

Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting
of the Seniors Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 25 November 1987

Present were: in the Chair, the Skipper, Jim Tompkin, and members to a total of 36. Before the meeting commenced the Skipper referred to the loss that the Section had sustained in the deaths of Jim Instone and Peter Lascelles and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

1. Apologies for absence were received from: John Harland, Don Lill, John Shorter, Henry Knight, Ted Hayes and Ron Howsam.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual General meeting were read by the Secretary. Their adoption was proposed by Ernest Tomlinson, seconded by Jack Brown and approved unanimously. They were then signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
3. The Honorary Treasurer, Walter Heaton, made his report and presented the accounts which showed a balance of £79.16 at the closure. The Treasurer reported to the meeting that the Committee recommended that from this balance the sum of £25 be donated to the greenkeeping staff and £20 to the Cheshire Homes. This proposal was carried unanimously.
4. In making his review of this year's activities the Skipper reported that the membership was now 72 and not less than 48 had taken part in the Section's matches. We had had a successful season in winning 12, halving 2 and losing 2. The winners of the individual trophies played for were:

Seniors Cup	A C Davey
Thimbleby Trophy	J Harland
Pip's Pot	E J Thimbleby
Mitch's Mug	J Harland
Jackson Trophy	S F Barrell

In addition to the trophy competitions we also held 7 Stableford competitions and the winners were Pip Newlove, Frank Warhurst, Eric Foster, Bill Morwood, Maurice Featherstone, Peter Brown and Ted Thimbleby.

The Skipper expressed his appreciation of the support he had received during his year of office particularly from the Vice-Skipper, Bill Morwood, and the members of the Committee. The Club Liaison Officer, Pip Newlove, and the Treasurer, Walter Heaton, were retiring from office and he thanked them for all their help and support to the Seniors' Section.

He also expressed appreciation to the Club Secretary, Douglas Boag, for his help and cooperation in arranging competition and match dates; to the head Greenkeeper, Derek Blades, and his staff for the excellent condition of the course during a difficult year; to the Club Professional, Ashley Carter, and his assistant for over-seeing the starting times and to Mrs Johnson and the House staff for looking after us so well, particularly at the Senior party which had been very successful.

5. The retiring Skipper then proposed that the Skipper for 1988 should be Bill Morwood, this was seconded by Ernest Tomlinson and agreed unanimously.

The following were then elected to serve for 1988:

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Vice-Skipper	Geoff Watson	Bill Morwood	Jim Tompkin
Hon Secretary	Geoff Watson	Bill Morwood	Jim Tompkin
Hon Treasurer	John Quilter	Laurie Cresswell	Ron Adams
Club Liaison	Roy Douse	Bill Morwood	Geoff Watson

6. Bill Morwood took the chair and in thanking the members for his election indicated how much pleasure he had derived from the Seniors section. He regretted that we seemed to have slipped back into the old habit of pre-arranged fourballs on Wednesdays and during his year would do all he could to foster the concept of the Section by encouraging members to make up on arrival and thus play with as many members as possible. He welcomed Geoff Watson as his Vice-Skipper and paid tribute to Walter Heaton and Pip Newlove for their years of service to the Seniors Section. Finally, he wished all members an enjoyable and successful golfing year.

7. The Skipper proposed and the Vice-Skipper seconded that, in view of the difficulties experienced in fitting in the "second Wednesday" competitions during the main playing season, these should be restricted to November, December, January and February. An amendment by Roy Douse that the "second Wednesday" competition should be continued as before and if a "second Wednesday" was not possible then it should be allotted to an alternative Wednesday. After discussion the amendment was voted on and was lost. The original proposal was then carried.

The Skipper also raised the question of whether some of the Trophy competitions should be medal. As the donors had mixed views about this it was left to general discussion and finally agreed that the Thimbleby Trophy and Bert Jackson's Tankard should be medal competitions and the other Trophy competitions be Stableford.

The Skipper then announced that a tankard was being presented to the Section by Ron Adams and this would be included in the 1988 programme – the nature of the competition being left to the Committee.

The Secretary was asked to record the thanks of the members for the gift of this new trophy.

8. Laurie Cresswell announced the results of the Eclectic competition to be as follows:

Name	Nett
J Brown	59 ½
J Harland	60 ½
E Foster	61
R Adams	61

The Skipper presented the winner's prize to Jack Brown and thanked Laurie Cresswell on behalf of the members for his hard work in compiling the statistics for the competition.

9. Any other business. It was suggested by Laurie Cresswell and supported by Roy Douse that the Section should consider appointing a Fixture Secretary which would give continuity to arranging matches with other Seniors Sections. The Skipper thanked them for their suggestion which would be carefully considered.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15 pm.