

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MEMBERS GOLF CLUB

29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WED 26TH JANUARY 2022 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Before the meeting proper began, there was a short presentation by Rainbows who are the Charity supported by the Captains in 2022.

A moments silence was held to remember several members who had passed away during the year including – Steve Wood, Alistair Elliott, Cliff Smedley, and Rosario Miniello.

1. Apologies – 20 members presented their apologies

48 members signed the attendance register and were present at the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Not held due to COVID restrictions

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Written questions, motions and proposals received by the Hon. Secretary no later than 12th Jan 2022

Proposal

It is proposed that this Annual General Meeting agrees to the formation of a Working Group with the remit of reviewing and revising the current Club Constitution in light of the current status of the Members Club.

In particular, the Working Group will be asked to specifically consider the level of inclusivity and diversity in the current wording of the Constitution, to consider how best to represent the various sections within the Members Club and to bring forward proposals to update the structure and wording of the current Constitution to more reflect current golf club practice.

The Working Group will report to the Main Committee and should produce proposals for discussion and agreement at an Extraordinary General Meeting in July 2022.

The Working Group will be made up as follows: -

Club Captain

Hon. Club Secretary

Club Treasurer

Representative of the Ladies Sub-Section

A Club Member not on any of the current Club Committees. It was agreed that Bruce Frame would fill this position.

Proposed – P Trotter, Hon. Club Secretary

Seconded – G Chambers, Past Captain

This proposal was approved with one vote against.

Proposal to replace some glassware competition prizes with vouchers

For the presentation evening in 2021 we purchased over 80 items of glassware to donate to competition winners. Whilst these items are highly valued by some competition winners this is not the case for all recipients. Some winners who were not able to collect their prizes at presentation evening have made subsequent efforts to collect them from Committee members but, as with

previous years, several items of glassware remain uncollected. This is time consuming for Committee members and also produces waste.

It is therefore proposed that we reduce the number of glassware prizes replacing some of them with vouchers from the Nottinghamshire Pro-Shop. As a suggestion, the divisional winners in the club major competitions would receive vouchers to a similar monetary value to the cost of the relevant glassware. These vouchers would still be handed out at presentation evening so that the winners achievements are recognised and acknowledged appropriately.

If this proposal is approved at the AGM in Jan 2022, the final decision on which trophies would be replaced by vouchers will be made by the Match & Handicap Committee.

Proposed – A Brentley, Club Treasurer

This proposal was approved with one vote against.

5. Any proposals for constitutional changes received in writing by 29th Dec 2021

Proposal to amend Causes 6-8 in current Constitution

CURRENT WORDING

The Elected Officers of the Club Committee shall be a Captain, a Vice-Captain, an Honorary Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Match & Handicap Secretary.

The Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and the Match & Handicap Secretary shall be proposed, seconded, and elected by the members of the Club (by ballot in the event of more than one nomination for any such office) at the Annual General Meeting of members. They shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, but the Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and Match & Handicap Secretary shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.

The Club Committee shall consist of Captain, Vice-Captain, the immediate Past Captain, the Honorary Secretary, the Treasurer, the Match & Handicap Secretary and up to six elected members, plus two representatives from the Ladies Committee who are likely to be the Lady Captain and the Lady Vice-Captain, together with the Captains of the Seniors and Mixed Sections. Six members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

PROPOSED WORDING

The Elected Officers of the Club Committee **will be the Club Captain, the Club Vice-Captain, the Honorary Club Secretary, the Club Treasurer, the Club Match & Handicap Secretary, the Lady Captain, and the Lady Vice-Captain**

The Club Captain, the Club Vice-Captain, the Honorary Club Secretary, the Club Treasurer, and the Club Match & Handicap Secretary **will** be proposed, seconded, and elected by the members of the Club (by ballot in the event of more than one nomination for any such office) at the Annual General Meeting of members. **The Lady Captain and Lady Vice-Captain will be elected by eligible members at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Sub-section.**

All will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, but the Honorary Club Secretary,

Treasurer, and Match & Handicap Secretary will be eligible for re-election from year to year.

The Club Committee will consist of **the Elected Officers of the Club, the Immediate Past Club Captain, the Captains of the Seniors and Mixed Sub-sections** and up to six elected members.

