

Seniors Golf Section

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CFCC SENIOR GOLF SECTION 2022

The Annual AGM was held on Monday 7th November 2022 in the South China Suite at CFCC.

The Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting which was attended by about 50% of the Seniors membership (53 members and Committee in attendance).

Prior to the opening remarks from the Captain, it was his great pleasure to present a cheque for £2042.80 to a representative from Prostate Cancer(UK), his chosen charity over the past year, who made a small speech about the work undertaken by the charity followed by a Q&A session on the subject. It is fair to say they were pleasantly surprised and pleased by the amount raised.

Apologies were received from Al Tout, Mike Pooley, Ian Ponton, Andy Whitby, Mark Minett, Chris Sharp, Peter Holland, Martin Robinson, Paddy Spear, Steve Hatherley, Paul Jones, Mick Ryan, Tony Frost, Tim Borrett and Alec Turner.

ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was noted that the Treasurer's full financial statement was missing from the 2021 AGM minutes. The remainder of the minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Graham Street Seconded: Phil Beech

ITEM 2 - MATTERS ARISING

2.1 The 5-week booking window was retained with booking time moved to 1800.

2.2 Move to online accounting. Achieved by the introduction of the wallet with the added benefit of reducing the hours spent manning the bridge.

2.3 Migration to Club V1 and HowDidiDo. Now achieved for all competitions where practical.

ITEM 3 - OUTGOING CAPTAIN'S REPORT

3.1 A personal thank-you to Mick Ryan for organising St.Austell brewery for Captain's Day, Phil Beech for being my personal chauffeur for away matches and to the Senior Section as a whole for supporting my charity throughout the year.

3.2 Was the season a success? As far as Inter Club Matches were concerned, we played 27 out of a scheduled 28 matches winning 14 at home, losing 4 and all square in 1. Away we lost 12, all square in 1. It is debatable whether that was a success, but I, for one, have enjoyed every match I played including the ones I lost. Using the data, I have available from the rollups, we have had a 31% increase in members playing which is undoubtedly a success.

3.3 *At this point of the meeting references were made to both the electronic payment system and against certain members of the Section the Captain felt were being particularly unhelpful and disruptive. In the interests of reporting a fair account of this part of the AGM it should be noted that some members took offence at the tone and personal references being made and choose to leave the meeting, and for this reason it is felt that repeating comments made within the minutes would be in no-one's interest. (Post meeting note: the majority of those who left the meeting have subsequently apologised to the new Captain for which he passes on his thanks).*

In conclusion, I would like everyone to enjoy your golf without any responsibilities, all you have to do is book and play.

(Following the Captain's Report, the Secretary presented Joe with a gift from the members as an appreciation of his work over the last 3 years as Vice Captain and Captain.)

ITEM 4 - SECRETARY'S REPORT

4.1 The last time I stood in front of a crowd of people was when I worked at HMS RALEIGH and 60 hairy arsed trainees (some of them male) all looked at me for words of wisdom to brighten up their day, they were sadly disappointed and, also sadly, so will all of you today.

Now, being vertically challenged I am a natural coward, which is why I write my weekly nonsense comments in the safety of my house well away from anyone who would like to give me a slap. fortunately, most of us have the memory of a goldfish and forget what I've said by the following Monday.

I would just like to thank everyone who have said how much they enjoy the emails and all of you for giving me lovely ammunition, sorry... content, to write about every week. at this point I suppose I should also take the opportunity to apologise to anyone that may have been offended by some of my comments.....

I say I should like to, but obviously I'm not.

As this is an end of year review its only fair that in the spirit of endless tv shows which show highlights of the year, I should do the same. so, from the weekly nonsense archives I present to you the following....however, one note of caution. this segment would be so much better if the people mentioned were actually here, and looking at the list of apologies earlier on, they are not, but to get them into the minutes of the AGM they're still getting a mention.

Jan - we added the snake to the weekly comp, last person to 3 putt buys the drinks, I present Des Bunney.....

Des managed to 3 putt from all of 2ft which is no mean feat..... and a special mention to my playing partner that day, Sam Potts, who was so bad he was taking orders for drinks walking down the 18th!

Feb - winter Olympics were on and Bob Burt thought he'd attempt the downhill slalom on the side of the 3rd green, at least Bob's still with us, Brian Goble did a runner (or hobble I should say) to Launceston after his downhill skiing episode

Jun - Ted Woodhouse in his buggy..... decided the white hoops by the bunker short of the 9th was a chicane not a warning, in the carnage that followed Geoff Pugh's trolley shot off for help via the ninth green, rescued by Keith Chapman's mad dash from the practice green

Jun - absentee Tim Borrett, ex submariner, he sent his trolley on a submarine qualifying course on the 14th, the poor trolley, despite being rescued, spluttered to a halt soon after. apparently, this wasn't the first time Tim has tried this particular manoeuvre, attempting it at Dartmouth some time ago.

