the Scottish Ladies Team at the Home Internationals

Allison Bell, recently appointed Chairperson of the West of Scotland Girls' Golf Association

Jean Macintyre, West Division Representative on the SLGA Championship Committee

Thanks were also due to our Course Rating Team of Janice Paterson and Alyson Hendry for their continued involvement in this area.

Our members continued to excel in National and International events and the following ladies were recognised for their achievements during 2011:

Rachel Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve for Ladies Home Internationals Team,

May Hughes, Scottish Vets Team v Ireland and the Vets Jamboree and Scottish Team for the Senior Home Internationals

Pamela Pretswell continued to combine golf with her studies in the early part of the year and graduated from Glasgow University with BA(Hons) Business and Management. Pamela represented: GB&I Team which retained the Astor Trophy and GB&I Team v Continent of Europe in the Vagliano Trophy;

Scotland in European Team Championships (Scotland won flight B) and at the Home Internationals.

Pamela qualified in 7<sup>th</sup> place for the US Amateur Championship and was unfortunate to lose at the 19<sup>th</sup> in the first round and in early October she finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the French International Women's Amateur Golf Championship.

Pamela finished the season ranked No 29 in the Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings.

Pamela played in the Ricoh Ladies British Open Championship at Carnoustie and narrowly missed the cut by one shot. This has given Pamela the appetite for professional golf and she will be attempting to play her way on to the Ladies European Tour at the qualifying School early in 2012. We wished Pamela well as she attempts to gain her card.

She congratulated Honorary member, Mhairi McKay, who was recently inducted into the Stanford University Athletic Hall of Fame. Mhairi had joined an illustrious group that included Mickey Wright, Tom Watson and Tiger Woods.

She congratulated all the members she had mentioned and asked anyone she had missed to please accept her sincere apologies.

**Presentation of Honorary Membership:** Lesley said May Hughes had been a member of LLCGA since 1979 and played for the County Team between 1983 and 2010. May was selected for this year's team but decided it was time to hang up her red jersey. During that time, especially in the 1980s and early 1990s, Lanarkshire was a very successful team and May was part of a winning team that qualified for and won the Scottish County Finals on 4 occasions. May was County Champion in 1993, 2003 & 2004 and runner-up on 3 other occasions. As well as being a very successful golfer, May served on Committee from 1996-99 and she was County Captain in 2008 and 2009 in our Centenary Year. Since becoming eligible for Seniors and Vets golf May had twice been West of Scotland Vets Champion in 2008 and 2010, was runner up in the Scottish Vets Championship in 2010, represented the Scottish Vets Team on five occasions and this year represented Scotland in the Senior Home International Matches. She asked May, in recognition of her outstanding contribution and commitment to Lanarkshire Ladies County Golf Association over many years to accept Honorary membership of our Association.

May thanked Lesley for her kind words. She said that listening to the dates from 1979 it was quite scary to think that 32 years seemed to have passed by in a flash. She was very fortunate to be part of a very successful Lanarkshire Team in the 1980's and 90's when appearances at the County Finals was a regular occurrence. Her initiation to foursomes at this time was under the watchful eye of our president Ann Prentice and May's lasting memory of that training was that losing a match was not an option. The decision taken to retire from Inter County matches was not taken lightly. It was always a privilege to pull on a bright red jersey and play for Lanarkshire. The experience gained and the friendships made over three decades would always be very special to her. As she had now reached an age that she was eligible to participate in senior events, the competitive edge gained from playing County Team Golf had been invaluable.

To therefore receive an honorary membership of Lanarkshire for playing golf and having the opportunity to serve on committee and the privilege of being county captain in centenary year was indeed the icing on the cake. She was proud to now be an honorary member of this great County and she would continue to offer support in any way she could in the years to come.

She thanked Lesley and the Lanarkshire committee again for bestowing this honour.

Lesley then thanked everyone for their support during the last two years but especially the ladies who served on Committee.

Honorary President, Ann Prentice, had been an avid supporter of the team over the last two years often joining them for winter training at Playsport and cheering them on at the Inter-County Matches. She thanked Ann.

