



Notts County Golf Society
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 25th November 2017
11:30 am. 1862 Suite
Meadow Lane Stadium

- Attendees:

Ian Roberts, James Lester, Luke Alexander, Matt Smith, Nick Everitt, Mark Beal, Tony Cottee, Richard Parsons, Matt Simpson, Gary Seagrave, Nigel Hammond, Tim Sills, David Jeffries, David Sadler, Malcolm Voce, Nick Galpin, Andy Oldershaw, Andy Bryan, Gordon Burden, Cliff Leader, Derek Prudham, Terry Lees.

- Apologies.

Jon Hickman. Steve Shepherd.

- Welcome from the Chair to all in attendance.

The chair welcomed all present to the 8th AGM of then Notts County Golf Society

- Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the last AGM have been on the society web page for the past year and it was agreed that they were a true reflection of proceedings of the meeting.

- Chairman's report.

The Chair welcomed the fact that there had been a healthy increase the number of new members and also welcomed the fact that Alan Hardy had consented to becoming the societies new President. The inclusion of the par 3 competition was also a great success. The Chair stated that even though that due to family commitments he was unable to attend as many matches that he would have liked, he was under the impression that all had been well supported and played with good humour. The 'Race to Retford' proved to be a very closely fought competition going down to the last group finishing.

This year's Weekend away at Staverton Park was also a great weekend and enjoyed by all those who attended.

The Chair also thanked the secretary and treasurer for all their efforts for this year and also thanked the captain Andy Bryan for his organisation of the captain's day held at Matlock GC.

- Secretaries report.

The secretary stated that all the courses had been provisionally booked for the 2018 and would finish on a Sunday this year at The Nottinghamshire to enable the majority of members would be able to attend. The Secretary then went through the 1862 fixtures for 2018:

- Weds. 14th March 2018. 1862 Hollinwell
- Sunday 18th March 2018. 1862 Bondhay
- Sunday 22nd April 2018. 1862 Birstall
- Sunday. 20th May. 2018. 1862 Morley Hayes
- Sunday. 24th June. 2018. 1862 Bulwell Forest
- Sunday. 22nd July. 2018. 1862 Stoke Rochford. (Captains Day)
- Sunday. 19th Aug 2018. 1862 Matlock
- Sunday. 23rd Sept. 2018. 1862 Melton Mowbray
- Weds. 10th Oct. 2018. 1862 Coxmoor
- Sunday. 21st Oct 2018. 1862 The Nottinghamshire

- Treasurers report.

The treasurer went through the finance state of the society.

Treasurers report 25th November 2017

Money in bank ` £1,968.40

(includes £25.00 x 3 subscriptions)

Cash in hand	£ 105.00
Total	£2,073.40

INCOME FOR AGM

AGM Income 11@ £15.00 £165.00

10@ £35.00 £385.00

Total £550.00

AGM COST TO NOTTS COUNTY GOLF SOCIETY

THERE IS A £5.00 PER PERSON SUBSIDY FOR MEMBERS OF THE NCGS

Total cost for food, match tickets and beverages from NCFC £850.00

MONEY IN BANK

£1223.40 (approx)

Subs for 2018 would remain at £25.00. The treasurer stated that there was enough in the bank to pay the majority of deposits for 2018.

More sleeves of balls may have to be purchased for front 9 / back 9 prizes for next season.

This year's receipts and bank statements are available if anyone wants to view

- Captains report.

Andy Bryan as this year's captain thanked everyone for their support and attendance over the year and again stated that the new members had injected new blood and competition.

Richard Parson thanked Andy for all his work and stated that he set the standard for refreshments on the captain's day.

- Election of officers

As stated within the Agenda, if there were no nominations for any of the positions on the committee and if the current incumbents were happy to continue then they would continue without the need for a vote.

There were no nominations and all were willing to continue.

The officers for the society this year will be

CHAIR	DAVID SADLER
SECRETARY	NICK GALPIN
TREASURER / WEBSITE	MALC VOCE
HANDICAPMASTER	MALC VOCE

- **Captain & Vice Captain**

Mark Beal was welcomed as this year's captain and was asked to name his Vice for 2018 who would become captain for 2019 Season. Mark asked Nick Everitt to be his Vice and Nick agreed

- **Weekend Away**

This year's weekend away will take place on the weekend of the 9th / 10th June.

It was Decided that Hawkstone Park would be the Venue. There will be 24 spaces which is an increase of 8 spaces from 2017. This is to take account on the number of new members who have/ will be joining this year.

Nick G to get this set up and informs members when sorted.

- **Proposals**

NG Proposed

All guests that attend society matches pay an additional surcharge of £10.00 per person. The £10.00 will be refunded if the guests become members.

It was agreed that this was a good idea Nick E seconded the proposal and it was passed

MV Proposed

That beginning in 2018 a Turkey Trot day is run by the Society. To be played on a Sunday in December with each player bringing a prize (minimum value £5.00). To be played at a local course

followed by a 1 course meal. A suggestion that a Christmas jumper be the order of the day. A different format other than Stableford, something like Medalford or betterball.

This proposal was discussed and it was agreed that it was too short notice to be implemented for 2017 but will be revisited during 2018 and implemented then.

TC raised the following points

As the winners of each or at least a few this season have had their handicap slashed quite severely, do you not think the scoring system could be altered slightly to reward the match winners more, say 12 points to the winner and all the rest the same as it has been, as this season as good as it has been right down to the wire it has been more beneficial to come runner up rather than being an outright winner. No idea if the overall winner would be different but just seen that Luke didn't actually win a game all season, no offence to him as he's a very good player (probably the best within the society TBH) but what would've happened if he had won a game early on by say 8 stab points and had his handicap slashed, rather hypothetical I know but just a thought.