Jul. - another absentee Mike Pooley unfortunately, he could have told us about using his trolley as a sand buggy on the 16th, letting it run away on the 8th gathering speed for a hang glider take off which was just rescued by Rob Smith in time, and just recently using his trolley as a wind surfer having adapted his brorolley as a sail. perhaps Mike secretly wants to play links courses and is prepping his trolley for different playing conditions.

Trevor Coleman, formula 6, where do we start! Illegal driving, losing clubs nowhere near where he said he last used it, driving over his own clothes, thinking the China Fleet dragon was welsh, turning up in a buggy the first day they were banned - just no time Trevor but thanks for all the ammunition

It's probably fortunate that I send a sanitized version to the papers or they would think china fleet seniors are a right bunch of nutters. the sanitized version, for those who don't know, is also posted on Facebook, read by about 60 people, and another thank you to the 6 people each week who actually acknowledge it! moving on to secretarial type bits.....

4.2 Constitution Amendment: As discussed at the committee meeting on 7 September, Joe will be taking on the role of website and online bookings coordinator. This removes the requirement of the vice captain to carry out one of his duties and responsibilities iaw article 11.2.2 of the constitution. (This amendment was unanimously agreed by those attending).

4.3 Fixtures: next years fixture list has almost been finalised with the club and should be issued by the end of November. As well as the usual annual fixtures we now have an additional 7 qualifiers which for the first time includes some during the winter months and a new anniversary cup competition. Friendlies are much the same except we have removed Porthpean which was always an unofficial fixture anyway.

4.4 Membership: following a dip in numbers when last years subs were due, losing a few of the non playing members (think it dropped from 127 to about 115), we have gradually increased the membership back to the current total of 122.

ITEM 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT

End of year balance £3418.79. Liabilities (purse, trophies, clothing & Honours board) £2078 leaving an actual balance of £1340.79. The funds were considerably boosted by income from the Open & The Club championships, 665.50 without which balance would be only £675.29, and a lower website renewal cost. A copy of the balance sheet is attached, please note the generous donation of £500 to help subsidise the 25th Anniversary Event came from the Men's Section.

ITEM 6 - COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 The Competition Secretary confirmed that the new ways of entering and recording scores for the two Eclectic competitions in the past year through HowDidIDo had, on the whole, worked well. He thanked the Golf Management for helping iron out some glitches and Jim Johnston for covering whilst he was away. The 2022/23 Winter Eclectic commenced on 1 November 2022 and will continue for the next 5 months. It was confirmed that for this competition, and others mentioned later, in order to win the competition, you must have submitted three cards to England Golf for handicap purposes by 31 March 2023. There were other minor changes including conformity with Club Winter Rules that relief applied to fairway/cut areas only and that "through the green" relief had been removed. Members were reminded that to keep the Eclectic Leader board accurate, you must, after completing the score entry screen, state that the score should be included in the Eclectic Competition by pressing the "Yes" button if entered via the Lounge Bar PSI or by ticking the box if entered via the app.

6.2 The summer singles knockout was well supported. The Committee has agreed that for 2023 the players would be split into two groups by splitting at the handicap mid point amongst the competitors. Effectively we will have a low handicap knockout and a high handicap knockout with the winner of each group playing off in the final. This was a trial to see if more competitive matches resulted with players of differing handicaps being more closely matched.

6.3 The doubles knockout was low on numbers and the Committee has agreed that for 2023 those that wish to enter as a team can do so. Those without partners would be drawn together before the main match draw.

6.4 It was hoped to introduce a new Team Open event, teams of 3 (2 scores to count) in the autumn of next year. A date has yet to be confirmed, but is probably going to be Monday 2 October.

6.5 For all competitions where there is a club perpetual trophy there will be a qualifying criteria for prize winners of having to submit three qualifying cards to England Golf in the six months prior to the commencement of the competition (with the exception of the 2022/23 Winter Eclectic referred to previously which is 5 months). Other than the Winter Eclectic the first competition this would apply would be Peter Gill in May 2023. There are 4 qualifying competitions in the fixture list before the first round of the Peter Gill, but

remember you can submit casual rounds at any time which still count towards your England Golf record.

