

Mid Wales County Golf Association



History

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The **Mid Wales County Golf Association** was founded in November 1978 under the name of Mid Wales Ladies Golfing Association. The inaugural meeting was held at Machynlleth Golf Club with Mr Ieuan Owen, Captain of the Men's Alliance, and Mr D M Jones, the then President of Machynlleth Golf Club, in attendance. Both spoke of how the Men's Alliance was run and what it would entail if the ladies formed their own association.

The following 15 clubs were represented at the inaugural meeting: Aberdovey, Aberystwyth, Borth & Ynyslas, Brecon, Builth Wells, Cardigan, Cilgwyn, Cradoc, Knighton, Llanidloes, Llandrindod Wells, Machynlleth, Newport (Dyfed), Newtown and Welshpool. Those clubs became affiliated members at a subscription of £5 per annum.

The Men's Alliance supported the foundation of the Ladies Association and with a generous donation of £50 to open the funds Mid Wales Ladies Golfing Association (MWLGA as we knew it) was launched. The officers appointed at the inaugural meeting were:

- President: Mrs Owen (Cardigan)
- Captain: Mrs Pat Morgan (Newtown)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Marjorie Gamble (Borth)

1979 Three events were held in the first year (1979) at Newtown, Machynlleth and Cardigan. The President gave the Silver Salver for the best nett score, to be played for annually. Sadly, Mrs Owen died shortly afterwards and was succeeded by Mrs Helen Gwyn Owen of Aberystwyth.

1980 In 1980 Mr Ivor Griffiths of Aberystwyth presented a Silver Cup to the Association for the best gross score, to be played for annually. That year a foursomes competition was added to the calendar and Mrs Marjorie Gamble presented two small Silver Rose Bowls to be awarded annually to the winners. It was also in 1980 that two teams were formed - one from the East area and one from the West area, to play against each other initially but eventually it was hoped to have a team to play against other counties.

1982 - 1986 In 1982 a Team Trophy was introduced. In 1983 West Bromwich Building Society gave the Rose Bowl and in 1986, when a seniors competition was added to the calendar, Mrs Peggy Highway-Jones presented the Seniors Trophy. In 1986 Life Membership was bestowed on Mrs Majorie Gamble (Borth), in recognition of her services to the Association.

In 1983, Sue Wilson of Borth approached the appropriate bodies regarding the possibility of setting up a County Team in Mid Wales. The Welsh Ladies Golf Union rejected this first request. However, for the next 4 years Sue, and other members of MWLGA, worked hard pressing for a County Team and in 1986 County status was given to the Association to commence in 1987 - some 8 years after first discussions on the formation of a County Team.

Mid Wales Ladies Golfing Association then became Mid Wales County Golf Association and formed part of the Midlands Division (Sub-Division 4), which consisted of Caernarfon & Anglesey, Denbigh & Flintshire, Mid Wales and Shropshire. Harlech, who had been affiliated to Caernarfon & Anglesey; and Welshpool who had been affiliated to Shropshire joined MWCGA. Newport (Pem) fell outside the area and if members wished they could join Cardigan. The English Ladies Golfing Association (ELGA) was the body responsible for the administration of County Teams, and Mrs Pat Morgan was the County's representative on that Committee.

1987 The first Mid Wales County Championship meeting was held at Aberdovey in 1987 with Anna Hubbard of Borth the winner. A list of subsequent County Champions is appended to this document.

Having now achieved the status of a County Association County Green had to be considered for those courses within our area. These had to be approved by ELGA and had an SS of 70. The following courses had County status by 1991:

Aberdovey; Aberystwyth; Borth; Cradoc; Harlech; Llandrindod Wells.

2007 The Golf Union of Wales (GUW), which governs the sport in Wales, was founded in 2007 after the merger of the Welsh Ladies Golf Union (founded in 1904) and the Welsh Golfing Union (formed in 1895). Since that date the Welsh Counties have competed in the All Wales County Championships. For these championships the Welsh counties are divided into two regions with MWCGA playing in the North region and having one match against Caernarfon and Anglesey and another against Denbigh and Flintshire. The winner of the region goes forward to the all Wales final.

2009 In memory of Mrs Patricia Morgan, who work tirelessly for MWCGA, the Committee allocated a new Salver, given by her husband John, to be played for at the County Championships and presented to the County Champion.

