

The income for September shown in the accounts was £1,810.00 for Bunty Booth entry fee, Shotgun entries, Raffle income from Ryder Cup and Shotgun events, plus monies for meals for the presentation night.

Expenditure for September amounted to £1,292.53 for Bank charges, Shotgun prizes, Shotgun meals plus gratuities, Keys, Napkins and flowers for Lady Captain`s Invitation Day, Airhorn and Silver polish for trophies.

Total assets therefore amounted to £2,266.83 with the Net Assets amounting to £1,471.83 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £550 for Canopy hire, Donation of £200 to Endeavour Project and £45 for meals for the presentation night.

Competition Secretary`s Report:

Winter 13-hole competitions run by Gillian will begin next week.

The Lancashire Senior Ladies Golf Association Competition held at Knott End was won by Eileen, Clare, Anne and Gillian C, putting Harwood on the map once more.

Eileen, Dianne, Marion A and Sue D played in the ELLGA Autumn Meeting and came first with 74 points. Anne, Elaine S, Sue M and Jan gained 2nd place. Well done ladies.

Lady Captain, Dianne, and Lady Captain Elect, Helen, worked hard to arrange a Ryder Cup competition with ladies belonging to either Team Europe or Team USA. Unfortunately, the weather was horrendous and the golf had to be cancelled. The Ryder Cup became an indoor games competition instead. The clubhouse was alive, and everyone had a wonderful time, with USA beating Europe by a narrow margin. We were treated to a lovely lunch and generous prizes and gifts. Many thanks to LC and LCE and happy 60th birthdays to you both.

The September Shotgun Open Team Event was expertly organised by Elaine Smith and a group of helpers. Many thanks Elaine. 19 teams took part, and the weather was kind. The winning team were visitors from Greenmount. Clare, Elaine S and their guests came 2nd and Sue M, Jan and their guests came 3rd. I would like to thank Gill Rogers for her help in entering the scores onto Club V1. I couldn`t have done it without her.

The Harwood Ladies` Singles Knock Out Final was played between Amelia and Clare, with Clare winning on the 19th hole with a birdie. Another close fought match.

The Foursomes Knock Out Final was also a tight match with Lorna and Amelia narrowly beating Karen and Elaine H. Well done to all four of you.

The Mixed Knock Out 2023 came to its conclusion with Janet Ayres and Dave Richardson defeating Marion Nolan and Jim Baines in the final. Congratulations to both pairs on doing so well.

The final of the Daily Mail Foursomes had to be delayed as the course was closed. Clare and Gillian C were the eventual winners today, beating Anne and Jan.

Our End of Season Presentation will take place on Wednesday 18th October. The trophies have gone for engraving. Thanks to Sue M. for taking over this job. There will be supper and a silent auction before the presentation. Gill has sent out a WhatsApp message asking for donations.

After the report it was agreed to hold the Bottle Competition on Saturday 16th December. Each player to bring a bottle as a prize. LCE to discuss the provision of mulled wine with S. Houghton.

Winter competitions will be played over holes 1 to 13. GC and KJ will set up on Club V1 as necessary.

Report from Management Meeting:

LCE passed on a request that the ladies` competition dates be sent to subcommittee chairs and the men`s competition secretary. This will happen as usual once dates of external competitions are available. There is no problem re gardens behind the 3rd tee.

It had been noted that no ladies entered the Kings and Queens competition. The various reasons discussed included the title of the competition and Saturday being the only real opportunity for recreational golf for working women.

It was noted by members and visitors that the signage at the entry to the members room from the lounge suggests it is a room for men.

There is insufficient space for trophies in the cabinet, so management will be asked what is the strategy re the display of trophies?

LCE

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Taster Report

JA reported that 6 new members are playing regularly and making progress. It's important to maintain the momentum over the winter months. During spells of bad weather, the TUAL sessions could be held indoors with time spent on rules and formats as well as keeping the social contact. Those who attend the Last Supper should be welcomed.

Coffee Morning

LCE is due to meet Dawn Eastland to discuss a job description for any organisers in future years. Lady President agreed to be 'hostess' this year. The tables will be set up on Sunday 22nd October evening, and committee volunteers will contact Dawn to find out the exact time.

Last Supper and Presentation: A reminder is needed re meal and payment.

Gill Rogers has sent a reminder about the silent auction.

Bolton Championships: The meeting to discuss the future of the championships was well attended. There was a suggestion that the club hosting each competition would also undertake the whole organisation of the event. If no volunteer for the role of President was forthcoming, the President may be nominated from the club hosting the Championships. Other ideas about the format of the championships were mooted, including holding a nett competition alongside the gross competition. The aim is to drive up the number of entries. Full notes from the meeting will be sent out soon with a request for clubs to make formal proposals to be voted on at the AGM.

Use of Ladies' Funds: AO has begun to calculate the cost of running the ladies' section, but the figures won't be very reliable until the end of the year. Agreed that the club's Centenary should be a focus for the use of funds. LCE to raise at Management with a view to a representative of the ladies to be on a working group.

Buggies for Team Members: Some ladies selected for team matches have incurred considerable expense because of their need for a buggy. Proposed by JA and seconded by LCE that buggies needed by team members because of a medical condition would be funded by the ladies' section. Carried unanimously.

JA asked if players who feel unable to walk 18 holes but who don't have a medical note could be allowed the use of a buggy in competitions. Not everyone is able to get an appointment with a GP and not all GPs are willing to give medical notes. There may be some issues re England Golf rules or club rules that need research. Agreed that on a temporary basis players may contact the competition secretary to discuss their needs and reach an agreement with her about using a buggy.

Photographs in Dining Room: Two members have asked if the photographs could be reframed or presented differently. Considerable time and effort went into the current arrangement. Matter deferred.

AOB

1. LC has asked LCE to give flowers to a member who has been ill. EB or JA will let LCE know when there would be a suitable time when they have the information.
2. KJ is meeting Andy Nixon re a joint presentation evening. They will discuss areas of common ground, and possibilities for the future.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7:00pm.

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