Hi Ladies

Firstly, can I please ask all those who have not ordered their lunch for next **Tuesday’s LC v LVC 12 hole Comp.** to do so asap? Registration is 8.45am for Shotgun start at 9.30am. Lunch to be served at approximately 1.15pm. The Draw will be published on MSB by Sunday at the latest.

Following the Presentations, there will be the handover of Captaincy to Lynn Allatt as Lady Captain for 2019.

**Thursday April 4th --- Ducks & Drakes**

The bookings are open on BRS, but to date there is very disappointing response. If you are able to play, please sign up asap to make this a continuing successful day.

**The Rules Session** on March 5th presented by Joan Hughes and ably assisted by her husband, Dave was very worthwhile. Joan had spent an enormous amount of time putting the photo quiz and competition together. This was all very much enjoyed and appreciated. Well done and ‘Thank You’ to Joan.

**March 12th** Bad weather caused the closure of the Course and the cancellation of the first 18 hole Tuesday Comp. of the season.

**CCLGA**.

County information has been kindly provided by Liz Smith and so many thanks to her.

[www.cheshireladiesgolf.org](http://www.cheshireladiesgolf.org)

Your membership fees at the club automatically include your England Golf subscription. The CCLGA administrates some of this subscription and has a representative who attends the England Golf National meetings. She has full voting powers on behalf of the club ladies of Cheshire, so they are our voice in the national golf organisation. The CCLGA select and organise County Team members who play other Counties in the North of England and at National level if the teams do well. They organise the County Championships for ladies.

Perhaps the most important work is done with the junior girls. Very high quality coaching is provided at venues throughout the County. Girls do not need to be club members or have a handicap to participate. A range of competitions for the girls run through the season. Junior teams are selected to play in inter-County matches and various Championships. Our own Junior Captain, Georgia Allen is a County player. Our course is used for practice and training by both the Ladies and Juniors.

There are also nine open competitions for club ladies enter during the Summer. The details of these can be found in the fixtures diary or on the website. These provide a good opportunity to play some interesting courses at a reasonable fee. HLP are hosting the County Nine Hole Comp this year on August 14th on the Academy Course.

The CCLGA has now become a limited company. The Board is supported by committees who run the various sections. Apart from the Hon. Secretary who has a small honorarium, all members are volunteers. Each club has a delegate who attends meetings and passes on information to their own Ladies Committee. Liz Smith is our Voting Delegate, serves on the Executive Committee and is also Hon. Fixtures Secretary.

**CCSLGA**. [www.cheshireseniorladies.org.uk](http://www.cheshireseniorladies.org.uk)

This is an independent organisation for members of fifty and over. They have a membership fee collected in December/January of £10 per club, £4 for previous individual members and £5 for new ones. They organise Senior Teams for Inter County and National Matches and the Senior Cheshire Championships.

They also run open competitions through the summer. These can be played in even if not a member, but £5 extra is added to the Comp. entry fee. Each club has a delegate who attends the annual general meeting and feeds information to the club committee. She maintains the membership list and collects the fees. Karen Leach has now taken on this role for our Club.

The two organisations are in discussion over amalgamation but remain separate just now.

**Junior Golf**

Thank you to Chris McEwan for this update.

Our Junior Captain, (Georgia Allen) and her Vice Captain (Sam Read) are both looking forward to the coming season. Having not had a Vice Captain for a few years now, this in itself is progress.

We also have a few Juniors playing in the main Club competitions and winning (!), which again, is progress.

Junior 9 hole competitions on the Academy Course will commence in May, details of which will be posted on [theagacademy.co.uk](http://theagacademy.co.uk) website tab in due course on the calendar under the 'Juniors' tab, as will any other planned Junior activities.  The dates will also be displayed in the Driving Range Reception. The 'Juniors' tab on the Club website will also take you to this area. The information is published there as it is then available to non-members. The Junior 9 hole comps. are available to non-members too, in order to provide juniors with, or more importantly without a handicap, an opportunity to compete against each other and in the hope that they will take up membership at our club. (Information and definitions about allocation of a society handicap and the various Divisions can be found on the website).

Any volunteers willing to assist/chaperone a group of juniors would be gratefully received! This provides them with moral support, helps them with the marking of cards and also etiquette. Please let Chris McEwan know if you are interested in helping.

**Membership**

To date we have 139 Lady Members, but soon will be losing Past Lady Captain, Mary Gomme. Mary was LC when I joined and she was most welcoming and kind to me, for which I was very grateful. I wish her well in her new Club and hope to see her in the future.

**Shoe Cleaner**

Some of you may have noticed that the new Shoe Cleaner near the 18th green is now in place and working successfully. It is a vast improvement on our old one, with very good pressure. I am very thrilled to have contributed towards this marvellous addition to our facilities. Gavin has informed me that a section of the grass mound edging the car park will be removed to give a clean pathway across and one car parking space will be marked in yellow to allow pedestrian/trolley egress.

**Stockdales**

We have raised a total of £12,522.07p for this wonderful Charity and we presented the final cheque to them on Wednesday. A big ‘Thank You’ to you all for helping to make this possible.

I wish Lynn, Brian and Georgia good luck and I hope they enjoy their year as much as I have enjoyed mine.

This is my last Newsletter and I am most grateful to you all for your support throughout my year, which I will remember with fondness for ever.

Yours in Friendship

Kath (Lady Captain - 2018)