

Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting
of the Seniors Section held at
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 20 November 1991

There were 43 members present at the meeting. Apologies were received from Jack Brown, R Adams, R White, W Morwood, E Cowpe, J Pennington, J Mitchell, Harry Brown and J Ainsworth.

The Skipper, Eric Foster, was in the chair, and he opened the meeting by asking all present to stand for a minute's silence, as a mark of respect for Tom March.

1. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, having been circulated and on the notice board, were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2. The Treasurer's Report was circulated to all members present. This report was proposed for adoption by L Cresswell and seconded by E Tomlinson and approved. Ben Dockray congratulated Eric Cowpe for his work as Treasurer prior to his unfortunate illness and wished him a speedy recovery. It was nice to see Eric at the Seniors Social Evening. This year the section had 76 members, 71 of whom had paid the levy. There were 6 new members. Statement of accounts is below.

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Section
Statement of Accounts 21 Nov 1990 to 20 Nov 1991

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd	53.46	Receipt books	1.03
Subscriptions	152.00	Gratuity Greenkeepers	35.00
		Postage/Phone	14.30
		Bouquet – Mrs Johnson	13.00
		Typing, Duplication	15.00
			78.33
Centenary			
Levy 71 @ £5	355.00	Prizes	141.46
		Guests, Meals	153.00
			294.46
Donations	518.00	Centenary Bridge	700.00
Competitions			
Balance b/f'd	32.16	Prizes	106.50
Entry fees	152.60	Engraving	18.29
			124.79
Balances 20 Nov 91			
		Cash in hand	
		Subs account	6.13
		Comps account	29.97
Bank Interest	19.41	Abbey National	48.95
			85.05
Total	1282.63	Total	1282.63

3. The Skipper's report for 1990-1991 is as follows:-

I has been a great privilege to be Skipper during the Club's Centenary Year. I must and do apologise for being a "broken reed" for the first half of my tenure when my committee colleagues rallied round and covered magnificently. Gordon Napier took my place and responsibilities and John Harland added to Match Secretary all the duties of Secretary. Geoff Watson was co-opted to the Committee and really I was not missed at all. However, I did return to a most enjoyable second half. There was a further blow when Eric Cowpe considered that I had had an easy time of it and succumbed to a similar heart problem – although stricken more severely. I am delighted to say that his recovery is well under way and we expect him to be back amongst the trophies next year. His duties as Treasurer were absorbed until today by Ben Dockray, who immediately volunteered his service and has coped with an unusually demanding year, making all appear a simple matter when it was not.

John Harland has long deserved our plaudits for his complicated juggling act with match and other dates and having generously accepted secretarial duties too, he has brought into being the suggestion made last year by Laurie Cresswell that we should have a Secretary of more permanence – I am most grateful, John, as I am sure was Gordon.

Laurie Cresswell deserves a trophy himself for the infinite pains he takes each year to collect our cards and produce an immaculate Eclectic chart as he has done again today.

Geoff Watson, who must have considered that he had already done his stuff, was very kind to accept co-option and his wise counsel has been of inestimable value to me and all the committee during the year.

Jim Pendry is having a long battle with arthritis and I do hope he will win and rejoin the active golfers – I miss his cheery Welsh chat as I do his nobby white tricycle.

There have been others with a variety of problems, some of which I shall not have heard about – do forgive me if I have failed to mention them. One I can compliment on successful surgery leading to an unexpected by welcome return to mobility and golf is Frank Warhurst – we shall all hear again some very colourful language around the course.

Roy Douse has liaised with the General Committee and presented our case whenever necessary with his accustomed diplomacy, smoothing my often harsh statements to phrases more likely to achieve a successful outcome. Centenary year saw an unusual increase in activity for ourselves as well as the Club in particular and we were given all possible assistance and cooperation by the Chairman (Paul Pumfrey), the Captain (John Pumfrey) and by the very hardworking Frank Mason. This led to our unofficial section being granted a whole day during the Centenary period for our own arrangement of activity, which I sure you all agree was a huge success. We invited 25 guests, 3 from each of the Clubs with whom we have matches together with the President and the Club Captain, all of whom expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to take part in a truly splendid occasion. We were indebted to the Ladies, who took over the arduous tasks of checking-in, starting, catering for the needs at the half-way house finally, the hardest of all, correcting and marking the cards. On your behalf I have expressed our grateful thanks and as a further reciprocation some members (enhanced by the President) gave rather less but much appreciated assistance during the Ladies Open Day.

In addition to the many prizes provided by the Club and ourselves we have been honoured by the presentation by one of our members of a Centenary Cup. This very generous and appropriate trophy was presented by the Club President, Pip Newlove, to whom our gratitude and sincere thanks. The Cup was presented this year during Centenary celebrations – as you will know, to John Harland, in a close contest, but in

future will be competed for in a February meeting, relating more to the Club founding date.

