

## **Meetings, Ida Bunting Trophy and Friendly Match Report**

### **Meetings Report 2023**

Attendance at our meetings ranged from 35 to 46. Last minute cancellations, late arrivals & no shows continue to cause problems. Please make sure you keep a record of which meetings you have a place at and let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend. Final details for players attending Meetings plus reports/results/photos of our Meetings can be found on our website:

<http://essexladycaptains.wordpress.com>

The winners are acknowledged below:

#### **Spring Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at The Warren Golf Club**

**Iris Stranks Salver** was won by Kim Sparks (Warley Park) & Ros Clements (Stoke by Nayland)

#### **1st Summer Meeting at Burnham on Crouch 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**Froom Cup** was won by Brenda Young (Braintree) & Amanda Mitchell (Crondon Park)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Meeting at Stoke by Nayland on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**

**Joyce Layland Cup** was won by Janice Hamilton (The Warren) Hazel Jameison (Rochford Hundred) Sheila Dornan (Colchester) Dawn Marriott (Forrester Park)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Meeting at the Rayleigh Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

**Friendship Salver** was won by Mel Lewis (Burnham on Crouch) & Lynn Anderson (Colne Valley)

#### **Autumn Meeting at Langdon Hills on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

**Bradban Trophy** was won by Christine Barker (Rochford Hundred) & Jenny Luke (Mardyke Valley)

### **Ida Bunting Memorial Trophy 2023**

**Winner : Louise Daniels 15.3 (Boyce Hill) Runner up: Brenda Lord 20.7 (Clacton)**

34 players entered the 2023 competition and all rounds were completed on time. The semi-finals were held at Crondon Park on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August and the final at Langdon Hills on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Playing conditions were good for the final and Louise took an early lead going four up after 6 holes. Brenda won several holes but never managed to take the lead from Louise. The match finished on the 16<sup>th</sup> with Louise winning 3&2. My thanks to Crondon Park and Langdon Hills for hosting the final rounds and also to Sandra Goff for refereeing the final and all the supporters and caddies. Rules of the competition, the draw for each round and reports on the semi-finals and finals are posted on our website <http://essexladycaptains.wordpress.com>

### **Friendly Matches 2023**

In 2023 The Essex Lady Captains had 5 Friendly matches. We started the year off with the Essex Mens Captains at Maldon Golf Club. This was a good start to the year and a very good turnout. Maldon Golf Course was in excellent condition and was very challenging. The weather for April was very pleasant as was the food and company. A great start to our year. Our next venue was Brentwood Golf Club on 25<sup>th</sup> May for the match with the London Lady Captains. Another very good turnout and everyone had an enjoyable day. The home match against Cambs and Hunts on 5<sup>th</sup> July had to be cancelled due to Cambs and Hunts being unable to fill the spaces. We had to pay a deposit to secure the venue, which unfortunately was not refunded due to the cancellation policy. On 8<sup>th</sup> June we played at Romford with the Hertfordshire Lady Captains. Again, the weather was great, the food being extremely good (fish and chips) Our last friendly was on 11<sup>th</sup> September away to Kent (Chestfield GC) A little way to go but most people enjoyed experiencing a new and challenging course.

I would like to thank all the ladies who supported 2023 events. In 2024 we will not be having our match with the Essex Mens Captains as they have withdrawn from this event, however we have secured matches with Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Kent. Two home and two away matches.