ITEM 7 - 2022 AWARDS PRESENTATION

The following awards were presented at the AGM:

- Club Champion Andy Crothers
- Handicap Champion Les Herbert
- Singles Knockout Dave Pover
- Pairs Knockout Malcolm Harvey and Dave Cuthbert
- Matchplay winner Jim Johnston
- Peter Gill Trophy Steve Weston
- Alan Harvey Trophy Ken Topping
- Summer Eclectic Jim Johnston
- Nearest the Pin Rob Smith
- Bogey winner Dave Callaghan
- Q Cup Div 1 Joe Francis
- Q Cup Div 2 Andy Pearce and Steve Andrew (joint winner)
- Most improved player was Andy Crothers

Not present to receive their awards were Alec Turner (Seniors Open), Paul Jarvis (Knockout Plate and 25th Anniversary), Terry Pratt (7 Tee Trophy), John Callaghan (Div 1 Winter Eclectic), Dave Godfrey (Winter and Summer Div 2 Eclectic).

ITEM 8 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE COMMITTEE

The following officers have been elected to the Committee for the period Nov 2022 - Nov 23, all were elected unanimously by those present:

- Captain: Robin Smith
- Vice Captain: Paul Jarvis
- Competition Secretary: Doug Fletcher (re-elected)
- Honorary Secretary: Jim Johnston (re-elected)
- Treasurer: Mike Vine (re-elected)
- Joe Francis will remain on the Committee as past-Captain

ITEM 9 - INCOMING CAPTAIN'S REPORT

9.1 Introduction: Firstly, this AGM falls close to Armistice Day and as a mark of respect I would like to hold a minutes silence for those lost in wars and conflicts around the world, and to remember any personal loss in the last year.

9.2 Now down to business. I must thank Joe for his year as Captain. A season like no other with the weather allowing golf to be played on a weekly basis. He has been a busy man, and this will need to be followed allows I hope I can do so. Big shoes to fill!! I must also thank the committee for their support to Joe and I hope we can maintain that level of support through my tenure to help you all to enjoy your golf. I would like to welcome Paul Jarvis as my Vice Captain; he and I will work together along with the committee to make this year one we will all enjoy.

9.3 Vision: As a section we have introduced more qualifying competitions this year I hope you will all enter. We came up against some strong teams in our friendlies, and it is hoped that this change will allow us to select suitable teams to take on these fun days. A list will be going up on the noticeboard once all fixtures are in the diaries. I have no major changes to introduce this year. The roll ups will be fun and as I understand it there are some thoughts on the loss of the bridge. It is hoped that we as a section will maintain that facility, and through the summer months attempt to get the Lounge open earlier to facilitate a more social feeling. The manning of the Bridge should not be down to just the committee, and I would like to ask for volunteers from the section to assist, the committee

members need to enjoy Mondays as well! We currently have 120ish members, of which we have around 50% involvement in the rollups on a weekly basis. This is manageable but could be increased and I would like to encourage more to participate. If this is taken up then it will be down to the myself to up the tee times to accommodate. But we will need the backing of Ben and his team to do this.

9.4 A Handicap Committee is being introduced and run by Matt Tamsett, we will have a section representative on the Committee (Doug Fletcher). There is a ToR meeting on the 11th Nov which I will be attending.

9.5 Charity: I have chosen a charity this year that has suffered a great deal through the COVID epidemic. I would like us to support Guide Dogs for the Blind. There are hundreds of sight impaired people waiting for the support of a dog to greatly improve their quality of life but, as the breeding and training programmes had to be suspended during the epidemic, there is a real shortage of dogs available. The charity needs help to catch up with both more volunteer trainers and of course financial support. I am pleased to let you know that this is a joint Charity venture with the Lady's Section and our joint target will be to raise £2500 which will mean we will have raised sufficient funds to allow us to name a puppy. To support this fund-raising exercise I have selected the 5th Hole as my Charity hole. I would like you all to support this with a 50p donation should you enter any Penalty Area on this hole.

9.6 Closing: Well that's all folks, and here's to what I would hope is a fun filled year with great weather.

ITEM 10 - MOTIONS

2 motions were put forward to the meeting for consideration:

- Motion 1 - The Committee have approved the purchase of an honours board for the singles match play champion. Following a request to members for suitable names for the board, the Committee have agreed on a short list of 3 names for consideration:

Queen Elizabeth II Cup, The Tamar Cup or The Brunel Cup

Following a show of hands, the chosen name was Queen Elizabeth II Cup

- Motion 2: The cost of providing coffee and mince pies for the Turkey Trot competition on 5 Dec will be in the region of £3 per person which the Committee feels is an excessive cost and are not happy to pay unless most members disagree

Following a show of hands the majority of members present agreed to retain coffee and mince pies, the Treasurer will identify the final costings for the event which will be partly subsidised by club funds.

With no other motions to consider the meeting was closed. The date of the next AGM will be Monday 6 November 2023.

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