

**SENIOR'S SECTION
HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE GOLF CLUB**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 21st OCTOBER 2019

1 Welcome

The meeting was held following the playing of the Seniors' Autumn Cup and was attended by approximately 40 Seniors.

The Seniors' Organiser, Mike Hodgson,, opened the meeting at 12.45 pm and welcomed those attending.

2 Apologies For Absence

No apologies were received.

3 Matters Arising

Mike advised that the minutes of the last meeting were posted on the Seniors' notice board following last year's meeting and in the Seniors' section of the club website. The same practice will be followed with the minutes of the 2019 AGM. There were no matters arising from the 2018 meeting.

4 Captain's Report

Mike presented the Captain's report.

“At last year's AGM, John Morgan was appointed Captain of the Seniors Section, however he was unable to continue that role due to other commitments. A meeting chaired by Gary Aimson involving myself, Parry Brooks, David Johnson, John Bentley and Philip Rans reviewed the viability of continuing the seniors section. It was agreed by all that there was sufficient interest in continuing, but more was needed to be done to encourage members to participate. We decided to continue with myself being the Organiser and to maintain the practice of appointing Matchday Captains and to use the Club V1 system as a means to forecast availability of seniors for the up and coming fixtures, along with the list being populated on the Seniors Section notice Board located in the changing rooms.

The result of this reorganisation was that we had 43 Seniors signed up for the section expressing an interest in playing these friendly matches which meant we were able to field a team for all the arranged matches and I believe everybody got a game.

My thanks to the Matchday Captains

Ken Heap
David Roberts
Steve Boyd

Parry Brooks
David Johnson
Stewart Green
Philip Rans (special thanks)
Paul Sadler who volunteered but the match was cancelled by New Forest.

Thanks to Gary Aimson who instigated the meeting and took an active interest in moving the section forward and to John Bentley for continuing that active interest.

2019 Events

The events organised by the Seniors included;

Seniors v Ladies

The event on March 12th with the ladies was abandoned due to lack of support by both gentlemen and ladies, probably a victim of the weather. The event on 9th September however went ahead was well supported by both Ladies and Gents. Thanks go to Joseph Kierney who did a fantastic job of organising and running this event.

The Seniors Open

The Open was held on 2nd July and was again blessed with perfect weather. The event was much enjoyed by all who took part. The costs were kept to a minimum. We had a good visitors' entry of 30. Home entries were 24. Overall, the event was a success and we owe many thanks to all who helped and, in particular the Ladies: Ann Wakeling, Mary London and Liz Smith. Many thanks to Philip Rans who helped me enormously to organise this event."

5 Matters Arising from the Report

There were no matters arising.

6 Financial Statement

The Treasurer, David Johnson, presented a summary of the accounts, a copy of which has been posted on the club website. He advised that Seniors' funds had increased by £212 in the year. Most of the income derived from the Seniors Open, which made a profit of approximately £300. The only significant expenditure was on subsidising ferry costs for matches on the Isle of Wight. David noted that the accounts had been checked and countersigned by Chris Bates.

David reported that he had reorganised the Seniors bank account, moving the address from the Treasurer's home address to the club. Two signatures are required for payments and cheque signatories are now himself and the Club Secretary.

There were no questions on the accounts.

7 Fixture List 2020

David stated that the fixture list for 2020 was in an advanced state and was progressively being entered into the club website. There is ongoing dialogue with Freshwater Bay about including matches with them into the fixture list.

The Seniors winter competitions will proceed as normal. The Kuhler Cup is in progress and it is not too late to sign up. A sheet for entries for the Canada Cup will be put up in November.

8 Election of Officers for 2019/20

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8.1 Captain

As Mike stated in the Captain's report, it has been agreed that a Seniors' Captain will not be appointed for 2020. Instead, there will be an Organiser, who will coordinate the fixture list and ensure that someone takes responsibility for everything which needs to be done. Phil Cave has agreed to take this role from now on. Friendly matches will be dealt with on a match by match basis by Captains for the Day. Volunteers to take this role have been identified for all fixtures.

8.2 Treasurer

David Johnson agreed to continue as Treasurer.

9 A.O.B.

No further matters were raised

10 Presentation of Trophies

Following the formal business of the meeting, trophies for the various competitions organised by the Seniors were presented. All the trophies had been found and were available for presentation to those winners who were there. The Club Captain, John Bentley, kindly attended to make these presentations. He emphasised his belief that the Seniors Section was a vital element of the club and that he would take an ongoing interest in Seniors activities.

The various trophy winners are listed below. Prior to presenting the trophies, John gave a special award to Philip Rans, in recognition of his contribution to the Seniors over the last few years.

The Main Competitions in 2019 were

The Spring Cup

Won by Roger Adams

Summer Shield

Won by Phil Donkin & Roger Adams

Seniors Vets (+65)

Won by John Skeldon

Seniors Cup

Won by Robert Stubbs

Seniors Open Championship

A new competition was introduced in July 2019 which was well supported and won by Mike Allen.

Dr Hunts Tankard (+65)

Won by Phil Donkin & Roger Adams

Autumn Cup

Won by Steve Johnstone & Joseph Kierney

Kuhler Cup

Won by David Beard

Canada Cup

Won by Mike Allen & David Beard

Seniors Challenge Shield

Won by David Campbell-Stievenard

Dennis Lloyd Trophy

Won by Richard Frisby

11 Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.30 pm.