

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MEMBERS GOLF CLUB

27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WED 23rd JANUARY 2019 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

The meeting will be chaired by the Club Captain and preceded by the
Captains' Charity Presentation

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM – 24th January 2018
3. Matters Arising
4. Any proposals for constitutional changes received in writing by 23rd Dec 2018
5. Written questions, motions and proposals received by the Hon. Secretary no later than 10th Jan 2019
6. Reports from Club Offices and Management
There will not be "any other business" on the Agenda. Members with questions should raise them at the time of the appropriate Officer's or Management report
 - a) Honorary Secretary
 - b) Club Captain
 - c) Lady Captain
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Match & Handicap Secretary
 - f) Junior Organiser
 - g) Mixed Section Captain
 - h) Seniors Captain
 - i) Course Superintendent
 - j) Managing Director
7. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor (short break)
8. Exchange of Ties
9. Incoming Club Captain's address
10. Date of next AGM – 22nd Jan 2020 at 7.30pm

P Trotter, Hon. Secretary

The Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club

2019 Annual General Meeting – 23 Jan 2019

Report from Honorary Secretary

I have to report that my first year as Honorary Secretary has been quiet and uneventful – just the way I like it!!

The change to the Main Committee schedule of meetings where we moved to bi-monthly meetings has, in my opinion, proved to be very successful. The agenda and reports every two months have had more content and continuing this schedule in 2019 has been agreed by the Committee

2018 saw The Nottinghamshire Golf Club appointed as County Course for the first time ever and subsequently we hosted all of the main Championships organised by the Notts Union of Golf Clubs. Maybe it was some local knowledge or maybe they are just fantastic players, but it was with great pride that we saw Callum Fern win the Notts Amateur Championship and Dean Boyle & Heath Scholes win the Notts Amateur Nett Pairs Championship – both successes were again firsts for our Club – well done.

The County President and County Secretary were fulsome in their praise of everything we did to make their competitions a great success - not only our Championship Course which was in great condition despite the weather, but also for the fantastic support and help offered to them by myself, Colin Brown and Rob Smith.

2019 will see a change to the structure of the Scratch League in Notts with 5 divisions of 5 clubs replacing the current 3 division set up. After an up and down year we will start out Scratch campaign in Div 3 with a great opportunity to seek immediate promotion. My grateful thanks go to Mike Dimplebee who has managed our Scratch set up for nearly 10 years, and to Danny Alford who once again will lead the team as Captain (sometimes non-playing !!)

I would like to thank everyone on the Main Committee for their help and support – it is not easy to influence huge change given the structure of our Club, but everyone on the Committee has the Club well being at heart and is amazingly supportive. Joe and Carol have had a great year and their commitment and enthusiasm cannot be faulted

I would like to pay special thanks to the Match & Handicap Committee for their never ending work and commitment – without them our competitions would not be as good or as well organised.

Finally I would like to welcome Graham Chambers as 2019 Club Captain and Cindy Allcoat as Lady Captain – they will do a great job and it will be a pleasure to support them.

P Trotter, Hon Secretary.

Lady Captain's Report

Club AGM 2019

2018 has flown by and the Ladies Section goes from strength to strength with 146 ladies of which around 120 are levy-paying members of the section. 30% of our players are in silver division (handicaps between 0 and 20) with 9 ladies having a handicap of 10 or less. I believe this is a record for the club.

The year got off to a poor start weather-wise with the delay of the Captain's Drive in and cancellation of many competitions. In April the Ladies put the pink ribbon on the Ladies versus Seniors Trophy and Lady Captain's weekend Away was held at The Forest of Arden Club with some challenging golf.

We held out Mounthey Travelling Trophy at Birstall course in May and in June we had a Purple Par-Tee for Lady Captain's Day. At last in June the weather had improved enough to hold the Captain's Drive in with a special appearance from some royal newly-weds!

In July we had the Rolling Pin competition – again with a pink ribbon on the Trophy – sorry Joe!

In August we had our Summer Meeting with an 80's theme and by now the course was bone dry and the balls kept rolling on as the handicaps plummeted.

In September we had Lady Captain's Away day at College Pines which was a lovely day and we were made to feel very welcome. We then had a cowboys and Indians theme for the annual Captain versus vice-captain battle organised by Cindy but even that we had to foreshorten and declare it a draw as the howling winds brought down trees!

October brought our annual Trick or Treat competition with the Seniors .