Honorary Secretary, Jean, dealt with the organisation and administration of our events in her usual quiet, calm and efficient manner. Pam Rice continued to manage our funds very carefully, Anne Lloyd organised two very successful social evenings and provided many willing caddies. Roxy Brown, Anne Clark, Jane Lees, Irene Nisbet, Fiona Norris and Margaret Reid had all played their part whether it was by selling LLCGA merchandise, organising competitions, helping with the Juniors, assisting at our socials – the list is endless. Jane Lees had

completed her term and was retiring from Committee. She thanked Jane for her contribution over the last 3 years.

Finally she thanked, Fiona, her Vice Captain for her support throughout the last two years. As well as being Vice Captain, Fiona was Junior Secretary and did a great job with our girls as could be evidenced by the progress they had made.

She said she was very fortunate to have had such an able and enthusiastic Committee. It was a joy to work with them - they made her job an easy one knowing they had everything in hand.

There were a few changes about to take place within the Committee and she wished the new Office Bearers and Committee Members all the very best in the coming years.

She thanked the members for their support and friendship throughout the last two years and for the opportunity to be Captain. It had been an honour and privilege to serve as Captain of Lanarkshire Ladies and she had thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was something that she would cherish for many years to come.

**Installation of New Captain:** Lesley said that Fiona Scott was no stranger to golf administration having just completed her term as Chairperson of the West of Scotland Girls' Golfing Association, was a Past Lady Captain of Bothwell Castle and was a member of their Management Committee for a number of years. She was sure she would be an excellent Captain and she now asked her to accept the Captain's badge and wished her all the best during the next two years.

Fiona thanked Lesley and said it was a great honour that she had bestowed on her. Lesley had been a wonderful role model for her and she had learned a tremendous amount over the last two years, which would help her perform her duties more effectively over the coming two years. Ladies could be assured that she would work hard to ensure that Lanarkshire Ladies County Golf Association went from strength to strength.

It gave her great pleasure to present Lesley with her Past Captain's badge as a token of appreciation of her hard work and dedication to Lanarkshire County. She had no doubt she would wear it with pride and continue to support Lanarkshire Ladies in the coming years.

Fiona then introduced her **Vice Captain**. She believed her vice captain needed no introduction, she was a well known face. Jean Macintyre had held many posts at her home club of Strathaven. She started out as Junior Secretary, then progressed to Treasurer, Captain, Secretary and finally a Council Member.

Jean joined the County in 1988 and following all her home club commitments she joined the County Committee in 2002. It was not long before Jean was back in the thick of things and took up the post of County Secretary in November 2004. As you know Jean's organisational skills are second to none, so it was no surprise when the SLGA approached her to sit on the SLGA Championship Committee, her final year being 2012.

#### **Election of Office Bearers & Committee:**

**Treasurer** – Mrs Pam Rice was willing to continue and she thanked Pam for ensuring the books balanced. She was sure Pam would keep her in check as she loved spending other peoples money.

**Secretary** – Mrs Jean Macintyre was demitting this office and the committee were delighted to propose Ms Anne Lloyd to take over this office. She had no doubt Anne would do a wonderful job and she looked forward to working with her.

**Junior Secretary** – Fiona was demitting office and the committee had much pleasure in proposing Mrs Margaret Reid to take over this post. Margaret had been working alongside her over the last two years and was extremely keen to continue to develop the junior section.

**Committee Members** – Mrs Jane Lees and Ms Anne Lloyd were retiring by rotation leaving two three year vacancies on committee.

The committee proposed Miss Ruth Rankin seconded by Susan Wood and Mrs Marjory Seymour seconded by Anne Burden to fill these vacancies.

She thanked them for agreeing to serve on committee and said she looked forward to working with them both.

**OCB:** Fiona said that the Curtis Cup would be held at Nairn Golf Club between 8 and 10 June 2012. Each County had been asked to appoint an Ambassador to act as a liaison with the SLGA and local golf clubs, to promote and encourage as many people to attend this event as possible.

Past Captain Lesley Lloyd had agreed to be our Ambassador, Lesley would be looking for representatives from each club, in order to build a network, so information and promotional materials could be circulated to all clubs within our County. Members were asked to watch our website for further information.

The SLGA required Rules Officials. Ideally they were looking for ladies who had already sat and passed the

SGU Rules Exam, however if they had not passed this they could apply to sit it. It was over two days and was at a cost of £175. Once you had passed this the SLGA would, by invitation, ask and fund you to sit the more advanced R&A exam and a pre-requisite of this would be that you would have to be prepared to go on and officiate at a number of SLGA Events throughout the year. If anyone was interested they were to let Fiona know by 27<sup>th</sup> November.