2011 Mid Wales was all Wales County Champions for the first time in 2011 and again in 2013. It was runners up in 2012 and 2014.

2012 Keeping pace with modern technology MWCGA established a website so that Club and Individual members could keep abreast of County news and events.

County Championships

A 3 day **County Championship** meeting is held annually, early in the year, with ladies (handicap 20 and under) playing off scratch, and takes the following format:

- 1st day 18 holes stroke play to qualify
- 2nd day the top 16 qualifiers play match play for the Championship
- 3rd day semi-finals and final
- In 2014 a Plate competition was introduced, played for by the eight qualifiers knocked out in the first round of the match play.

Trophies for the County Championship have been generously given by the following members:

- Championship Salver in memory of Mrs Patricia Morgan
- Championship Runners-up Salver: Miss Sue Wilson (Borth)
- Trophy for best gross qualifier : Mrs Susan Sherman (Aberystwyth)
- Brooch for best nett qualifier: Mrs Meg Bowen (Aberystwyth)
- Plate Competition Salver formally the Championship Salver: Mrs Pat Morgan (Newtown)

The County Championship forms the basis for selecting a County Team and the panel of selectors are Captain, Vice-Captain, immediate past Captain, County Champion and one other person may be appointed by the Committee on an annual basis. The original GUW rules apply regarding qualification for the team. The Captain of the County Association and the Team may be playing or non-playing, and serves for a period of 2 years.

The County awards points to players winning/halving their County match and a minimum of 6 points have to be achieved to gain **County Colours**. The first Mid Wales colours were won by Mrs Pat Morgan (Newtown) in 1988. A list of players who have represented the County is appended, annotated with those who have achieved their County colours.

In **2015** the County Colours policy was reviewed, revised and records adjusted from the year 2000. MWCGA County Colours will be awarded to County players who achieved a total of six points or more. County Colour points to be awarded to a player playing in a 1st team County strokeplay match or a County 1st team 18 hole strokeplay competition. Points to be allocated on the basis of one point for a foursome match played, one point for singles match played, one point for a strokeplay competition. However, playing for the County in a friendly or 2nd team match or playing for the County as a Senior or Junior does not qualify towards this County colour points system.

The Mid Wales County team uniform is white MWCGA badged shirts, black tailored trousers/shorts and a red MWCGA badged sweater.

MWCGA Competitions

Annually the County organises a number of competition days for its individual members who play for the various cups and trophies. Team events – teams of 3 competitions – were introduced in circa 2005 and have proved very popular. These are played at different Club venues in the County and representatives from the host club help with the organisation.

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| Spring Meet | Judith James trophy Meg Bowen Salver Team Shield |
| Stableford Meet | Welshpool Crystal Classic |
| Seniors meet | Peggy H-Jones Trophy |
| Autumn Meet | Ivor Griffiths Gross Trophy Mrs G Owen Salver (best nett) West Bromwich Aggregate trophy |
| Ladies Mixed Foursomes | Mid Wales Association Gross Trophy Gill Goodwin Shield (best nett) |

County Scratch and Handicap Leagues

County Clubs are encouraged to enter teams in the annual inter-club team handicap and scratch competitions. In **2012** the handicap league was split up into four divisions with teams playing home and away matches. The winners of each division going through to play a semi-final and final match on neutral ground. In **2013** the scratch competition was set aside due to lack of interest from the Club members.

County Juniors

The first Junior Organiser was appointed with the brief of encouraging as many young girls as possible to take up and play golf. In **2009** the MWCGA established a Mid Wales Open Championship of 36 holes which is now run annually played over two days. This competition is recognised as a Golf Union of Wales (GUW) Order of Merit competition. The girls play for the Anna Hubbard Trophy (Mid Wales County Girl's Champion), the Rees Evans Trophy (Mid Wales Girls Open Champion) and the Brian Forbes Salver (Open Nett Champion). The County aims to run an Under 16s County Team which plays in the All Wales County Team Championship.

County Players achieving national honours

Since the establishment of the Mid Wales Golf Association in 1978 a number of players have been selected to play and represent Wales at the national level. The players list is annotated to honour those selected. Several County members have been appointed to key roles in Welsh golf.

