

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Seniors Section held at  
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 26 October 1994

9 members attended the luncheon and 40 the meeting. Apologies were received from P Newlove, J Harland, J Packard, E Thimbleby, R White, P Brown, B Dockray and M Featherstone.

The Skipper asked members to stand for a minute's silence to honour Derek Barton who had died during the year. He then sent sympathy on behalf of us all to Maurice Featherstone and Henry Knight who were in poor health – several members had visited but a card would be sent on the Section's behalf.

The Section were pleased to welcome the Club President and happy to find him well recovered from recent indisposition.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, having been circulated and on the notice board, were passed unanimously without amendment.

Comment was then made by Bruce Minnitt on the section referring to the nine additional holes mentioned. He explained that further consideration by the Club Committee led to the discovery that it would be at least ten years before any consideration of the Torksey bypass line which could affect any proposed new layout and that the question of bridges had now resolved as a maximum of two footbridges of much less expense than originally feared. However, the annual farming tenancy now brought in a better income than previously and the Committee felt no urgency over the matter so had placed it on the back burner for the moment. The matter may be discussed and members are invited to give their views and suggestions to the Committee.

The Treasurer was invited to submit his report which is shown below and at this time displaying a healthy financial situation and the report was passed unanimously.

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Section  
Statement of Accounts 21 Oct 1993 to 26 Oct 1994

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd		Skipper's Charity	35.00
Cash in hand	2.34	Gratuity Greenkeepers	50.00
Subscriptions	180.00	Match Sec Expenses	10.00
Abbey National	274.37	Stationery	00.69
		Receipt books	1.14
		Typing, Duplication	11.00
		Bouquet	15.00
			<b>122.83</b>
Competitions			
Entry fees	187.50	Prizes	83.75
	150.50	Engraving	23.95
			<b>107.70</b>
Bank Interest	1.42	Cash in hand	65.31
		Abbey National	349.79
			<b>415.10</b>
Total	<b>645.63</b>	Total	<b>645.63</b>

The Secretary commenced his report which was to have started by apologising for his false information on the proposed new holes, but Bruce Minnitt has earlier given the Committee's reasons for the decision. A short time ago the Club allowed us to complete both home and away fixtures annually with the 8 clubs with whom we have had matches for some time. It has now become possible for us to add a 9<sup>th</sup> fixture both home and away for 1995 and we hope for future years. The fixture is with Belton Woods, a relatively new and most attractive Golf and Country Club, opposite Belton House on the Lincoln side of Grantham. Details are on the fixture list and I hope you will find the course and facilities quite delightful, in spite of the rather early start. The competition this morning was held in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution – I hope the mathematics were not too taxing – if you agree, this can become an annual fixture and we have been offered, most generously, in lieu of the small shield, a cup. This will be presented by Mike Bosnell. This morning the proceeds, augmented very generously by the Skipper, has raised £40.65 – my sincere thanks.

The Skipper opened his report by thanking his committee for helping to make for him a very memorable year; Denis Walker for arranging the matches with constant writing and telephoning, for covering changes of dates and numbers apparently unruffled. Wally Evans, a good Chancellor, fighting hard to gather subs, paying bills, always available and a really nice man. Eric Foster who means well even when trying to take over the Skipper's job upon occasion, but on the ball and helpful. Bert Sadler, a great golfer, most cooperative, will be a great asset next year having shown his ability when I was away in America during our busy season.

We did not beat Alan Davey's record of wins, but we did win more matches than we lost, that is, 8 wins, 7 losses, 2 halved and one cancelled due to fog (Ladies).

We have 93 members currently on our Seniors list and 51 different members played in matches during the year – a record. The remaining 42 are either unwell, do not play in matches or are non-playing members, some of whom are unknown to me. Attached is a list of matches and cup winners but today I have great pleasure in awarding the Pickering Trophy to Jack Brown and Ben Dockray and the Eclectic Trophy to Mike Bosnell. Today's Lifeboat trophy also goes to Bert's team – yet more congratulations.