Six members of the Committee will form a quorum.

Proposed – P Trotter, Hon. Club Secretary

Seconded – G Chambers, Past Captain

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

6. Reports from Club Offices and Management

Honorary Secretary – Peter Trotter

It seems an awfully long time since we met as an Annual General Meeting and much has happened which none of us ever thought we would be part of, but throughout the last 2 years our Golf Club has been a consistent source of respite and relief from the vagaries of the pandemic – like you I can only hope that 2022 sees a gradual end to the problems of 2020 and 2021.

Despite just missing out on promotion from Div. 3 of the revamped County league structure, our Scratch Team led by Mike Dimblebee, Danny Alford and myself had a pretty good year. Excellent individual performances were recorded by all our players at some point in the year and it was fantastic to introduce new young member in George Orange & Lennon Albans into the team – well done to everyone and let's see if we can go one better in 2022.

The pandemic has made it clear that so long as the section committees and the M&H committee function regularly, there is no real need for the Main Committee to meet 6 times as year. The Main Committee has therefore agreed a new schedule of 4 main meetings per year and we will see how this pans out during 2022.

Regular Management Liaison meetings will take place with Amanda Fletcher, and these have proved to be very useful in keeping the Committee up to date with management information at a time of great change for the Owner. These will of course continue in 2022.

It has been a pleasure to work with Brian and Bev during 2019 and Brian and Nici during 2022 – thank you for all your work especially on your respective charities.

My grateful thanks go to all Committee members in all the sections who agreed to run for a second term in 2021 when our ability to have AGMs was compromised.

Finally, I look forward to a great year with incoming Captains Nigel and Hilary and I'm sure another excellent year is in.

The Secretary also made the following personal comment

After the initial COVID lockdown, very difficult and complex arrangements were needed to re-introduce social and competitive golf. With the support of the management team, we were able to move forward but it was not without its challenges and at times hostility - the COVID police was one of the more polite things that Colin Brown and I were called.

I would like to put on record my personal thanks and gratitude to Colin for his never-ending work – without his perseverance it would not have been so successful and I would like to offer my personal thanks.

Match & Handicap Secretary – Colin Brown

**MATCH AND HANDICAP REPORT FOR THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
MEMBERS GOLF CLUB AGM ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022**

1. **World Handicapping System (WHS):** In Nov 2020 WHS was launched by England Golf. This was a fast-track learning experience for the M & H Committee and the general membership. We have meticulously managed both Club System changes and reported back and challenged on numerous occasions to England Golf on some of the procedures that the WHS had introduced. Changes to the reporting structures and handicapping procedures have been revised as a result. I am pleased to report that the Nottinghamshire has been at the forefront of a number of these changes.
2. **MATCH & HANDICAP MEETINGS:** M & H Meetings are held bimonthly with all sections being represented. From these meetings, minutes are produced and published and are submitted to the main committee for scrutiny, comment, and agreement.
3. **CLUB V1 SYSTEM:** The system continues to be monitored and issues are reported immediately. The software vendor when appropriate provides full support.
4. **MEMBERS HANDICAP INDEX:**
 - a. **Annual Review (AR):** The AR of handicap indexes were carried out at the end of the year across all sections of the club in accordance with the WHS / England Golf directive. Those affected by the changes were notified and given the opportunity to appeal. No appeals were received.
5. **CLUB COMPETITIONS:** Once we were given the green light by the Government and England Golf, we were able to adjust our golfing calendar and re-introduce golf at a competitive level. Thanks are extended to the captains who were extremely supportive and flexible in their re-scheduling of some of the key events. I would also like to pass on my thanks to all members of the M & H Committee who provide support and carryout numerous tasks for their respective sections to ensure that competitions have run successfully throughout the majority of last year. (Dave Gray, Nigel Turner, David Rose, Phil Gough, Vicki Johnson, and Peter Trotter).
6. **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT:** Over the last 2 years the pandemic has thrown up numerous challenges to get golf back on the agenda and with the flexible support of the management team and Green-staff we have worked very closely to ensure the safety of all members and guests.
7. **CLUB COMPETITIONS FOR 2022:** The Club diary for 2022 has been put together with a full programme of events scheduled throughout the season. Copies are available throughout the clubhouse. Members will be notified should there be changes associated with the pandemic.
 - a. **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY:** On Friday 3 June over the National Bank Holiday weekend with the support of the Main Committee and Management Team it is being proposed to hold a celebratory event at the Nottinghamshire. Full details will be communicated to members at the appropriate time.

