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COUNTY CHATTER

Captain's Chat from Helen Haycox - Hello Ladies!

Welcome to the first edition of "County Chatter" as named by Sandra Beckett of Norwood and voted for from the entries received by the Exec. Sandra has won a sleeve of NCLGA Pro V 1 balls – well done to you Sandra! I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and gives you something to look forward to in the future when we will re-start our golfing activities.

At the moment we have cancelled all county competitions to the 8th of June. We will carry out a further review at the end of this next lockdown period, competitions which will then be looked at are the Summer Meeting and County Captain's Day. All regional county weeks have now been cancelled, but England Golf have changed the format of County Finals week and opened it to all counties who wish to take part (if possible). They want it to be a celebration of golf and we have decided to enter as it will give our county players something to look forward to – we hope!

Once again ladies I hope that you are all keeping safe and look forward to seeing you on the golf course as soon as it is feasible!

World Handicap System Update from Val Dowthwaite

The Introduction of WHS is still on track for 2nd November 2020.

As you are aware, on transition, a Handicap Index will be based on the average of a player's best 8 scores from their last 20 scores returned since January 2018. Although it had been suggested that more historic scores could be used it was decided that these may not in all probability be reflective of a player's current ability.

Those with fewer scores will have their transition handicap allocated as for a new player. It is recommended that players return as many scores as possible during 2020-as soon as we are allowed back on the course!

Players are reminded that when playing Qualifying Competitions and Supplementary Scores, they should record actual hole by hole scores and only record a zero on holes not played.

Failure to do this could drastically affect the transition handicap.

I sincerely hope that we can return to playing golf as soon as possible and hope everyone keeps virus free.

Affiliation Fees Information from Jenny Smith

England Golf have informed all County Associations that their affiliation fees and the County affiliation fees should continue to be paid and on time. Team fees will also be included in this. Thus, NCLGA will not be refunding any fees that have already been paid and expect all affiliation fees to be paid in the usual way. The amount payable this year (1st November 2019-31st October 2020) is as follows and should be itemised on your club subscription invoice:

England Golf subscription: £9.50 NCLGA Golf subscription: £9.50

However, the NCLGA Executive Committee has decided that the county subscriptions for 2020-2021 will remain the same and there will be no team fees payable during that period. This will delay the proposal at the AGM November 2017 to bring the ladies fees in line with the NUGC. Individual clubs will be informed of these changes in July/August 2020

Midlands North Region Competitions from Clare Jones

Unfortunately the early season competitions, the new Fourball event and County Finals, have fallen victim to the lockdown. England Golf have also cancelled the Australian Spoons for 2020, meaning the regional qualifying event will not take place on July 14th. At present the Midlands North county representatives are reviewing the remaining events in the calendar for 2020.

How are you keeping in the swing?

Have you been practicing in the garden or following some of the many on-line golf exercise videos to keep in shape for the time when golf might resume? Or are you brushing up on your rules knowledge? Let us know what you've been doing and you could be featured in our next newsletter. I've been practising chipping in my small courtyard garden and as you can see the pampas grass proved to be a useful ball catcher, I managed a score of 6/8, so room for improvement. They were sponge practice balls so no windows were in danger! Email any of your practice efforts to me at claremmjones22@gmail.com.

