

**Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting
of the Senior Golf Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 5 December 1984**

Present were: in the Chair, the Skipper, Ernest Tomlinson, and members to a total of 42. Before the meeting commenced, the Skipper referred to the loss the Section and Lincoln Golf Club had sustained by the deaths during the past year of Harry Cooper and Dennis Coggan, and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

Peter Brown, Len Green, Bill Palmer, Ted Reynolds, Ted Thimbleby,
Bob Warriner and Leslie Wensley

2. The minutes of the last Annual general meeting were read by the Secretary, approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Arising from Minute 7 of the above Annual General meeting, Ron Adams asked what had become of his suggestion that a notice inviting nominations for office be placed on the notice board in advance of the meeting. The Chairman pointed out that the matter had been referred by the meeting to the Committee for decision and the Committee had resolved not to place a notice but to consult the membership verbally and make recommended nomination for office to the next Annual General Meeting.

4. The Hon Treasurer made his report and presented the accounts which showed a balance of £27.59 in hand at the closure. Maurice Featherstone commented on the expenditure of £20 as a contribution to the cost of drinks to members and their ladies attending the Cocktail Party. He expressed the view that it should have been contributed to a Charitable Organisation and proposed that in future it should be so disposed. This was seconded and approved.

It was moved and seconded that the accounts be adopted and approved by the membership.

The Treasurer reported to the meeting that in view of the balance of £27.59 the Committee recommended that £20 be donated to the Greenkeeper and his staff for their excellent work during the year. On being put to the meeting the proposal was approved unanimously.

5. The Skipper in making his report on the year's activities announced that of the sixteen matches played, 8 had been won, 3 halved and 5 lost.

The winners of the individual Trophies played for were as follows:

The Thimbleby Trophy	E Tomlinson
The Seniors Cup	B Ponsford
Pip's Pot	F Warhurst
The Jackson Trophy	W Palmer
Mitch's Mug	T Pole

The Hackthorn Trophy awarded to the winners of the match held between the Section and the Ladies of the club on a bi-annual basis had been won by the men on both occasions.

In addition to the above, 10 monthly competitions had been held.

The Cocktail party held on 4 August was a great success and he hoped that it would be repeated in the coming year.

The Skipper expressed his thanks to Maurice Featherstone, the immediate past Skipper, for his help; Ted Thimbleby for his work as Secretary and Roy Douse for taking over in mid-season due to Ted taking on other Club duties. To Walter Heaton as Section Treasurer and Pip Newlove for his general help and liaison work in keeping the Eclectic results and his hopes that he would repeat this in the coming year; the Club Hon Secretary, Doug Boag, for his help and co-operation in agreeing match fixtures and times for teeing off in Competitions together with the pro, Ashley Carter and his assistant Jamie for their help and guidance and the Head Greenkeeper, Derek, and his staff for the excellent condition in which the course had been kept. Finally, his thanks to May Bayliss and the kitchen staff for the meals and service to the Section throughout the year.

6. It was proposed by Frank Newton and seconded by Jim Corcoran that Don Lill be elected Skipper for 1985 – this was carried unanimously.

Proposed by Ron Adams, seconded by Henry Knight that Roy Douse be elected vice-Skipper.

Proposed by Stan Barrell, seconded by Kemp Bettison that Roy Douse continue to serve as Secretary.

Proposed by Mitch Mitchell, seconded by Laurie Cresswell that Walter Heaton continue to serve as Treasurer.

These officers, together with the retiring Skipper and Pip Newlove, to constitute the Committee.

Don Lill thereupon took the Chair and thanked members for electing him with the hope that he would be able with the support of the Committee and the assistance of all members to carry out the duties of the office as efficiently as his predecessors.

7. The Secretary distributed copies of the fixture list for next year's matches and Trophy competitions. The match fixtures with other clubs could be taken to be firm fixtures by the internal competitions may have to be re-scheduled nearer the time in consultation with the Club Secretary.

Various views were expressed by members on the frequency with which "2nd Wednesday" competitions should be held. Eventually a motion proposed by Geoff Watson was seconded that in July, August, September and October the monthly competitions be not held but the "2nd Wednesday" competition be held in the other months of the year, one of them to be a foursomes competition. On being put to the vote the result was 16 for and 16 against whereupon the Chair used its casting vote to defeat the motion.

It was agreed to continue with the monthly competitions on the 2nd Wednesday when possible, it was pointed out by Doug Boag that these dates would not be available in all months and that the Skipper and Secretary should be authorised to arrange with the Club Secretary alternative dates when the 2nd Wednesday in any month was not available. It was further agreed that one of these monthly competitions be a foursomes and another a four-ball, better-ball event.

It was proposed by Ron Adams, seconded by Stan Barrell that all members selected for and playing in home matches must stay to the lunch and entertain the visitors. Anyone unable to stay on a match day should not place his name on the list indicating his availability for selection. On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

8. On the matter of engraving of Trophies, the Committee had been unable to agree on one recommendation to the meeting and so put the following three suggestion for the meeting's consideration:

- a. That the annual subscription be increased to provide additional funds enabling the Section to pay for the inscription of winners' names on the Trophies.
- b. That for Trophy competitions only the entrance fee is increased above the 20p thus providing sufficient monies to inscribe the winner's name.
- c. That all entrants to Trophy competitions agree as a rule of entry to inscribe at their own expense their name on the Trophy should they be successful in winning.

After considerable discussion it was proposed by Ben Dockray that the Section have the names engraved on the Trophies. Stan Barrell proposed that the entry fee be increased to 40p on Trophy days (Committee proposal B) to cover the cost. Kemp Bettison seconded these motions and on being put to the vote they were carried unanimously.

9. Laurie Cresswell was called upon by the Chairman to declare the result of the Eclectic competition. It transpired that the winner was Roy Douse with a gross score of 64 less ½ handicap nett 57 and he was presented by Laurie with 3 golf balls. Laurie expressed his willingness to administer the Eclectic in 1985 and this was gratefully accepted by the Chairman.

10. Ron Adams asked whether the Committee intended in future to issue vouchers for redemption in the Pro's shop to winners of competitions. The Chairman said that the Committee would decide how prize money should be distributed. Ron Adams then proposed that a motion be put to the meeting stating that prizes be in the form of vouchers whereupon the Chair ruled him out of order and re-iterated that the Committee would act as it thought best in this matter.

The Treasurer requested the meeting to fix the subscriptions for 1985 and the meeting decided unanimously to retain the figure at £1 and that no monies be allocated to the cost of a social evening, any such event being self-financing.

Mitch proposed a vote of thanks to Ernest Tomlinson, the retiring Skipper and this was seconded by Stan Barrell.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4.15pm.