Treasurer – Allen Brentley

**Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club – Treasurer’s Report for Season 2020-21
Annual General Meeting, January 2022**

Financial Commentary

1. Annual comparisons for the last couple of years are obviously of limited value with COVID19 making a major impact in 2020 and also affecting the 2021 statistics. Competition income for 2021 (£18,840) was almost back up to level of the recent years before the pandemic. The amount paid out in competition prizes as a percentage of income was also similar to earlier years.
2. The budget plan for 2021, as with recent previous years, was to “break-even”. However, income actually exceeded expenditure by £3,000 resulting in an increase of the cash surplus held.
3. The budget for 2021/22 has been set to roughly balance expenditure to income, although the Committee has agreed to increase the percentage of income that is paid out in competition prizes (this will be achieved by paying out more places rather than significant increases in the amounts of individual payments).
4. As in recent years the Committee will review any opportunities to invest from the cash surplus where doing so would benefit the golfing experience of members.

Treasurer Notes

Once again, I can confirm that we have maintained strict procedures for securing and reconciling the funds we hold in the form of balances on members’ competition cards. The competition balances maintained on the ClubV1 system have been successfully reconciled throughout the year against the accounts system and the bank account statements.

I would like to thank Ash Stephenson for his input as auditor for Committee financial records and I can confirm that Ash has approved the Financial Accounts as reported below.

Allen Brentley

Treasurer

January 2022

The Treasurer offered his thanks to Mel and Crystal from the Management team and to Auditor, Ashley Stephenson.

In response to a question, it was explained why automated BACS type transfers into competitions accounts could not be made.

It was also explained why top ups to competition accounts could only be made in one week per month.

The Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Competition Fees	23,357	10,992	18,840
<u>Other Income</u>			
Bank Interest	26	18	1
Other Contributions	3,640	3,650	3,465
Total Other Income	3,666	3,668	3,466
Total All Income	27,023	14,660	22,306
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
<u>Competition Costs</u>			
Vouchers / Cards	14,943	7,560	11,976
Trophies / Prizes	3,407	606	1,939
Balls	1,188	322	
PGA/NUGC Fees	90	90	20
Total Comp Costs	19,628	8,578	13,935
% payout	64%	69%	64%
<u>Other Expenditure</u>			
Officer's Costs	958	0	728
Committee Expenses	1,301	988	1,074
Team Costs	1,143	120	245
Computer Costs	1,516	1,866	2,319
General Overheads	434	477	169
Social Events	270	0	0
Approved Project Costs	0	551	770
Total Expenses	5,622	4,002	5,305
Total All Expenditure	25,250	12,580	19,240
Surplus / Loss	1,773	2,080	3,066

Signed as a true record: Ashley Stephenson ACA, BA (Hons), Auditor
24th December 2021

Other Contributions	Ladies / Seniors / Management contributions, donations & cancelled cards
Trophies/Prizes	Trophy Costs; Trophy/Board Updates
Officers Costs	Captains Expenses
Committee Expenses	Running costs, Gifts; Ties (Capt / H-In-One) etc
Team Costs	Juniors; Scratch Team; Entry Fees; Notts Alliance
General Overheads	Stationery/Equipment; Telephone
2021 Approved Projects	New display banner; contribution towards Trophy cabinet

The Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club

Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

	<u>2020-21</u>	2019-20
<u>Assets</u>		
Debtors	3,026	630
Bank Deposit A/c	20,377	12,376
Bank Current A/C	15,400	12,202
Cash in Hand	52	55
Prepayments (Capt's away-day)		100
	38,856	25,362
<u>Less Liabilities</u>		
Competition Fees Pre-paid by members	13,147	11,171
Captains Charity suspense	2,276	814
Creditors	7,322	1,218
Suspense	979	94
	23,724	13,297
<u>Net Assets</u>		
	<u>15,132</u>	<u>12,065</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Accumulated Account b/fwd	12,065	9,985
Surplus for the Year	3,067	2,080
Reserves C/fwd	<u>15,132</u>	<u>12,065</u>