This was discussed at length and the various merits of 2 new point scoring scenarios discussed along with the current

	1	2	Current
Position	12-8	12-9	10-8
1	12	12	10
2	8	9	8
3	7	7	6
4	6	6	5
5	5	5	4
6	4	4	3
7	3	3	2
8	2	2	1
9	1	1	

A Vote was taken:

Scenario 1	12-8	2 Votes
Scenario 2	12-9	13 Votes
Scenario 3 (status quo)	10-8	2 Votes

Scenario 2 will be adopted for 2018 Malc to adjust HandicapMaster System to reflect these changes.

Can we vote on an option for sausage cobs rather than bacon cobs or are sausages not available at the venue or are they more costly?

NG had already looked into this when booking the venues for 2018 and there are options for sausage cobs to be available at the majority of the courses. NG will just need to confirm with venues in advance.

There are currently 10 members participating in the Notts County Golf Society Super 6 league, this is open to anyone that wants to join PIN no 5QW3CQ . Small prize to the leader at the end of the season maybe? Obviously this won't be known until next May so can't be included until next year's AGM presentation? I'll be happy to provide a prize, whether it be a shield or just a token prize each year.

Those present were informed and agreed that this would be a good idea.

Is the society embracing the new CONGU handicap rules ready for next season? Basically making the max handicap for all 54 <http://www.congu.co.uk/congu-changes-2018/>

This was discussed and it was felt that would not be beneficial to the majority of the society. We currently have a max handicap of 36 and only 3 members are playing over 28. This would not be adopted for 2018 but the situation will be monitored going forward.

Would any members be interested in any other social events as a society now the numbers have increased? Maybe Go-karting or a night at the dogs etc.?

Any member of the Society is free to organise any event they want. They can use all the societies' methods of communication to facilitate these events; it was felt that if these events would add to the workload of the committee.

I do not participate in the singles comp but feel that the fixed venue is a little unfair and should be a neutral venue agreed by the finalists. I was unable to vote at last year's AGM as I was away on holiday.

It was agreed that the venue should be neutral but the date will be fixed.

Can we have future AGM's early December so we can have it as a society Xmas doo afterwards.

The date of the AGM is dependent on release of the next season's fixture list and so is not known until June of the following year. Also if we push closer toward Christmas member availability reduces due to other commitments.

I noticed at Southwell that Nick Galpin was little pee'd off with arrangements on the day, perhaps more could be done to help yourself Malc with the match day experience, I propose that the captain and vice-captain should do more to help with each game rather than leaving all to yourself and the secretary.

It was agreed by all present that there a lot of work to be done on society days and any assistance from others would help. It was agreed that the captain and Vice-captain should go out in the first two groups so that they can start tallying scores etc. ready for when the secretary and webmaster finish their rounds.

The Secretary and Webmaster will meet before the start of the season to check that the HandicapMaster system has the correct SI and Par for each course we are due to play, This season there were a few occasions when this was not the case.

- **Player Of The Year Award**

A new award commencing 2018, This is kindly sponsored by AKO Electrical Contracts Ltd.

This award will be decided by all members of the Society who will have 1 vote per member, you will be able to vote for the person that you feel is deserved of the trophy for their contribution to the Society throughout the year, not necessarily members that have won a competition.

It will be a confidential vote, voting for yourself is not allowed.

The Trophy was on display for all to see and agreed that it looked impressive.

- **Inter Society Competition**

A new competition is being organised between ourselves and Catchems Corner Golf Society.

This is a competition that will hopefully be played every year. The format will be 2 Teams of 12, players selected by our current Captain, 6 pairs will play a 2 ball Stableford game, a pair from us and a pair from Catchems will go out as a 4 ball, both sets of scores accumulated over 18 holes, 6 combined scores from each side will be tallied, winning team will receive the trophy to keep for 12 months.

The Trophy will be named: **THE JAMES HENRY BURDEN CUP**

It was agreed that the Society will participate with this. It will be Catchems responsibility to organise venue and date for 2018.

- **Any Other Business**

GB Mentioned the issues we had with this year's singles competition.

It was agreed that we have not been in a position where this had not happened before, and that the committee were put in a difficult situation.

And this has been discussed extensively since it happened. All dates for the rounds and final are on the website and each round must be completed by that date (the only exception to this will be in special circumstances and agreed with the committee). If the match is not completed then both players will be excluded. TL stated that it is the players' responsibility to ensure that they are able to be available by these dates.

Going forward it is hoped that this year's competition is well supported and is completed without any incidents. As mentioned previously the date for the final is fixed but the venue is going to be a neutral venue which will be decided by the 2 finalists.

1st round to be played by	Sunday April 22nd.
2nd round to be played by	Sunday June 3rd.
3rd round to be played by	Sunday Aug 5th.
Semi-Final to be played by	Sunday Sept. 9th.
This is based on a draw with between 17 and 32 players taking part.	
Final To Be Played on	Sunday Oct 14th.

IR Mentioned that the website may not meet the latest DPA (Data Protection Act) standards. MV to discuss with the website host to ensure that we are compliant. In the meantime all phone numbers are to be removed from the site.

RP Said that at first he was reticent to the inclusion of non Notts County supporters being members of the society, but has had a change of view and now welcomes the effect of these new members has had to the society. Though he did feel that the Captain Should always be a Notts County Supporter.

The Meeting was then completed with the arrival of Mark Crossley and Mike Edwards who presented this year's awards.

Presentation of Honours for 2017

1862 Champion 2017

Luke Alexander

Mike Edwards Singles Shield 2017

Luke Alexander

Lincolnshire sausage Hackers Trophy Winner 2017

Nick Everitt

Par 3 Scratch Competition winner 2017

Garry Seagrave

The Meeting then ended at 13:00