



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Ladies Section Annual Meeting MINUTES

Sunday 11th January 2026 at 2pm in the Club House

- 1 **Executive in the absence of Bill Clifford** – Joan Woodhams Club Secretary will chair the meeting.

One minute silence to pay respect and reflection to our Past Captain Ann Parrett.

- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Val Scrannage, Chris Finlay, Carys Jones, Karen Hunt, Angie Partridge & Pat Smith

Attendance: Barbara Hedges, Sarah Woodhams, Sue Grant, Joan Woodhams (Chair), Sandra Pomeroy, Louise Greig, Lynda Noble, Sam Waters, Jenny Hartley, Claire Pearsall, Sherri James, Jackie Jackson & Andrea Melling

- a. **The minutes of last year's Ladies Annual Meeting on 12th January 2025 were signed as a true copy.**

- 3 **Team Captain(s) reports**

- a) **Ball Alliance Joan Woodhams**

On the 1st May 2025 the 3 Ball Alliance was a very successful day raising a £1,734.

- b) **Ladies Pairs Open Barbara Hedges**

No raffle again this year and spot prizes were paid for from the income – final income raised for the Ladies Section was £602.

- c) **Breast Cancer Charity Day Sherri James**

Sherri thanked her Pink Ladies again for all their help on the day, they raised just over £2,500.

- d) **Match Captain – Claire Pearsall**

Unfortunately, the Ladies did not take part in the Presidents Cup in 2025.

- e) **County Representative** – Jackie Jackson resigned during 2025.

2026 County Competition Cards have been pinned on the noticeboard – please help yourself.

- 4 **Competition Representatives report**

Competition Diary - The diary has been set for the year and has been emailed out to all ladies with handicaps and a copy is on the competition board in the ladies changing room, please do not remove it.

Competition Entry - Competition entries are still lower than they were a couple of years ago, mainly on weekdays, weekends have been increasing. I will continue to condense the tee times available so that the available times get filled up and no-one is left without a playing partner, if this happens I will have to move players about so that no-one is left on their own.

We need our section members to play in competitions for their own benefit as well as helping towards costs involved at the end of the year. Entry for trophy competitions remain the same, that a player must have played a minimum of 3 x 18 hole acceptable competition scores (not general play) at Gaudet Luce within a rolling year of the trophy competition being played.

Competition cards need to be filled in correctly – there are as usual many errors, with some from very experienced golfers this year. Please all refresh yourselves by checking the example in the changing room. Displayed on the Captain's board in front of the computer are more examples put together by the Competition Chair.

Open Competitions - We will be running the 3 opens this year - 3 Ball Alliance Thursday 30th April organised by Joan, Ladies Pairs Open Thursday 30th July organised by Barbara and Breast Cancer Pairs Thursday 1st October organised by Sherri & Claire. Entry forms can be found on Golf Empire and some will be placed in the changing room.

Fun Comps - I am putting some fun comps on over the winter – the 1st is on 29th January

Team Captains - We also need a team captain to organise with assistance of Comps and Handicaps for County Team Championship, County Centenary Cup, Daily Mail Foursomes, Presidents Cup team and maybe any other matches that might be arranged. Claire are you still willing to organise Presidents Cup?

Let's hope we get some nice dry weather this season and we can all go out and enjoy our golf.

5 Handicap Representative

No report was submitted.

6 Finance Representative report - Allocation of section residual funds.

The completed ladies accounts for the year 1st November 2024 – 31st October 2025 have a surplus this year of £162.93. The reserves carried forward is £3,534.82. This is on par with the previous year. I will be having a meeting with the committee regarding this and our expenditure going forward in order to help the ladies section.

Competitions entries amounted to £1,297.00 which is an increase of £195.00 on last year, indicating a few more entries, which is good news. Obviously, this has meant a few more 3rd place winners this year.

The winnings for the competitions were distributed onto the member levy cards and Sarah issued vouchers at the presentation evening confirming to that member the amount of the annual winning going onto their individual card.

Any official requests for payments of receipts must be submitted to myself and I will liaise with John Miles who will ensure the correct and relevant payment is made once it has been approved. You will be able to find my email address on the board in the ladies changing room if you do not already have this.

As always, John Miles will continue with his excellent job of checking and clarifying the Ladies Financial Statements.

8. Elections

a. Election en bloc: Proposer and seconder for each Ladies Section Representative, as follows:

A unanimous vote took place to elect en bloc for the following:

Competition Representative – Nominee: Sarah Woodham, proposed by Susan Grant, seconded by Jenny Hartley

Treasurer Representative – Nominee: Sue Grant, proposed by Joan Woodhams, seconded by Barbara Hedges

Handicap Representative – Nominee: Angie Partridge, proposed by Sam Waters, seconded by Joan Woodhams

County Representative – Nominee: Jenny Hartley, proposed by Barbara Hedges, seconded by Sandra Pomeroy

b. Identification Team Captains and Open Organisers

Claire Pearsall, Joan Woodhams, Barbara Hedges & Sherri James

c. Election – If required for Section Communication’s Representative.

There was no election for 2026 Ladies Section Communications Representative. Joan Woodhams offered to stand in initially until someone can be found.

9. OPEN MEETING - Communications Report Barbara Hedges

I would like to thank Sarah Woodhams, Angie Partridge, Sue Grant for carrying out their role as a Ladies Section Representative in 2025. Thank you also to Sam Waters for keeping track of everyone’s handicap. Thank you to all the ladies involved in raising money for the Club Captain’s charity, The Primrose Hospice, and the Breast Cancer Unit in Worcester.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support over the past two years as their Ladies Section Communications Representative.

10. AOB –

Sam Waters urged members to read her recent email regarding the new HDID App. It is necessary to delete the old app before reinstalling the new app. Handicaps are all going along fine.

It was felt from the floor that the Ladies Section has become quite divided, with many ladies playing on different days to what is normally known as the ‘Club’s Ladies Day’ (a Thursday). Joining in on a Thursday is where you will be able to play leisure golf, with different people, at all levels, not necessarily only in competitions. Due to the lack of members attending this meeting today, the following suggestions were offered on how we could encourage more ladies to take an interest in playing on a Thursday.

- Ask the Russell Adams Academy to forward ladies names on to us who are new to golf, or who would like to get to know more lady members, so that we can offer to play with them.
- A group of ladies (Sandra Pomeroy, Sherri James Louise Gregg and Claire Pearsall) will contact other groups of ladies to explain more about the Ladies’ Section and to encourage them to join in.

11. Next Meeting: Club AGM is 30th January 2026 Date of next Ladies Section Meeting TBA

No views expressed at the Annual Meetings shall be regarded as binding upon the section, club or owners.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.50pm