Signed as a true record:

Ashley Stephenson, ACA, BA(Hons). Auditor
24th Dec 2021

NOTES

2020 Prepayments - Captains away-day deposit

2021 Suspense - Captains Last Supper balance, Seniors funds (transferred Nov'2021)

Creditors as at 31/10/2021 (supplier invoices received, not yet paid)

Competition Prizes (NGCC card levy)

Lady Captain – Nici Wood

Club Captain Brian Knowles, Managing Director Amanda Fletcher, Past Captains, Ladies and Gentlemen of The Nottinghamshire Golf Club.

2021 started slowly with the first 3 months of the year in lockdown due to the pandemic. Despite this, the Ladies Section held monthly zoom meetings until we were allowed to meet face to face. So all our planned events for the first 5 months were either cancelled, or postponed.

At the end of March we were allowed back onto the golf course but it wasn't until 17th May that the clubhouse was fully open and accessible to the membership.

Major competitions and events on our golfing calendar were rescheduled and then rescheduled again, so during those first months I relayed messages to the ladies section about changes to our diary, as events moved and jumped from one month to the next.

We managed one event in June - The Past Captains Trophy so inevitably July was packed and started with Bev Cook's IPC Weekend away, with Ladies enjoying Stoneleigh Deer Park and Nailcote Hall - congratulations Hailey Laverty on winning the Trophy - a few days later we had Ladies Invitation Day and a few days after that The Club Championships weekend with Carol Houghton the overall winner and Gross Champion - later that week Past Captain Helen Haycox hosted her County Captains Day at the club.

Then it was my turn with Lady Captains Day in mid-July, I decided on an Australian theme and managed to conjure up the weather with one of the hottest days of the year - as the Aussies would say " it was bloody hot " approximately 60 ladies participated with corks on their hats carrying inflatable kangaroos and sharks. I had a great day and was delighted to hand the winners Trophy to Past Captain Carol Knott in the evening.

3 Days later I was a bag of nerves for the Captains Drive - I managed 163 yards down the middle of the fairway - not to shabby then !

I did say July was packed didn't I ?

In August we had the IPC Summer Meeting hosted by Bev Cook with a Pirates of the Caribbean theme - the skull and crossbone eyepatches and 50 mil bottles of Malibu adding an interesting dynamic to the competition - Congratulations and well played Lizzie Royle !

In September The Lady Captains Fairies were beaten by the Lady Vice Captains Witches and then at the end of the month, 40 ladies travelled To Rutland Water Golf Club for my Away Day - a stunning course with lovely water views and great Fish & Chips. Unfortunately we were up against hollow tined greens which amazingly had no effect on Abbie Chambers winning score of 36 points.

In October we played the Solheim Cup versus Ruddington Grange ladies - I was so determined to win back the cup especially on our home turf - we managed a draw after giving 113 shots - missing out on a win by a putt - we didn't win but more importantly, we didn't lose.

Also in October the Ladies travelled to Chesterfield Golf Club for the twice postponed Mountney Travelling Trophy for another great day out - we also Tricked and Treated with the Seniors and had a very challenging Greenkeepers with wedges off the tee and drivers as putters.!

A particular highlight was the Lady Captains Presentation Dinner - although the numbers were low due to rising covid infection rates in November - it was a really fun evening with lots of anecdotes and stories as the Trophies were handed out - as a total surprise I was thrilled to have won The Diana Rose Memorial Trophy.

My Chosen Charity has been the MS Society - many of us know someone who lives with Multiple Sclerosis - a debilitating crippling disease affecting more women than men - I'm delighted and very grateful that the money raised from all fund raising events, my Just Giving page, Family and Friends is £4,000 - Thanks so much to all of you who supported my Lady Captains fund raising events.

My thanks also to Managing Director Amanda Fletcher, Jane Rudkin for all their support, and Colin Brown, Pete Trotter and Club Captain Brian Knowles.

And to the Ladies Committee for all their hard work and commitment running the Ladies Section, organising all the weekly competitions, Friendlies and Special Events, and for their invaluable input at the monthly committee meetings.

