

Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Seniors Section held at  
Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday 27 November 1996

45 members attended and apologies were received from Hack Brown, Mike Bosnell, Jim Corcoran, John Peck, Geoff Watson and Ted Hayes.

Prior to the formal proceedings the Skipper, Peter Chapman, presented the Eclectic Trophy to Peter Allen and the Pickering Trophy to Ben Dockray and John Peck.

The Skipper then asked members to stand in silence in memory and respect for Allen Davey and Maurice Featherstone who sadly died during the year. Both had been Skippers and Maurice had been one of the prime movers in setting up the Section. He also sent the Section's good wishes to those members who were in poor health. Peter mentioned Eric Foster and Henry Knight in particular.

The Minutes of the last AGM had been displayed on the notice board for 3 weeks and copies circulated today – they were passed unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sam Mercer, presented his accounts. He drew attention particularly to (a) Mrs Laverack's donation of £50 which would be spent during the coming year. (b) Bank interest would be credited to the accounts when the book was made up. (c) Members arrears would be credited in 1996-97. (d) Membership total of 80. (e) The Section competitions pay for themselves and the apparent overspend on the accounts represents balls for prizes on hand. (f) There would not need to be an entry fee for the Pickering Trophy. Sam proposed that his accounts be adopted. Rod Dudley seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Lincoln Golf Club Seniors Section  
Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 1996

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance b/f'd		Skipper's Charity	50
Cash in hand	10.95	Gratuity Greenkeepers	50
Subscriptions	152.00	Memorial Donations	25
Abbey National	351.54	Other payments	20.70
Donations	50.00	Receipt books	
Competitions			
Entry fees	238.00	Prizes	208.45
		Engraving	29
		Winter League Prizes	33.00
Bank Interest	-	Cash in hand	84.80
		Abbey National	301.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>802.49</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>802.49</b>

Peter thanked Sam for his hard work throughout the year.

The Secretary, John Packard, reported that the year had gone very smoothly thanks to the keenness and efficiency of the Skipper, Peter, who had had such a wonderful year. John reported that the fixture list would be much as in previous years but not all the other Clubs had confirmed the fixtures at the date of the meeting.

John announced the winners of the internal competitions as follows:

Centenary Cup	Bert Sadler
Adams Trophy	Peter Allen
Barrell Foursomes	Nev Hill and Harry Brown
Seniors Trophy	Nev Hill
Thimbleby Trophy	Allen Kingston
Pip's Pot	Peter Chapman
Mitch's Mug	Laurie Lowthorpe
Eclectic	Peter Allen
RNLI Trophy	Allen Kingston
Winter League	Alan Froggatt
Pickering Trophy	Ben Dockray and John Peck
Jackson Tankard	Peter Allen

Peter commenced his report by thanking Sam Mercer for his hard work as Treasurer and John Packard for his excellent work as Secretary including looking after the fixtures and the notices for the competitions. Peter thanked his vice-Skipper, Dennis Walker, for this staunch support and Rod Dudley for keeping the Eclectic scores.

Peter said that his year had started with the worst winter weather for some years and the Winter League had had to be curtailed but it had still been very successful although the winner, Alan Froggatt, had left for America a week before the end knowing that he could not be overtaken. Two Texas Scrambles were held and much enjoyed, he said it was disappointing that the Club Committee were not in favour of these competitions in future. Monthly Stablefords were also much enjoyed during the winter.

During the year, Sweatshirts and Sweaters with the section badge were obtained and they proved very popular for matches and general use.

The results of the matches were very satisfactory and were much enjoyed by the 47 members who participated. We played 20 of which 12 were won and 8 lost.

Match	Home	Away
Sleaford	Won 5-3	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½
Doncaster	Won 7-1	Won 5-3
Newark	Won 5½-2½	Won 5½-2½
Market Rasen	Lost 4½ -3 ½	Won 4½ -3 ½
Belton Park	Won 4½ -3 ½	Lost 9-1
Belton Woods	Won 5½-2½	Lost 6½ - 3½
Holme Hall	Won 5½-2½	Lost 5½-2½
Canwick Park	Lost 7-3	Won 7-1
Gainsborough	Lost 6-4	Won 5½-2½
Ladies Spring	Lost 6-4	
Ladies Autumn	Lost 6-4	

Peter said that we are very lucky to have such excellent catering which compared more than favourably with anything we had at away matches. Peter then presented Mrs Margaret Johnson with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her help and that of the staff during the year.

Peter announced that his donation of £50 to charity from the Section would go to the hospital scanner appeal. He felt that this was something from which we could all benefit if the need arose. Peter proposed that £50 be given to the greens staff for their efforts on our behalf. He closed by saying that he had had a very happy year with the full support of everyone for which he was most grateful.

The meeting then moved on to the election of officers. There being only one person nominated in each case, the following were elected.

Skipper	Dennis Walker
Vice-Skipper	Rod Dudley
Secretary	John Packard
Treasurer	Sam Mercer
Eclectic Secretary	Rod Dudley
Liaison	Bert Sadler

Dennis then took over from Peter. Peter welcomed Dennis as Skipper saying that we were all aware of his enthusiasm and that he was sure he would be a great Skipper.

Dennis on taking over said he was looking forward to his year and that we would do his very best to maintain the high standards of the section.

Dennis then asked for any other business. A discussion took place about the need for a system of enhancement for handicaps or a penalty for winning section trophies on a similar basis to that operated at other clubs. Dick Garside, Roy Green, Roy Douse, Ron White, Sam Mercer and others took part in the debate but at the end of the day it was decided to take no action on this matter.

Roy Douse wondered why the General Committee were opposed to our Texas Scrambles and the proposal for another cup competition and considered we ought to take up the matter with them. Peter Brown said that our relations with the Committee were generally very good and we should accept their decision in the best interests of the Club and Section. This view prevailed.

The Chairman of the Club Greens Committee, Bruce Minnitt, then gave a comprehensive report on the latest situation with the fairway watering scheme. He started by saying that the require licence for 3m gallons per year had not yet been granted. It had now been decided that come what may the watering system would be installed early next year. It was essential to present the course in first class condition for the benefit of members and to attract visitors who were necessary without an enormous increase in the subscriptions. It was also proposed to spend £8000 on improving the system for watering the tees which at present could not be watered at convenient times.

Dennis thanked Bruce for his report which the members had found very useful and informative.

As there was no further business, Dennis closed the meeting.