County Membership

Mid Wales Golf Clubs that wish to become affiliated to the County Association pay an annual affiliation fee, which in 1991 was £12. In **2024** the affiliation fee stands at £30.

A Mid Wales **County Card** in **2024** costs £5 (Full Member) and £10 (Associate Member) for the calendar year. Members of Affiliated Clubs are encouraged to support the County and purchase a County Card. It entitles them to be a Full Member of the MWCGA and participate in all County Card competitions, compete in the County Championships, be eligible to play for the County team and attend and vote at the MWCGA Annual General Meeting. A player who is not a member of an Affiliated Club may become an Associate Member so that she can enter most of the County Card competitions.

MWCGA Philosophy

In the County Association friendship is everywhere, hospitality from one and every club is real and sincere, and the loyalty and support from all members is the essence of the County Association's success. Such has been the growth from the Mid Wales Ladies Golfing Association to the Mid Wales County Golf Association.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading about the history of the County. If you have any comments/additions please contact a member of the MWCGA Committee.

Presidents, Captains and County Champions

Since its inauguration the Association, and subsequently the County, has had the following Presidents, Captains and County Champions. A list of players that have represented the County and their Country is also listed:

Presidents

| | | |
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| 1978 - 1982 | Mrs Helen Gwyn Owen | Cardigan Golf Club |
| 1983 - 1985 | Mrs Marjorie Gamble | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 1986 - 1988 | Mrs Pat Morgan | Newtown Golf Club |
| 1989 - 1991 | Mrs Sue Sherman | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 1992 - 1994 | Mrs Meg Bowen | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 1995 - 1997 | Mrs Peggy Heighway-Jones | Llandrindod Wells Golf Club |
| 1998 - 2000 | Mrs Dorothy Whittle | Brecon Golf Club |
| 2001 - 2002 | Mrs Tricia Tonking | Llanidloes Golf Club |
| 2003 - 2004 | Mrs Sally Hutchinson | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 2005 - 2007 | Mrs Judith James | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2008 - 2009 | Mrs Sheila Saer | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 2010 - 2011 | Mrs Sheila Saer | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 2012 - 2013 | Mrs Sheila Edwards | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2014 - 2016 | Miss Susan Wilson | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2017 - 2019 | Mrs Lyn Price | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2020 - 2021 | Mrs Anna Hubbard | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2021 - | Mrs Kathy Price | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |

County Captains

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|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1978 - 1980 | Pat Morgan | Newtown Golf Club |
| 1981 | Susan Dyer | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 1982 | Phyl Craig | Newport Golf Club |
| 1983 | Dorothy Whittle | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 1984 | Peggy Heighway-Jones | Llandrindod Wells Golf Club |
| 1985 - 1986 | Sue Wilson | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 1987 - 1988 | Anne James | Cilgwyn Golf Club |
| 1989 - 1990 | Sheila Saer | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 1991 | Wyn Horgan | Welshpool Golf Club |
| 1992 - 1993 | Judith James | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 1994 - 1995 | Brenda Jeeves | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 1996 - 1997 | Tricia Tonking | Llanidloes Golf Club |
| 1998 - 1999 | Gill Goodwin | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 2000 - 2001 | Pat Morgan | Newtown Golf Club |
| 2002 - 2003 | Anna Hubbard | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2004 - 2005 | Gill Badham | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2006 - 2007 | Delyth Tuffnell | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2008 - 2009 | Anna Dyer | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2010 - 2011 | Sharon Roberts | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2012 - 2013 | Sherrie Edwards | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 2014 - 2015 | Kathy Price | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2016 - 2017 | Sally Wilkinson | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2018 - 2019 | Ellen Jones | Welshpool Golf Club |
| 2020 - 2021 | Margaret Bowen | Welshpool Golf Club |
| 2021 - 2023 | Sara Rees Evans | Penrhos Golf & Country Club |
| 2023 - | Sherrie Edwards | Builth Wells Golf Club |

County Champions

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|------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1987 | Anna Hubbard | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 1988 | Judith James | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 1989 | Susan Wilson | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 1990 | Patricia Morgan | Newtown Golf Club |
| 1991 | Thelma Gittins | Cilgwyn Golf Club |
| 1992 | Patricia Morgan | Newtown Golf Club |
| 1993 | Angharad Owen | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 1994 | Geraldine Gibb | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 1995 | Judith James | Aberystwyth Golf Club |

County Champions (cont.)

