



# BCLGA ANNUAL MEETING

## HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB

**Wednesday 25th October 2017**

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS – HANDICAP ADVISOR'S REPORT**

The role of the County Handicap Advisor is to support members on all aspects of competitions, rules and handicapping. The vast majority of my communication with clubs is via email but I can be contacted by phone and also visit the club, if necessary. Additionally, I run Rules Seminars which are usually centred around topics that the club are finding challenging. These Seminars can be run at any time to fit in with the club but usually on Ladies Day, after a few holes of golf before lunch or tea.

Throughout the year, England Golf and the R&A produce various guidance documents, seminar invitations, surveys and leaflets and I pass these onto the club Handicap Secretaries to ensure that they are fully informed. This year these have included:

- R&A Leaflet on Accidental Movement of Ball on Putting Green
- Q&A for Accidental Movement of Ball on Putting Green
- R&A Survey for feedback on the 2019 Rules Proposals
- Reporting of Non Qualifying Away Scores
- Guidance document for Continuous Handicap Review
- Worldwide Handicapping Press Release
- 2018 CONGU Changes

I make contact with any new Handicap Secretary to let them know that they can call on my services and I send them the CONGU® quick guides, written to give new Handicap Secretaries and new players all the information they need to get them started. Please can I ask Delegates to ensure that the County is informed if the Handicap Secretary at your club changes.

Periodically I conduct a Unified Handicapping System (UHS) Compliance Audit. I do this for a number of reasons but mainly because the officers responsible for running competitions and managing handicaps end their term of office and new people take over. CONGU® affiliation places certain requirements on clubs and players and to quote the manual '*A high level of uniformity can be achieved if all parties honour their obligations by observing the spirit and intent of the system.*' The UHS checklist I ask that clubs complete is a good way for new officers to ensure that their club is doing all that is required of them and that any changes they

may wish to make are within the spirit of the UHS. Most clubs have completed their check list and some have found areas that need their attention so that they are fully compliant.

I am required to perform an annual audit on our Category One players where I scrutinise their returns to ensure that all relevant scores are shown on their Handicap Record. This year, as with previous years, there were no issues.

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