There was no further business and so Fiona handed over to Lesley to make a presentation to the retiring Secretary. Lesley said that Jean Macintyre was appointed County Secretary in November 2004 and had worked tirelessly on our behalf throughout the last 7 years.

Jean brought Lanarkshire into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with her knowledge and passion for computers, IT and digital photography. Jean developed systems for all County events and was held in such high regard by officials from the other counties in the West that they called her regularly for advice and asked for copies of files rather than have to create their own, testament to Jean's ability as an administrator. As well as being an outstanding Secretary, Jean was also our Webmaster keeping us up to date with results, events and notable performances by our members. She was pleased that Jean had agreed to continue as our Webmaster.

Jean, she knew would be a great source of support and advice to Fiona during the next two years and hoped she would manage to spend more time playing in our events rather than having to make sure everything was running smoothly. We had been very fortunate to have her as our Secretary, and on behalf of the members, she asked her to accept a gift as a token of their appreciation and a reminder of her time as Secretary of the best organised County Association in Scotland.

Jean then thanked Lesley for her kind words and thanked everyone for the gift which was a very nice necklace. She said she had enjoyed being Secretary. She had enjoyed getting to know the members. She had enjoyed working with and getting to know even better 3 Presidents, Jean Cameron, Margo Bauer and Ann Prentice, a fair number of committee members and members of the team whose company she had enjoyed at Jamborees.

She made special mention of the people she had worked closest with, namely the four captains. They were all different but all successful and easy to work with and she now counted them as good friends. She hopefully had learned something from each of them although she doubted if she'd be able to move round the course following the team at the same rate as Sheena Boyd, have the baking or joke telling skills of Elizabeth Nelson or be as tidy or as persuasive as May Hughes and she certainly would not be able to play scratch golf as Lesley Lloyd had done, but they had many other qualities which she would hope to aspire to. They always showed their gratitude in words and in deeds for any little help she had given them and she thanked them for that.

And now she looked forward to working with a fifth captain, all be it in a different capacity. They say a change is as good as a rest so she was looking forward to the rest, but she told Fiona not to worry as she never rested for long.

She wished her successor, Anne, all the best and then thanked everyone again for the very generous gift.

**Intimations:** Fiona announced that a fundraising Coffee Morning would be held at Bothwell Castle Golf Club on Saturday 10 March 2012. Tickets were on Sale price £5.

The 2012 Championship would be held at Bothwell Castle Golf Club on Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 April.

The West Inter County Matches would be held at Cardross Golf Club from Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 June.

Finally in closing the meeting Fiona thanked Cambuslang Golf Club for the use of their facilities and thanked all for attending and stated that next year's AGM would be held at Cambuslang Golf Club on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

**The Presentation of Prizes** then followed. Prizes were presented by President Ann Prentice. Fiona congratulated the Prize winners and thanked Ann for presenting the prizes and for all her support throughout the year.

**Vote of Thanks:** Champion Rachael Taylor, resident in Germany, could not attend but she had sent a message which was read by the Runner Up, Angela Devine. Rachael said that she first met Lesley and Fiona in 2010 at the Helen Holm Scottish Open in Troon. They introduced themselves and asked if she would consider joining Lanarkshire County. She was flattered and excited. She really enjoyed meeting everyone. She had such a regreat time at the County Championship and also at the Jamboree. It was nice to be part of such a happy and welcoming club, a welcome that extended even to her wee granny. It was fun being around us.

She felt she had had such a warm personal welcome from all at the club and she was touched by our generous

support. It was just great. She thanked Fiona, Susan and Lesley for all their help with transport. She really appreciated it. She also gave a very big thank you to Jean. She knew that any Championship required a lot of hard work behind the scenes to make it run smoothly and also knew how much effort Jean put in. Jean was invaluable in this regard.

She hoped everyone had had a good fun golfing year and she looked forward to seeing us next year. She wished us all the best and said she was coming back to defend her trophy.

Angela then gave an entertaining and comprehensive vote of thanks in which she thanked the captain, office bearers and committee. She also thanked her fellow team members and caddies and wished next year's office bearers all the best.

Fiona thanked her. She announced that the raffle had raised £240 and thanked all for their contributions. The raffle was then drawn.

She wished all a safe journey home and said she hoped to see them at the coffee morning in March.

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_