

Message from the President

A big thank you to all our members for supporting the Society in 2023. Special thanks to the Lady Captains and their helpers at our host clubs for helping to make our events a great success. Numbers at meetings are still lower than pre COVID but those who come have a great time meeting and playing with other current and past Lady Captains. Home club players may enter meetings at their club but there will be a small adjustment to handicap to reflect home club advantage. I hope you will continue to support the Society and encourage others to join our ranks.

We as a committee have been working hard to make further improvements to our processes. The introduction of electronic payments in 2023 was a tremendous success. For 2024 we have combined our entry forms into just one page meaning you are no longer required to enter your details multiple times.

In the current economic climate, it is increasingly difficult to secure our events at a reasonable price. However, we have been successful in securing some great deals at a range of Clubs across the County, including some venues we have not been to for a long time. On the Friendly match front, the Essex Men's Captains have decided to reduce the number of their fixtures and consequently stop the match with us. However, they have kindly offered an invitation for our members together with their partners to join them on their Mini Break at Donnington Park Golf Club, Newbury in July 2024. Further information and contact details are on our website.

This year sees the Society celebrate it's 70th anniversary: more details of what we have in store will be published on our website. I look forward to welcoming many of you to our AGM in May at Stock Brook and to all our other events during the year.

Carol Bell

FURTHER INFORMATION & NOTES FOR COMPLETING FORMS AND MAKING PAYMENTS **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

We now have a combined form for Subscription, Meetings Applications and Friendly Matches. **Please complete by hand and return by post preferably by 28 February (details below).** Retain a copy for your information. Confirmation of places at Meetings will be emailed to you late March/early April and published on our website soon after.

Paying for your annual subscription or meetings

Paying electronically

Payments can be made electronically to our online Bank Account for your Subscription or Subscription and Meeting Fees. A deposit of £10 per meeting is required to secure a confirmed place. The balance of payment is due no later than 1 month prior to the event. Meeting fees are fully refundable should you need to cancel more than 10 days prior to the meeting. Any questions contact Maggie Stevenson email: autodot@hotmail.com Mob 07752 352467.

Electronic payments to be made via Internet or Mobile Banking to:

Bank: LLOYDS
Account Name: Essex Lady Captains
Sort Code: 30-96-26
Account Number: 80000168
Reference: Please follow the notes below

Please code your reference as follows:

- Your surname & initial (if your surname is long you may need to enter a shortened version to ensure all the other necessary details are included e.g. Joan Smith 'SmithJ' or Linda Cunningham 'CunningL')
- Membership and value i.e. 'PM7' (playing member £7) or 'NPM3' (non playing member £3)
- Meeting bookings – each Meeting has been allocated a letter code as a short form to let us know which meeting(s) you want to book i.e. 'ABCDE'
- Use a maximum of 18 characters/spaces, some banks may allow you to enter more but will then truncate to 18 which means we can't see it all.

Paying by cheque

Send a separate cheque for your subscription of £7 or £3 as well as an undated cheque of £44 for **each Meeting** you wish to book. Please note cheques are payable to 'Essex Lady Captains' and will be banked about 10 days in advance of the event.

Return of forms & cheques

All forms & cheques (payable to 'Essex Lady Captains') to be returned by 28 February to:

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