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|------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1996 | Lowrie Davies | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 1997 | Kay Humphreys | Newtown Golf Club |
| 1998 | Anna Hubbard | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 1999 | Sherrie Hughes | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 2000 | Janet Dyer | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 2001 | Janet Dyer | Aberystwyth Golf Club |
| 2002 | Delyth Tuffnell | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2003 | Gill Badham | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2004 | Sherrie Gore | Builth Wells Golf Club |
| 2005 | R Vaughan-Jones | Cardigan Golf Club |
| 2006 | Anna Hubbard | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2007 | Ruth Parry | Dolgellau Golf Club |
| 2008 | Sharon Roberts | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2009 | Sharon Roberts | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2010 | Sharon Roberts | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2011 | Sara Rees-Evans | Penrhos Golf Club |
| 2012 | Sharon Roberts | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2013 | Sharon Roberts | Cradoc Golf Club |
| 2014 | Angharad Basnett | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2015 | Ellen Jones | Welshpool Golf Club |
| 2016 | Sadie Dewinton Davies | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2017 | Ellen Jones | Welshpool Golf Club |
| 2018 | Harriet Evans | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2019 | Harriet Evans | Aberdovey Golf Club |
| 2020 | <i>not held due to Covid-19</i> | |
| 2021 | Sara Rees Evans | Penrhos Golf & Country Club |
| 2022 | Angharad Basnett | Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club |
| 2023 | Sara Rees Evans | Penrhos Golf & Country Club |

National Honours

The following players have represented Wales at Girls U14,16,18, Ladies or Senior Ladies:

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| Jill Evans | 1979 – 83 | |
| Sharon Roberts | 2014-16 | Seniors |
| Sara Rees Evans | 2012 | U18 |
| Sadie Dewinton Davies | 2013-15 | U18 |
| Harriet Evans | 2014, 16 | U16 |
| Angharad Basnett | 2010 | U16 |
| Isobel Kelly | 2021 | U16 |
| Isobel Kelly | 2022 | U16, U18 |
| Isobel Kelly | 2023 | U16, U18, GB & I Junior Vagliano Team |

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In addition the following have key roles in Welsh golf:

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| Jill Evans | Welsh Girls Captain | 2006 - 09 |
| | Welsh Ladies Captain | 2012 -15 |
| Anna Hubbard | Welsh Team Manager | 2008 - 09 |
| | Curtis Cup Team Manager | 2012 -14 |
| Val Franklin | GUW Chairman | 2015 – 21 |
| Val Franklin | WalesGolf President | 2022 - |

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County Players

*Those who have received their County colours

+Those players who have achieved Welsh honours

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| Gill Badham |
| Angharad Basnett * + |
| Liz Bush * |
| Chris Cox |
| Judith Davies * |

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| Sadie Dewinton Davies*+ |
| Anna Dyer * |
| Janet Dyer * |
| Chris Edwards |
| Grace Edwards |
| Sherrie Edwards * |
| Jill Evans * + |
| Harriet Evans |
| Lesley Evans Worthing * |
| Geraldine Gibb * |
| Thelma Gittens |
| Gill Goodwin |
| Verona Higgs |
| Wyn Horgan |
| Anna Hubbard * |
| Kay Humphreys * |
| Toni Hunter * |
| Sally Hutchinson |
| Judith James * |
| Kathleen Jenkins |
| Ellen Jones * |
| Isobel Kelly * + |
| Julie McAloon * |
| Nicky McMullan |
| Kelly Miller * |
| Ann Morgan |
| Pat Morgan * |
| Angharad Owen |
| Janet Owen |
| Sarah Parker |
| Ruth Parry |
| Heulwen Philips |
| Hayley Price* |
| Sarah Rees Evans * + |
| Sharon Roberts * + |
| Sarah Rowlands |
| Dilys Samuel |
| Sheila Saer |
| Sue Sherman |
| Lona Thomas * |
| Kay Thomas |
| Tricia Tonking * |
| Delyth Tuffnell * |
| Mary Upson * |
| Rose Vaughan Jones * |
| Eddie Walker |
| Pam Wheeler |
| Dorothy Whittle |
| Sally Wilkinson * |
| Sue Wilson * |
| Margaret Wood |

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