My thanks especially to my Lady Vice Captain Hilary Smalley who has been my rock throughout my captains year - its been an absolute pleasure, and I wish her every success as the next Lady Captain of The Nottinghamshire Golf Club.

The last 2 years as Vice and Lady Captain have been dominated by the covid 19 pandemic - in reality we were probably fully operational for 7 months in 2021 - and given so much was cancelled and postponed in 2020, we have been lucky that we were able to run a fairly normal programme of competitions and matches this year.

Finally and in case I've missed anyone a massive thank you to everyone in the Ladies Section who represented the club participating in the Interclub, League, Scratch, Silver, Bronze and Friendly Matches. And congratulations to Vicki Johnson and Carol Houghton who are currently County Champions.

It's been a huge honour to have been the Lady Captain of The Nottinghamshire Golf Club - its cemented friendships and been a lot of fun ... And it's been brilliant having a parking space !

Best wishes and good luck to Hilary Smalley for a great golfing year ahead.

Junior Organiser – Lee Archer

2021 Captain - Liam Meaden

2021 Vice Captain - William Archer

It was a great to see the Juniors return to competitive golf in 2021. Due to the fact some restrictions were still in force the competitions were slightly reduced with 5 taking place. There was a positive turn out particularly at the start of the year. I am also pleased that a couple of the juniors represented the scratch team.

The quality of the Juniors has been very high, reflected in the fact that we had 4 Juniors play for the County Team in a recent 4 Counties Tournament. The team consisted of 7 players. Those from the Nottinghamshire were Liam Meaden, Lennon Albans, Billy Noon and William Archer.

The highlight of the year was when Liam Meaden (a long time member of the Junior Section) in his final year led the County Team in the final match of the Tournament. Liam was playing one of the highest ranked Juniors off +3 Handicap. Liam won the match on the 18th hole with a birdie having just lost the 17th to go all square. Liam will now leave the Junior Team onto pastures new possibly continuing his golf in America.

In July our Juniors defended the Lamplugh Trophy at home. We managed to enter 3 teams and were pipped at the death by Newark. Billy Noon led the way in the individual competition until the penultimate team had a player post a net 10 under.

Lastly turning to the Junior League. We just missed out on qualifying for the final as you can see below. Unfortunately, we were forced to concede several individual matches due to Covid linked issues.

William Archer was the only junior to play in all three league matches and won all of his matches finishing with a 100% record.

NUGC JUNIOR LEAGUE 2021								
*** GROUP TABLES ***								
Updated as of: 1st September								
All matches to be played between 18th April and 30th September 2021.								
Results will not be published until match sheets have been submitted/received								
ROBIN HOOD								
Club	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Ruddington A	3	2		1	8	7	1 +	6
Nottinghamshire	3	2		1	7	8	1 -	6
Radcliffe	3	1		2	7	9	2 -	3
Norwood	3	2		1	8	7	1 +	3
MAID MARIAN								

We have had a very positive year however the club would benefit from more Juniors joining the section. Over the next two years we will lose the majority of young golfers and need younger golfers to keep the section alive. It is a challenge across the County with many clubs failing to enter competitions due to a shortage of players. Any members aware of Junior golfers who would like to get more involved please encourage them to contact me or let us know in the pro-shop.

Next Year William Archer will be Captain and Lennon Albans Vice Captain.

Mixed Section Captain – Sharon Riddell

I became the Mixed Captain on November 1st 2020 but there was no AGM due to the covid restrictions, I was already part of the Mixed Committee prior to becoming Captain as I had undertaken the role as Match Secretary.

Immediately post- Christmas the country went into a further lockdown which meant no golf for approximately 3 to 4 months. The covid vaccination programme commenced during this lockdown giving us all hope.

During this lockdown the Valentine competition and the Start of the Season competitions were both cancelled and the first 3 mixed matches were also cancelled.

The first mixed competition to be played in 2021 was the Philip Lodge Trophy which took place in May and was won by David & Julie Rose. The clubhouse was not open, there was no sign up sheet, no registration desk and no presentation so thank goodness for HDID and Colin Brown for organising.

The next competition was the Pendry Trophy and this was won by Nigel & Linda Hetherington, restrictions still remained in place and there was no presentation.

