

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2020. Many of you, we know, have been impacted by the weather and have endured closed courses and cancelled competitions. We do hope you have managed to navigate your way between storms and wintery weather to get out into the fresh air and play some golf!

We are all aware of the need to "warm up" a little before our games and certainly all of the recommendations tell us that is of utmost importance in the cold weather to add that extra few minutes before we tee off. Alison Root in the recent Women & Golf Magazine shares her experiences of forgetting to warm up before attacking 75 balls on the range recently! [You can read this on the Women & Golf Magazine.](#)

We are delighted to inform you that we have some new Officers on the LWGA County Committee. The elections took place at the AGM in November and many of you were there supporting the event. It was the biggest AGM attendance so far so thank you to all of the Lady Golfers from across the County who joined us that day.

Our new County Captain is Gilly Grant. Gilly was our Vice Captain and takes over from Birdie Dawson. Sophie Beardsall was confirmed as the Vice Captain. Gillian has told the committee how much she is looking forward to the year ahead.

Our new County Chairman is Sheilah Mitchell. We very much welcome Sheilah into the role and look forward to working with her over this next year.

Kathryn Johnson has taken over as County Secretary from the wonderful Barbara Haycox who has been a stalwart of the Committee for a very long time. Welcome Kathryn to your new role, we look forward to working with you.

With huge thanks to our outgoing Captain Birdie, Chairman Tracey and Secretary

Barbara, you have done amazing work and leave a wonderful legacy.

Lastly we have some new representations for the regions:

North - Mrs Helen Grinham

South - Mrs Helen Long

Mrs Margaret Yelland continues as the Central Representative.

LWGA thanks wholeheartedly the Ladies who have stepped down this year for their exceptional hard work and commitment to Lincolnshire Women's Golf.



Kathryn Johnson | County Secretary



Sheilah Mitchell | County Chairman

Please look out for the Junior February Newsletter which will follow this one into your

inbox! See note below under Junior Girls. We would love you to pass on the information and help us to encourage more Junior Girls to join in.

Junior Girls

2020 sees a new team in place to support the Junior Girls. More about this over the next few months. The team will be led by Pat Jones who continues to provide brilliant support to the Chicks. The Junior Newsletter will be sent to Ladies shortly and contains more information for Juniors. If you could please pass this on to Junior Girls that you know or promote at your own club we would be very grateful.

Our Lincolnshire Chicks ready for action!



Our Brilliant Lincolnshire Ladies!



Alison Johns | Captain of PGA Midlands

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Alison Johns has been confirmed as the new Captain of the PGA Midlands. Alison is a teaching professional at Woodhall Spa Golf Club and a former Ladies European Tour player. She is the first Lady to hold this position since the formation of the PGA Midlands in 1965.

One of her duties as Captain is to run a pro-am that raises funds for charity and Alison's event will be held on 23 June 2020 at Woodhall Spa GC on the world-famous Hotchin Course.

Alison has chosen ACT, Addenbrookes Charitable Trust, as the beneficiary of this fund-raising pro-am. The PGA Benevolent Fund will also benefit from the event as a charity supported by Alison. She is hopeful that all of the 26 places for Teams will be taken.

Alison said “It’s a great honour for any golf pro. But to be first female to captain the region makes it even more special. It’s a really good thing for women and women’s golf.”

We wish Alison the best of luck during her Captaincy year! Congratulations.

Margaret Yelland & Hilary Marley

Margaret Yelland has been confirmed as the Captain of the Lincolnshire VETS A Team for 2020. Hilary Marley will be the B Team Captain. More information in the next Newsletter about the VETS. Please [email Margaret](#) if you would like to be involved.

WOMEN'S SECTION NEWS

Ladies, please don't forget to support the County Competitions this year. They are a brilliant way to get involved with Ladies from other clubs, play different courses and have some fun! The programme gets more exciting each year and we welcome you to join in!

County Competitions 2020

April 2020

[Wed 29 Apr 2020](#) | COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS | Greetham Valley (Lakes Course)

[Thu 30 Apr 2020](#) | COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS | Greetham Valley (Lakes Course)

May 2020

[Fri 01 May 2020](#) | COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS | Greetham Valley (Lakes Course)

[Wed 20 May 2020](#) | SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS | Market Rasen

[Wed 27 May 2020](#) | SPRING MEETING | Blankney

[Thu 28 May 2020](#) | SPRING MEETING | Blankney

June 2020

[Wed 24 Jun 2020](#) | COUNTY BETTER BALL NORTH | Laceby Manor

July 2020

[Fri 10 Jul 2020](#) | COUNTY BETTERBALL CENTRAL | Woodhall Spa (Hotchkin Course)

[Wed 29 Jul 2020](#) | COUNTY BETTER BALL SOUTH | Spalding

August 2020

Mon 03 Aug 2020 | AUTUMN MEETING | Sleaford

October 2020

Thu 08 Oct 2020 | COUNTY AM-AM | Grimsby

Sun 18 Oct 2020 | LADY PRESIDENT'S DAY | Woodhall Spa (Bracken Course)

England Golf Trust

England Golf Trust replaced the ELGA and EWGA Trust that were active some years ago, but still have the same remit around supporting young golfers in financial need, except they now support both boys and girls. More information about the Trust and Grants can be found [can be found here](#).

There are 3 different grants and bursaries:

England Golf Trust Grant – Applications accepted 3 times per year and for young golfers in financial need to help them to continue in the game. These are for anyone under 21 and/or in full time education. [Find out more information about the England Golf Trust Grant here](#).

England Golf Bursary - The bursaries have been provided by England Golf and students eligible to apply include those in or entering full-time education at a Higher or Further Education College/University Post year 12 studying a golf

related subject or be studying an academic subject post Year 13. They will receive support for the duration of the course for a maximum of 3 years. Application window is open once a year which closes in September and up to £1500 is available. [Find out more information about the England Golf Bursary here](#)

Angela Uzielli Bursary – Funded specifically to female students, Bursaries will be awarded to promising girl golfers who wish to further their education at university or college, within the British Isles, after school academic year 12, and at the same time continue to develop their golfing skills. They should be of English nationality by birth or have either parent of English nationality, or have been resident in England for the last two years. The funds are generally not accessible for individuals that aspire to be Professionals, but more so for those girls who wish to be an Amateur Golfer and need financial support in order to continue playing. Funding of up to £2000 available for the duration of the course. Application window is open once a year which closes in September. [Find out more information about the Angela Uzielli Bursary here](#)

In addition, we are aiming to get more clubs entering the **England Golf Trust National Stableford** to help us to raise funds. This takes place once a year, where clubs can nominate say a Stableford competition and the purpose is to raise funds to support young golfers of any level who, without some financial assistance, would not be able to continue playing the game. The competition consists of a preliminary round, which is any women's club Stableford played before 06 July 2020. The highest scorer from Divisions 1,2 and 3 (20 and below) and from Divisions 4 and 5 (21 to 36) will add their scores together and the top 30 pairs will be invited to play in the National Final which will be a Better Ball pairs competition at Kings Norton Golf Club in August.

Ladies, your help in promoting and encouraging entries to the England Golf Trust Stableford within clubs and the county would be greatly appreciated.

Please can you help share the above information around grants and bursaries with any girls you feel would benefit from support and also help to promote the Trust Stableford Fundraiser Competition.

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AND FINALLY....

Please send in your news and do let us know about those holes in one!

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Happy Golfing Ladies