This year, following much behind the scene diplomacy by John Harland and Roy Douse, has seen the achievement of an increase to our Club matches to the full eight both home and away and we are very grateful to the General Committee for allowing this. Some members have expressed a wish for further increase to nine or ten inter-club matches but your committee considers that now would not be an appropriate time to suggest it – perhaps in the future when the additional nine holes come to fruition will allow this, should the membership agree. It could ease the problem of choosing a team of 16 from the 25 or more hopefuls with less upset – this will never prove easy and sometimes my incompetence has led to gross error for which I humbly do apologise – I can assure you that I have been comprehensively chastised.

We have grown from a small group to a stout (sic) one of 76 subscribing members and of those who aspire to play in the matches, all have taken part in at least half – whatever it feels like. I grovel here to record that my stewardship has led us to 6 defeats and 2 draws in away fixtures, but more cheerfully to 7 wins at home with only 1 loss.

Bad weather caused cancellation of the Spring match against the Ladies, this most popular and delightful event, but we had a perfect day for the Autumn fixture which resulted in a draw, so the Ladies retain the trophy. It must show that despite the dismay our members display annually, the devised handicapping system must be fair.

We have played this year for an increased number of trophies, with the following results.

Trophy and match results are as follows:

Barrell Foursomes	Bill Morwood & John Harland
Adams Tankard	Jeffrey Betts
Seniors Cup	Bob Ashford
Thimbleby Trophy	Alf Beedham
Pip's Pot	Bert Sadler
Mitch's Mug	Gordon Napier
Jackson Trophy	Alf Beedham
Centenary Cup	John Harland
Pickering Trophy	Alf Beedham
Eclectic Trophy	Gordon Napier
Greensome Mixed	M & G Parsonson

Through the year the Committee (ie Ben Dockray) has accumulated funds from levies, increased entrance fees and personal donations, with the intention of presenting the Club with a lasting memento of the Centenary. We finally decided on and offered a replacement bridge from the crumbling structure passing from the 9th green to the 10th tee. At first this was reluctantly refused, since the Club Committee had plans to re-route both path and bridge and the whole was thought to be too expensive at this time. After much further negotiation we found it possible to achieve a new path through the existing copse and to provide a crossing to the rear of the 10th tee within our resources. As I write, this is under way and by now there may be in existence and new, wider bridge with a low parapet to either side and a plaque noting, Centenary Bridge, donated by the Seniors Section 1991. Completed, this should give a greatly improved layout and a visually attractive feature of which we can be proud.

We must feel sympathy for Derek Blades and his men, since although we ourselves have enjoyed a fabulous summer, the dry, sunny and windy weather have made the greenkeeping a heartbreaking toil. As previously with your approval we shall present them with a small token of appreciation. We are also grateful to the clubhouse staff who have catered admirably for the hungry and – more importantly – thirsty golfers all year.

In the past we as a group have made a contribution to a charity of the Skipper's choice. I know and understand why some members feel that support of any charity is a personal prerogative, but if it is again your wish that this shall continue, it may be my recommendation that £25 be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, through the Lincoln Ladies Lifeboat Guild.

4. **Election of Skipper for 1992.** Gordon Napier was elected Skipper, having been proposed by E Foster and seconded by R Douse and approved by the meeting. The newly elected Skipper thanked Eric Foster for his proposal, said that he was very honoured and promised to maintain the very high standards set by all previous Skippers.

5. **Election of Officers for 1992.**

Post	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Vice-Skipper	A Davey	G Napier	J Harland
Secretary	J Harland	W Morwood	E Foster
Treasurer	W Evans	B Dockray	E Tomlinson
Liaison Member	R Douse	J Harland	E S Foster

The Secretary will also be the Match Secretary

6. E Tomlinson congratulated E Foster for his year of duty during which he had grown in stature and maintained the high level set by previous Skippers. He had ruled with determination and managed to keep most members in order. Ernest proposed a sincere vote of thanks which was readily approved by all present.

7. Eclectic Competition. This competition has been monitored, as usual, by Laurie Cresswell, and this year's winner was G Napier with a nett score of 60 1/2. The Skipper presented the trophy to the winner and thanked Laurie for his efficient work in 1991.

8. Any other business.

Alterations to the fixture list for 1992 were outlined by the Secretary.

K Bettison complained that, when selected to play in matches, he almost always found that he was last to tee off, and he suggested a rotation of places during the season to prevent this problem. Eric Foster, in reply, said there was no preference regarding handicaps, no favouritism and everyone had an equal chance, but he pointed out that, because of the large number of players wishing to play in matches, selection was, to the say the least, a bit difficult.

Eric Foster concluded the meeting by proposing a very sincere vote of thanks and appreciation to Ted Thimbleby for his services in duplicating and typing for the Annual General Meeting in particular and throughout the season in general.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm

Match Results for 1991 were as follows:

Match	Home	Away
Sleaford	Won 5-3	Half
Doncaster	Won 5-2	Half

Newark	Lost 5-3	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Market Rasen	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Belton Park	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½	Lost 7 ½ - 2 ½
Holme Hall	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 7-1
Canwick Park	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 5 ½ - 4 ½
Gainsborough	Won 7 ½ - ½	Lost 5 ½ - 4 ½
Torksey Ladies Spring	Cancelled – weather	
Torksey Ladies Autumn	Half	