In August the Graham Pickles competition was played and we reverted back to having a sign-up sheet, draw, registration desk and presentation. The competition was won by Bruce & Claire Frame.

The End of Season competition was cancelled on the 31st October due to heavy rain and was played on December 5th; this competition was won by David & Julie Rose.

The winners of the Order of Merit for 2021 are Peter & Cath Wong.

The first match to be played was on Tuesday 18th May at home v Stoke Rochford, first match to be played since 2019 and restrictions had been eased so we were able to sit and have a meal post-match on tables of 4 which at the time was very exciting. The Nottinghamshire won.

We have played a further 7 matches at home and away and I would like to say a big thank you to Yvonne Hoyes who has done a tremendous job in the organising of all these matches and writing countless begging emails for couples to play. All the matches are booked for 2022 so please support if you can.

This years Mixed Knockout was won by Steve Wyer & Michala Burgess, congratulations, and the runners up were Garry Corpe & Hilary Smalley.

During this year we have managed to have 2 Mixed Away Weekends. the first weekend was in August at Formby Hall, 12 couples attended and all enjoyed the challenge of the course and the whole weekend experience. Michala Burgess & Steve Wyer were the winners of the whole weekend and won the Mansfield Trophy. The second weekend was in September at Tytherington, the weather was good, the hotel facilities and staff were excellent and the golf courses were in excellent condition although very challenging. Reg Lumbis & Helen Haycox were the winners of this weekend and won the Gelsthorpe Trophy. As always Steve & Julie King have done a great job organising these weekends and are working hard organising the weekends away for 2022 so please support if possible. A big thank you to Steve & Julie.

This year the first Mixed Ping Competition took place and was won by Peter & Cath Wong, they went on to play the final and came 9th. The date for this competition in 2022 is Sunday 17th July.

I would have struggled to undertake the role as Mixed Captain without the expertise and guidance from Mark who is the Secretary, David who is the Match & Handicap Secretary & Julie who is the Treasurer. They have all been on the Mixed Committee several years and all do a brilliant job. I have already mentioned Yvonne who commenced this year as the Match Secretary and is also doing a brilliant job. I would like to thank them all for their dedication and support over the year.

I could not do this report without mentioning Steve Wood who sadly died on the 7th September after a very short illness. He was the Mixed Captain from November 2019 to October 2020 and although he had a strange year with the start of the covid pandemic he always remained enthusiastic and committed to the Mixed Section and always looking for ways to enhance the section. He will be sadly missed.

Last but not least I would like to thank the Management and the Main Committee for their support over the past year but most importantly I would like to thank you all for your support and please continue to support the Mixed Section in 2022.

Seniors Captain – Davis S Pearson

What a year we've had. Matches off at the beginning, then matches played with no meals after, finally from July, something approaching normality.

The response to the matches was, for the most part a bit of a struggle, understandable due to the uncertainty around the "C" word. That said all the major competitions were really well supported, as were the Trick or Treat with the Ladies and the Christmas Greensomes.

Let's hope that this year an even greater level of normality will replace the uncertainty of 2021.

For those who have contributed to the Club Charity and to my Charity, The Children's Cancer Ward at the Nottingham City Hospital thank you.

Grant Williams, the 2022 Seniors Captain hoped that there would be improved communication and liaison moving forward.

Course Superintendent – Pete Billings

The last 2 years has brought us all many challenges both on and off the golf courses. One of mine has been to try and continue providing you the members courses that are constantly improving and ones that you are proud to be members of.

The main ingredient of this report is the recollection of all the (if I can remember it all!) construction work that has been completed during the last 2 years.

At the start of the Covid epidemic we had started the remodelling of the Signatures 3rd hole with the main aim being the improvement of the fairway drainage. With the creation of the new pond it has successfully achieved that and has transformed the layout of the hole completely. Whilst we were in the area we also worked on the 3rd and 6th tee complexes. We managed to complete most of the excavations before the end of lock down which meant we could then concentrate on preparing the courses for your return. It felt both weird not seeing players on the courses at the start of lock down and then weird again seeing you back on them later!

