



<u>Seniors Section AGM Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>												
<u>Date: 6th November 2023</u>													
1. The AGM was opened at 2pm by Seniors Captain Stephen Johnson													
2. A moments silence was held to remember members who passed away in the last year. ..													
3. Apologies were received from Chris Boyd and Mike Travis													
4. Members in attendance were Captain Stephen Johnson , Committee Members and Seniors members totalling 30 persons.													
5. Minutes of AGM Monday 31st October 2022 was accepted as a true record of the meeting with no matters arising.													
<p>6. The Seniors Captain's Report is reproduced in full here:</p> <p>Good afternoon all and welcome to the Seniors AGM for 20223.</p> <p>The seniors' matches have been very enjoyable this year with most being played amicably and in good weather conditions. The matches are great for the social aspect and the result is secondary. Mind you I'm happy to win where my partner and I can. The results have been very mixed this year in that we have:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Won</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drawn</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lost</td> <td>10</td> <td>..</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Two matches were cancelled due to the weather which at times was very wet during the summer as you all know. Additionally, one match was rearranged.</p> <p>If it were not for a number of seniors who regularly put their names forward, we would sometimes not have been able to field a team. To those members I offer my thanks for your support. I hope that next year with two matches less to play we will find it easier to select teams. Please give John your support, and remember if you are a reserve, please keep the date open as we frequently get withdraws.</p> <p>Additionally, we won both the matches against the Ladies for the yet to be replaced Ron Gordon trophy. I suggest that we do not play the Ladies off the yellows for our home match next year as it did not go down with some of their team.</p> <p>Having decided last year to continue using ClubV1 system to communicate with the team organisers and the members, I believe this went well. One thing we would appreciate is for members to update their availability on ClubV1 as as soon as they are aware of their change in circumstances and advise the Captain and Vice-Captain ASAP. We understand that changes will occur from time to time, but it is very frustrating when a team is picked from available</p>	Won	10		Drawn	2		Lost	10	..	Cancelled	2		
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players, pairing arranged, shots calculated and exchanged with the opposition and emails sent only to receive replies saying the player has made other arrangements. We have had several occasions when reserves have been drafted into the team, pairings adjusted and notified only for them to say that as they were not originally picked, they made other arrangements and therefore not available. Please remember reserves are an important part of the team.

A number of us had an enjoyable jaunt to Llandrindod Wells where we played Cradoc and Llandrindod Wells. The first day at Cradoc was wet and windy but Llandrindod Wells, the next day was much better. The hotel was most satisfactory and luckily for me had a charging point for my EV. Thanks to Nigel and John D for arranging it.

My away day at Enville Golf Club in June was a great day out and I thank those of you who came along. It was fantastic that we had a reciprocal arrangement which meant we had a very cheap day out with no green fee to pay. Don't expect the same for next year as John will not have that luxury.

Congratulations go to Johnny Williams who has been a stalwart of the club and the Seniors over many years. He has won the Seniors Captain's day competition and the Seniors Champion of Champions competition this year and was awarded honorary club membership after 50 years membership at the The Worcestershire.

We had arranged for the major competition winners and a few of the Monday slot winners to fight it out for the Ch of Ch. We intended an entry of 12. Unfortunately, only 7 were available which was disappointing.

The monthly Monday slot attendance appears to be growing which is encouraging especially with the use of ClubV1 for this. In future we will try to vary the format and increase the number of tee times so as to be able to accommodate everyone and, if necessary, return unused tee times to the club.

The 4 Tankards were fairly well subscribed but we would like to see more players coming forward. We had 32 for the Fraser tankard and 32 for the Yarworth Cup, which was very encouraging.

Membership of the seniors is now open for the coming year, and I encourage you all to renew and encourage others to do so. We have had quite a few new members join us this year which has been encouraging but we acknowledge that several did not renew last year, and numbers are down overall. The committee are looking at ways to increase the active members and if anyone has any suggestions then we would be happy to listen.

You will notice my attire. After consultation with the Board, and support from Graham Chatterton and Stuart Green, the board is funding a blazer for each Seniors Captain going forward.

It has been a great honour to be your Captain this year. I have had a ball and I hope I have not let you down.

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their commitment without which the Seniors section would collapse. I never knew how much work goes into organising team matches, seniors' competitions, seniors Monday slots, Seniors Opens, Seniors Annual Dinner etc. until I joined the committee. We have had representatives on the H&C and Greens committees as well. There are also several individuals, you know who you are, who have given me the benefit of their wise counsel and experience, not least in arranging this year's dinner.

