

**MEETING OF CLUB DELEGATES
PIKE HILLS GOLF CLUB
FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2009**

Mrs Sue Dennis, Captain of Yorkshire welcomed 75 delegates to the meeting and thanked Pike Hills for the use of the Club once again.

1. ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION – Mrs Sue Milner

The Report covered the two North Regional meetings in February and April, 2009.

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