The recent ladies evening with 24 members and guests was most successful although the seating originally proved a little trying, with no blame to be attached to Margaret, Keith and staff who were superb. On your behalf I will now present a bouquet to Mrs Johnson (we are grateful to Geoff Watson as always for collecting this).

I hope our future meetings for friendly games can be arranged so that groups arrive and make up with no previous fixed threes or fours. Perhaps we could also play for 10p winners and 50p birdies to improve our game!

I propose to continue the donation to the Greenkeeping staff and to the charity of my choice – here members unanimously proposed an increase to £50 for both, the charity this year being STRUT.

It is now my pleasure to commence election of the Committee. I nominate as my successor, Bert Sadler and as my earlier remarks have shown, I feel that he will be a most excellent choice. Bert was received with acclaim and took over the chair.

Bert, quietly but with evident pleasure thanked all for the honour and hoped to continue the good work so ably shown by Jim. He proposed and received unanimous approval for his Vice, John Pennington, who had proved a superb companion on and off the course – despite several members having pursued an erratic course with him after the tenth tee!

There were new and unopposed committee members for Treasurer and Secretary with the Committee for 1995 as follows:

Skipper	Bert Sadler
Vice-Skipper	John Pennington
Secretary	John Packard
Treasurer	John Laverack
Match Sec	Denis Walker
Liaison	Bert Sadler

Bert then reinforced previous remarks suggesting that since we formed as a friendly group, on our Wednesday morning it would be ideal if could meet between 0845 and 0945 to make up as arriving. Since the Scramble had proved so popular, another would be held on the second Wednesday in December as our Christmas meeting.

During the winter, second Wednesday Stablefords would continue.

The Jackson Trophy had inadvertently this year been run as a Stableford instead of a Medal and it was voted unanimously from the floor (except Ray Pollitt) that all our competitions should be in this format in the future.

Proposals from the floor started with Roy Douse, who suggested vigorously and persuasively that we should give financial support to the Junior section. This was unanimously approved to the extent of £50 should our funds allow.

Further suggestions were received on the matter of Seniors handicaps. The Skipper stated that at least two members had suffered a downward handicap change following good results in competitions – it being noted that the course Par for this was decreased by 2 when playing from yellow tees. It was accepted by the Skipper that the results for each year be submitted to the Club for up and downward revision taken over general results.

The President proposed a very sincere vote of thanks to Jim Brown for his excellent demeanour over the last year, for providing an excellent standard of behaviour and for the quality of his witty remarks post matches – this was carried with loud acclaim. Jim and particularly Elsie Brown had provided beautiful posies of flowers for each lady at guest night and chocolates for all the staff.

The meeting closed.

(ps – Explanation was sought for the restriction at home matches to 16 participants. This was from a Club rule that we follow the example of the Club in having that number for their matches. Additional numbers at a few away matches were a bonus).

#### Competition Results 1994

Centenary Cup	R Dudley
Adams Trophy	W L Evans
Barrell Foursomes	P Brown/P Hinchcliffe
Seniors Trophy	D Walker
Thimbleby Trophy	D Watts
Pip's Pot	R Ashford
Mitch's Mug	J Peck
Jackson Tankard	P Hinchcliffe
Eclectic	Mike Bosnell
Pickering Trophy	J Brown/B Dockray

## Match Results 1994

Match	Home	Away
Sleaford	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 3 ½ - 4 ½
Doncaster	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½	Lost 3-5
Newark	Half 4-4	Won 5-3
Market Rasen	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 2 ½ - 5 ½
Belton Park	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 3 ½ - 6 ½
Holme Hall	Lost 1 ½ - 6 ½	Lost 3-5
Canwick Park	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½	Lost 3 ½ - 6 ½
Gainsborough	Won 5 ½ - 2 ½	Half 5-5
Ladies Spring	Won	
Ladies Autumn	Cancelled - fog	