

Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Seniors Section held at  
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 25 November 1992

53 members attended the luncheon and meeting. Apologies were received from Stanley Barrell and Harry Brown. The Skipper, Gordon Napier, was in the chair and he asked members to stand for a minute's silence for three old members who had died during the year – Jim Pendry, Ernest Everitt and Ron Howsham. He then expressed pleasure that the Club President, Committee Chairman and Club Captain were with us.

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 available to all present, proposed, seconded and accepted. Copy is shown below. Membership this year, fully paid, was 76 and there will be recent additions since the current list.

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Section  
Statement of Accounts 21 Nov 1991 to 24 Nov 1992

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd			
Cash in hand	6.13	Receipt books	1.13
Subscriptions	152.00	Gratuity Greenkeepers	35.00
Abbey National	48.95	Donation Charity	25.00
		Sec expenses	5.00
		Typing, Duplication	15.00
		Bouquet Mrs Johnson	15.00
			<b>96.13</b>
Competitions			
Balance b/f'd	29.97	Prizes	131.50
Entry fees	178.50	Engraving	22.63
Competitions			<b>154.13</b>
		Total Expenditure	<b>250.26</b>
		Balances 24 Nov 92	
		Cash in hand	
		Subs account	5.34
Bank Interest	22.86	Abbey National	182.81
			<b>188.15</b>
Total	<b>438.41</b>	Total	<b>438.41</b>

3. The Skipper presented his report for the year.

Following the activities of the Centenary Year, 1991-92 has been a quiet year. The Centenary Bridge, between the 9<sup>th</sup> green and the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, now stands as a token of the happy relationship which exists between the Seniors Section and parent club at Torksey. It is a legacy of hard work carried out in the previous year.

Meantime, there have been changes in your committee. Roy Douse has departed to become Chairman of the club. He continues to be an active playing member of the Section and his work for us over the years is acknowledged by all. John Harland having become Match Secretary for the club, is no longer Match Secretary for our Section but he has continued as our general or minutes secretary, but these duties have recently been assumed by Eric Foster, while Denis Walker was co-opted to the committee to act as match secretary. Wally Evans has ably discharged his function as your Treasurer and I wish to thank especially Alan Davey for support throughout the year. In consequence of all of this, and of wise advice received from time to time from Ben Dockray and Geoff Watson, I have enjoyed my year as Skipper and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Match results throughout the year are par for the course. Won 8, Lost 8, Drawn 2. We start the year with promise, but tend to fade as time goes on. These matches are most enjoyable and some of our members feel that we should play more of them. Your committee has not pressed for this, bearing in mind the needs of older members of the section who may not wish to play in matches. This leaves us with the difficulty in selecting teams. The over-riding principle in selection is that applicants should have an equal opportunity to play, but the needs of those who loyally support the section throughout the year needs to be balanced against those who are more selective in the applications. A large book is kept in an effort to be as fair as possible, but I am sure that we make mistakes and these we regret. 59 members have applied to take part in matches and usually the team is 16. The Section is undoubtedly popular and we have welcomed a number of new members throughout the year, the total membership now being 82. Inevitably, some of our members have suffered illness or accidents throughout the year. I think especially of Stan Barrell and Alf Beedham. Their powers of recovery are an encouragement to us all. There will be others whom I have failed to mention and to those I apologise, but we will all join in sending a message of encouragement to Laurie Cresswell as he slowly recovers from his motor accident. We miss his presence on the course and look forward to his return, and, as ever, thank him for the work over the years in connection with the Eclectic Competition.

Results of our Competitions and Matches are shown below. These have been enjoyable events and you will notice that with an entry fee of 50p, it has been possible to increase the distribution of golf balls to the winners as these events are self-financing. We have made some mistakes as regards to whether some events are Stableford or Medal. This will be clarified in next year's programme and the views of donors of the trophies will be respected.

I have to tell you that next year, none of our competitions will be qualifying for handicap purposes and so in order to maintain realistic handicaps, seniors will need to play in occasional Club competitions.

