

Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Seniors Section held at  
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 23 November 1988

Present were: in the Chair, the Skipper, W S Morwood, and members to a total of 34. Before the meeting commenced the Skipper referred to the untimely death in August of Wilf Dixon, son-in-law of Ernest Tomlinson and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

1. Apologies for absence were received from: A Davey, J shorter, R White, J Mellors, T Pole and W Heaton.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual General meeting were read by the Secretary. Their adoption was proposed by Ernest Tomlinson, seconded by D K Bettison and approved unanimously. They were then signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Arising from the Minutes the Skipper reported that the Committee had co-opted John Harland as Match Secretary and his formal election to that office would be placed before the meeting today.

3. The Honorary Treasurer, John Quilter, made his report and gave details of Income and Expenditure as follows:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance in hand	79.16	Gratuity to Greenkeepers	25.00
Members subs	77.00	Cheshire Homes	20.00
		Stationery	0.69
		Engraving Trophies	19.04
		Telephone	4.65
		Flowers	10.00
			79.38
		Balance at Bank	70.00
		Cash in hand	6.78
	156.16		156.16

He proposed that the donation to the Greenkeeping staff for 1988.1989 be increased to £30 and that a donation of £20 be made to Mencap – the Skipper's choice. Adoption of the report and the proposals was proposed by D K Bettison, seconded by S F Barrell and approved unanimously.

4. **Skipper's Report.** The total current membership of the section is 77. Of these, 49 had taken part in the 16 matches with the following results:

Won 7, Lost 3 and Halved 4.

This was a satisfactory result overall but more important was the good fellowship enjoyed by all those taking part. In this context, he referred to the popularity of the two matches against the Lincoln ladies.

Before giving details of the winners of competitions, the Chairman expressed his gratitude to Stan Barrell for donating two tankards for the Foursomes competition and also to Laurie Cresswell for donating a trophy for the Eclectic Competition on which the name of the previous winners had been inscribed.

The competition winners were:

Adams Tankard	J Harland
Foursomes	J E F Mitchell and J Harland
Seniors Cup	J W Betts
Thimbleby Trophy	S Barrell
Pip's Pot	R C Ashford
Mitch's Mug	B N Dockray
Jackson Trophy	R C Ashford
Wednesday Stableford Winners	
December 1987	J Neesham
January 1988	W Morwood
February 1988	E Hayes
March 1988	B N Dockray

#### Social Evening

Rounding off the year's activities a successful and enjoyable social evening was held in November at which a total of 50 members and wives were present.

The Skipper expressed his appreciation of the support he had received during his year of office particularly from the Vice-Skipper, Geoff Watson, whose contribution had been above and beyond the call of duty.

The appointment of a Match Secretary was very useful particularly in home matches, supervising regular starting. The Club Liaison Officer, Roy Douse, was retiring from office and he was thanked for looking after our interests in Club Committee meetings.

He also expressed thanks to Jim Tompkin retiring from the Committee, 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 on the social evening.

Finally, to all members of the section for making his year as Skipper a truly enjoyable experience.

Adoption of the report and a vote of thanks was proposed by Jim Tompkin and seconded by Ernest Tomlinson was carried unanimously.

5. **Election of Skipper for 1989.** On a proposal by A Davey and seconded by J Harland, Geoff Watson was unanimously elected as Skipper for 1989. The new Skipper, on assuming office, expressed his appreciation of the honour to be elected Skipper. In 1982, following his early retirement he had been very grateful to be allowed to join the Seniors under the age of 60. As Skipper he hoped to repay the Section for the many hours of pleasure he had enjoyed in the past years. He would do his best to follow in the steps of previous Skippers in running competitions and matches and promoting good fellowship in the Section.

6. **Election of Officers for 1989.** There being only one nomination for each office, the Skipper declared the following elected:

Post	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Vice-Skipper	B N Dockray	G N Watson	W S Morwood
Hon Secretary	B N Dockray	G N Watson	W S Morwood

Match Secretary	J Harland	G N Watson	W S Morwood
Hon Treasurer	John Quilter	T C March	G N Watson
Club Liaison	J E F Mitchell	R Douse	G N Watson

7. Laurie Cresswell announced that R Douse and J Harland had tied with nett scores of 59 ½. Roy Douse was declared the winner on the back nine scores and was presented with the Cresswell Trophy.

9. Any other business. The nine holes competition held before the AGM resulted as follows:

Winner	W Evans	21 points
Second	J Betts	17 points

Four members had tied for second place but Jeff Betts was declared second with the better middle three holes.

**Lindum Putter.** Following the disbanding of the Lindum Club, a competition trophy the Lindum Putter had been presented to the Section by Mr R Ridley. The putter had been refurbished by Ted Thimbleby and Stan Hunt had kindly offered to provide suitably engraved discs if required. The Committee suggested that the putter be used as a trophy for either a matchplay competition or the AGM competition or perhaps as an insignia for the Skipper. Other suggestions would be welcome.

After discussion, a proposal that the putter be used as a symbol of office for the Skipper and be known as the Skipper's Lindum Putter was made by E Tomlinson, seconded by R Douse and agreed by the meeting. It was also agreed that discs engraved with the names of each Skipper, past and present, should be attached to the putter. The Skipper agreed to write to Mr Ridley letting him know how we had decided to use the putter.

E Tomlinson proposed, seconded by R Adams, that members of the club be eligible to join the Seniors Section when they reached the age of 60 whether or not they had retired.

An amendment was proposed by Ted Thimbleby that 60 years of age together with retirement should be the condition of membership, but that the Committee also be authorised to consider those over 55 years who had taken early retirement. This was seconded and was carried on a show of hands. The original proposal was lost when put to the vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared closed at 3.10 pm.