A formal thank you must go to Robin Marling who has organised the Seniors Opens for several years. On the day of each Open he would arrive early, well dressed, to greet all the players. He would also fill in where he was short of volunteers to act as starter. Thank you Robin.

<p>The Seniors Captain's job is much easier now that the vice-captain picks the teams and liaises with the opposition. Thank you, John, for doing an exceptional job as my Vice-Captain. You have worked hard diligently picking all the teams for this year. Thanks also for standing in for me for 4 matches after I had spinal surgery on 10th October.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">..</p> <p>Finally, I would like to wish everyone a good winter's golf and a great season to come next year. I'm planning to rejoin you on the course as soon as I am able. Thank you.</p>																	
<p>7. Treasurers Report The final bank and cash balance was £2,564.93 and a show of hands approved acceptance of the Seniors Section Income and Expenditure Statement of accounts ending 6th November 2013. There were 115 members at £5 each plus one Honourable Life Member. Seniors Tankards entrants were 30 down on last year but all the other competitions were very well subscribed.</p>																	
<p>8. Competitions Secretary's Report The Annual Seniors Competitions: The Yarworth Cup, The Yarworth Plate, Fraser Tankards, Corless Goblets were all well supported but the Seniors Tankards were down for some reason. The International Match was very well supported.</p>																	
<p>9. Election of Officers and Committee Members The following were proposed and seconded as per the notice on the noticeboard:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Captain:</td> <td>John Pooley,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-Captain:</td> <td>Chris Boyd,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer:</td> <td>Andy Peet,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary:</td> <td>John Davison,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Competitions Secretary:</td> <td>Les Facer,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seniors Opens:</td> <td>Barry Page,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past Captain:</td> <td>Stephen Johnson,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Members:</td> <td>Nigel Teale and Andrew Whiteley.</td> </tr> </table> <p>All proposals were unanimously approved by the assembled members.</p>	Captain:	John Pooley,	Vice-Captain:	Chris Boyd,	Treasurer:	Andy Peet,	Secretary:	John Davison,	Competitions Secretary:	Les Facer,	Seniors Opens:	Barry Page,	Immediate Past Captain:	Stephen Johnson,	Members:	Nigel Teale and Andrew Whiteley.	
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<p>10. Change of Captain and Address by Incoming Captain. Stephen Johnson congratulated John Pooley on his election and presented him with his Seniors Captain's blazer. John Pooley then addressed the assembled members:</p> <p>Seniors Captain's Vision 2024 Plenty of sunshine, optimal rainfall at night only. Myself, and the committee, are here to represent the seniors members and to enhance their golfing experience and the seniors' section within the club. We want your ideas and feedback so that we can reflect the views and needs of the membership. We recognise we need to raise the profile of the seniors section within the club with the objective of giving existing members an enhanced experience as well as attracting new members, which is key. Your committee has agreed to set up a working party to investigate and discuss how we may improve/increase seniors section activities, communications etc. For example, a monthly newsletter. Myself, Steve Johnson, Nigel Teale and Andrew Whiteley will make up the working party. We will be consulting and seeking the views of the Seniors Membership during this ongoing exercise. Your committee has a wealth of experience and is committed to developing the Section and providing members with an enhanced experience. Last year's club captain, Graham Chatterton provided a great deal of support for the seniors' objectives and this year's captain, Stuart Green, has made clear his intention is to continue with that support and where possible participate in seniors' events and comps. New senior members – I want to continue the work which Andrew and Steve have done in regard to identifying and welcoming new senior members to the section. We need to encourage them to join the seniors' section by means of an induction process which gives</p>																	

<p>them the opportunity to meet and play with seniors members as well as socialise afterwards. The new seniors are key to maintaining and developing the section year on year. Hopefully we can encourage them to participate in the inter club matches.</p> <p>Seniors matches - Steve and I appreciated the support of the regular participants in the matches over the past year. A total of 44 seniors played for the team in one or more match. This year it has often been difficult to put out a team of 12 together, with often no reserves and then withdrawals. Thank you to those of you who stepped in at the last minute and to those who regularly turned out.</p> <p>In 2024, we will endeavour to recruit more participants with various initiatives, such as I have just mentioned. In addition, my Vice-Captain, Chris Boyd, who has been a member of the club for 50 years, knows a lot of seniors within the club and he will use his contacts and influence to encourage those not currently involved, to join the section and participate in matches, comps., and events.</p> <p>Senior captains away day - I am holding my away day at Robin Hood GC on 17h June, please put the date in your diary. Thank you.</p>	
<p>11. AOB As there was no further business John Pooley announced the meeting as closed.</p>	