The following year we started with the works on the Signatures 2nd and 5th holes. The creation of the new ponds on the 2nd helped with the drainage issues we had there and the redesign of the surround on the right of the 5th green removed the boggy wet area which was a nightmare during the winter. Also we dredged the existing pond on the 7th which collects water off the fairway and has now returned it to the feature it once was. These ponds are now all interlinked so water that comes off the 7th fairway finally makes its way to the championships 10th hole.

Meanwhile last year the courses performed well and the greens once again provided a good and true surface. The level of greens maintenance seems to be successful and we are receiving favourable reports from our soil analysis which are completed every year. At the start of Autumn this year we decided to tackle the Championships 15th hole. We had some drainage issues on the right so we decided to create a new pond and improve the ground levels so water can now freely drain into it. We also exposed the existing ditch which has now become a feature of the hole. Material that was excavated from this area was placed along the left of the fairway to frame the hole and the trees that were there have been transplanted to the right of the fairway. We also used some of the material to create new tee complexes on the 15th and 16th. I think you'll agree the 16th was way overdue and has helped make a feature of the pond under the trees.

I'm sure I've probably missed some bits but as I said earlier it has been 2 years!

Next we are looking at repairing the 1st and 3rd revetments as they are in desperate need of attention. This is the first phase of another exciting project to both improve these 2 holes and also improve the drainage issues we often experience down there. Watch this space!

As you can see we haven't sat around over the last couple of years and are always looking to improve the courses both from a playing and maintenance point of view.

I'm sorry I won't be at the AGM as I plan to be in isolation in preparation of my long awaited back operation. Hopefully life will then return to some kind of normality and you can enjoy a full season of golf.

In addition to the report, an email from Bill Wren offering thanks to Pete and all the greens staff was read out.

The best wishes of the meeting were passed on to Pete who was in hospital having back surgery.

In response to a question about divot repairs and the use of bio-degradable pegs, Amanda Fletcher confirmed that this was being looked at.

Colin Brown offered his thanks to Pete and David plus the rest of the team for their support in 2021.

Managing Director – Amanda Fletcher

Amanda offered her sincere thanks to Brian Knowles, Nici wood and Bev Cook for their support and help over the past two years. She also thanked Sharon Riddell and David Pearson for their work in 2021.

She also mentioned the support coming from Grant Williams and mentioned the Samaritans as the Seniors charity in 2022.

Amanda welcomed Nigel and Hilary to their respective positions and wished them well in their coming year.

Amanda thanked all the members for their support during the pandemic – the Club would not have survived without them.

At this point, Amanda gave an update on the position regarding the Gents Locker Room offered to answer any questions.

Clive Watkins commented that course developments were not very well communicated. In response, Amanda said that getting a solid plan was sometimes difficult but confirmed that changes to the C1 and C3 holes around the greens would be taking place.

Steve Black asked about the possibility of further signs after the accident on the C15 tee – Amanda confirmed that this was happening and a further bridge over the new water feature was being looked at.

In response to a question from Richard Lawless, Amanda confirmed that the bar top was going to be resurfaced.

Amanda then introduced James Thomson, Director of Golf. James thanked the members for their support during his first 6 months and gave a brief outline of the refurbishment of the driving range which was going to take place in Feb/Mar.

Club Captain – Brian Knowles

Good evening and thanks for your presence tonight. I want to start by talking about my charity, Prostate Cancer UK. Over my time as Captain, we've raised £13,090 and that is largely down to the generosity of you the members. Interestingly the golf branch of PCUK has raised close to £1million this year. This money enables the funding of research into the treatment and care of those unfortunate enough to suffer from this cancer. I didn't want to just raise money however, I was hopeful of raising awareness and openness amongst men particularly, to discuss and share their experiences in the hope that more of us will do something positive should we start to have symptoms.

I can't avoid mentioning Covid. The shutdowns offered a great opportunity for Pete Billings and his team to crack on with a number of improvements to the courses unhampered by golfers. What a great job they did too. The 3rd hole on the Signature course was transformed from a boggy mess into a stunning challenging hole. The other works have also improved the look and playability of the courses. I'm sure we all look forward to the works on the 15th and 16th holes on the Championship being completed.

The lockdowns also saw many members join together to support Amanda's fundraising for the Mind Charity by walking the courses. This demonstrated what a great community spirit exists between members.