The condition of the course has steadily improved throughout the year – no doubt the moister conditions have helped but once again, while acknowledging the efforts of the Greens Committee, it is a pleasure to thank Derek Blades and his men both for their skill and their energy. With your approval, we shall again present them with a small token of our appreciation.

In the past, it has been your wish that a contribution be made to a charity of the Skipper's choice. I hope that this is again your wish and if this is so, my recommendation is that £35 be donated to the Nomad Trust which provides help for homeless people in our area.

Finally, may I thank on your behalf, Ted Thimbleby, for clerical backup for the section. It is much appreciated.

Trophy and match results are as follows:

Adams Tankard	J Marsden
Barrell Foursomes	J Betts & G Napier
Seniors Cup	R Douse
Thimbleby Trophy	G Napier
Pip's Pot	R Ashford
Mitch's Mug	J Betts
Jackson Trophy	M Bosnell
Eclectic	G Napier

Match	Home	Away
Sleaford	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Won 5-3
Doncaster	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Newark	Won 6-2	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½
Market Rasen	Won 6-2	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½
Belton Park	Half 4-4	Lost 7 ½ - 2 ½
Holme Hall	Lost 5-3	Lost 5-3
Canwick Park	Half 4-4	Lost 5 ½ - 2 ½
Gainsborough	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½	Lost 6 ½ - 3 ½
Torksey Ladies Spring	Won 6-4	
Torksey Ladies Autumn	Lost 7 ½ - 4 ½	

4. **Election of Skipper for 1993.** As in previous years, the 1992 vice-Skipper was proposed by the Committee and elected unopposed, with approval of all members. Alan Davey expressed his pleasure at the confidence placed in him by the membership and hoped that his efforts on their behalf in the coming year would justify such an honour – he intended to try his best. Received with approbation by all.

5. **Election of Officers for 1993.**

Post	Name
Vice-Skipper	Jim Brown
Treasurer	Wally Evans
Liaison Member	John Harland
Match Secretary	Denis Walker
Secretary	Eric Foster

There were no alternative nominations and all the above had accepted or volunteered with the unanimous approval from the floor all were elected.

6. No proposals had been received by the Committee.

7. Eclectic Competition. As last year, the very consistent returns plus the skill to produce birdies at different holes each time, meant that the Skipper of 1992, Gordon Napier, was the winner, retaining the trophy. Sadly, Laurie Cresswell, although recovered from his traffic accident, felt that he must retire from the post of Eclectic marker. The Skipper and all present expressed their gratitude for his years of patient endeavour and although sorry to lose him, understood. The Section is very fortunate that John Laverack has volunteered to accept this task.

8. Any other business.

Ben Dockray, Jack Brown, Alf Beedham were amongst many expressing surprise and disappointment that the Club Committee had decided recently against Qualifying

Competitions for the Seniors. 5 day members and indeed many others may now be unable to retain a handicap. Our Skipper said that if objection was because we played from the yellow tees, perhaps those relevant competitions could be from the white tees. The Club Captain (David Minnitt) said that if it were to be so, then any non-senior club member would be entitled to take part but he would enquire of the committee whether in that event the trophy should go to the leading senior. However, with the entrance fee, cash or ball prizes could not be so reserved.

Alf Beedham felt it was insulting to the donors of the Pickering Trophy that it should be given for a nine hole competition or for a team event. He proposed a different date from the AGM meeting. The Skipper remarked that he had sounded Ray Pollitt, who had acted from the beginning for the donors, with no evidence of objection.

Ray Pollitt then replied that in view of what had been said, he proposed that in future the trophy be allocated to a knock-out competition running through the year on a matchplay basis. This was seconded by Denis Walker. Laurie Cresswell amended this to suggest a 4 ball, better ball (pairs) which was seconded by Ron White and this amendment was carried.

Kemp Bettison expressed concern that the plaque on the new bridge provided by the Seniors for Centenary year was dirty and difficult to read. He then proposed that the plaque be removed, cleaned, coated with a protective lacquer and re-fitted. The membership, as one man, agreed that this was an ideal task for Kemp and, although he refused, the matter was left there. (note: Kemp has actually since completed the task)

There being no further business, the Skipper declared the meeting closed.