What a great relief it was when we were finally able to get back to playing in late March. I was playing some of the worst golf I've ever played, however, it was great just to be out on the course again and enjoy the banter. This of course

meant a return to competitive golf. Colin and Pete were right there getting everything prepared for us to get those competitive juices flowing again. They deserve a big thank you from all of us.

We saw a significant increase in members as the courses opened again and I think we probably now have more low handicap players than ever. It seems that this has led to the prizes being shared more evenly across the board.

I've really enjoyed my time as Captain and there are a few highlights I'd like to share.

My Captain's Day must have been the hottest day of the year. I really enjoyed greeting the players by the 12th green and was able to put names to some faces. The refreshments went down extremely well and my wife who was with me all day, said that there are so many lovely people at the club.

South Notts Challenge - the annual Ryder Cup style event against our friends from Ruddington Grange was played at Forest Pines. The first day didn't go well, we finished the day 9-1 down! Day two saw the team bounce back, cutting the deficit to 12-8 and it was game on. Day three, the singles with 20 points on offer, saw the greatest comeback since Medinha. We triumphed by 21.5pts to 18.5pts and brought the trophy home again to its rightful place. Simon Baird did a great job organising the event and again deserves a big thank you.

Captain's Last Supper - the move to staging this during the Captain's year made a lot of sense to me. On the evening I was joined by some of the most outgoing and boisterous characters at the club. This makes for a great night of fun and a good competition the following morning. I still insist that the curly hair, moustache, and budgie smugglers was a good look back in the day.

Finally, I want to say thank you to all for your support, encouragement, and participation, it's been amazing. I hope that Nigel will enjoy the same support throughout his year.

7. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor

The Hon. Sec. confirmed that there were 6 nominations for 6 vacant positions on the Main Committee. 3 nominees would serve for 1 year, and the remaining 3 would serve for 2 years – this would be determined at the first Main Committee meeting of the year.

The 2022 Committee was confirmed as: -

Captain	Nigel Turner
Vice-Captain	Mark Fieldston
Honorary Secretary	Peter Trotter
Treasurer	Allen Bentley
Match & Handicap Secretary	Colin Brown
Lady Captain	Hilary Smalley
Lady Vice Captain	Elaine Fish
Seniors Captain	Grant Williams
Mixed Captain	Sharon Riddell
Past Captain	Brian Knowles
Committee Member	Zac Dorn
Committee Member	Dave Gray
Committee Member	Dave Murden
Committee Member	Clive Bevan
Committee Member	Graham Chambers
Committee Member	Brian Wigley

After nomination by Allen Bentley, seconded by Peter Trotter, it was confirmed that Ashley Stephenson would act as auditor for 2022.

Exchange of Ties

The ceremonial exchange of ties took place and Brian Knowles invited the incoming Club Captain, Nigel Turner to address the meeting.

Incoming Club Captain's address

Nigel started by thanking Brian Knowles for all his work over the past two years when COVID had caused many problems.

He said that he was a Yorkshireman and had spent most of his working life as a teacher and then as a Trade Union officer for a teaching union. His golfing life had started at Oxton and went on to Tapton and Ramsdale before joining the Nottinghamshire in 2004.

He said that he was looking forward to working with Amanda and Jane from the Management team, the new Committee, and his Vice-captain Mark Fieldston.

Nigel mentioned the significant changes that have taken place on both courses in the last 2 years and was looking forward to this work being completed.

Nigel said that he was looking forward to great support for the charity – Rainbows – and he was going to do a virtual Lands End to John O'Groats walk.

He mentioned a number of events which would be taking place during the coming year including the Drive In on 2 April, Jubilee Comp on 3 June, his Away Day at Coxmoor GC on 17 June, the Club Captains Day on 23 July and the Charity day on 9 Sept. In addition he hoped that it might be possible to hold a Rainbows Golf Day and was looking forward to a 4 round challenge in June. Nigel also mentioned that this was the 30th Anniversary of the Club and was looking to celebrate this in some way.

In conclusion, Nigel hoped that we would all be able to put COVID behind us and encouraged members to support as many events as possible whilst raising money for the Rainbows,

Date of next AGM – 18th Jan 2023 at 7.30pm

Peter Trotter Hon. Secretary