In November we had Lady Captains Dinner and presentation evening with a musical theme and were serenaded by a group of male singers called Oldish Spice December saw our mix of Christmas competitions but the weather jinx of 2018 finally caused us to cancel our last Secret Santa competition due to freezing rain !

I must also recognise the achievements of our ladies outside the club itself – Aileen Kynoch was County Vets Captain for 2018, Carol Houghton was County Vice Captain and is now County Captain, Helen Haycox is now County Senior Vice Captain, Charlie Inger was County Juniors Captain and last but by no means least Sarah Mansfield is now County Vets President. We are proud of them all. Our Silver players won County Division B and as such have been promoted to Division A . We also fielded a Scratch team for the first time and came 2nd in our Division

Thanks to nominations by the Ladies section we were also recognised as Ladies Section of the Year by the Surprize Golf shop and Women in Golf Magazine. This was well deserved. As well as having fun during the year we also raised over £2000 for The Friary charity .

I have had a tremendous committee this year who I would like to thank for all their hard work and support. I couldn't have wished for a better team.

I would also like to thank Amanda Fletcher and her team for all their help with events during the year.

A few final thanks – firstly to Joe Timmins, Graham Chambers and Pete Trotter who have been very supportive during a year of mixed fortunes for me and whom I have enjoyed working alongside on the main committee and liaison committee. Finally thanks to my long-suffering mixed partner and sage Colin Brown.

I wish Cindy and Graham the best of luck and a good golfing year in 2019

Carol Knott

Lady Captain 2018

Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club – Treasurer’s Report for Season 2017-18 Annual General Meeting, January 2019

Financial Commentary

1. Income from competition entry fees was in line with recent previous years at £21,500 and other income was slightly higher than recent years due to the contribution towards committee running costs received from NGCC management. This enabled the amount paid out in competition prizes to be higher than previous years.
2. The budget plan for the year, as with recent previous years, was to “break-even”. However, actual expenditure exceeded income by £1550 resulting in a reduction of the cash surplus held. This overspend was predominantly a result of the mid-year decision to fund a second PSI terminal with the aim of reducing waiting time for members signing into competitions and entering their scores on completion as well as providing back-up facilities in the event that either terminal should require repair.
3. The budget for 2018/19 has once again been set to roughly balance expenditure to income.

Treasurer Notes

Once again, I can confirm that we have maintained strict procedures for securing and reconciling the funds we hold in the form of balances on members’ competition cards. The competition balances maintained on the ClubV1 system have been successfully reconciled throughout the year against the accounts system and the bank account statements.

I would like to thank Ash Stephenson for his input as auditor for Committee financial records and I can confirm that Ash has approved the Financial Accounts as reported below.

Allen Brentley

Treasurer

23rd January 2019

The Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

<u>Income</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Competition Fees	23,066	21,533	Competition Costs		
			Vouchers / Cards	12,317	12,953
			Trophies / Prizes	4,181	4,591
			Balls	1,049	1,456
			PGA/NIUGC Fees	509	452
			<u>Total Prizes</u>	<u>18,056</u>	<u>19,452</u>
				78%	90%
<u>Other Income</u>			<u>Other Expenditure</u>		
Bank Interest	5	10	Officer's Costs	576	974
			Committee Expenses	437	694
Other Contributions	904	3,275	Team Costs	1,053	931
			Computer Costs	2,071	1,888
			General Overheads	1,039	458
			Social Events	1,729	272
			Approved Project Costs	1,699	1,699
<u>Total Other Income</u>	<u>909</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>6,905</u>	<u>6,916</u>
<u>Total All Income</u>	<u>23,975</u>	<u>24,818</u>	<u>Total All Expenditure</u>	<u>24,961</u>	<u>26,368</u>
			Surplus / Loss	(986.00)	(1,550.00)

Signed as a true record

Ashley Stephenson, Auditor

15th December 2018

The Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club
Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Debtors	300	78
Bank Deposit A/c	14,331	20,072
Bank Current A/C	9,100	4,182
Cash in Hand	65	83
	<u>23,796</u>	<u>24,415</u>
<u>Less Liabilities</u>		
Competition Fees Pre-paid by members	7,756	6,928
Captains Charity suspense	3,609	5,213
Creditors	3,823	2,072
Trophy suspense		49
Accruals (Prize levy - 2018 KO competitions - not paid at Y/E)	395	390
	<u>15,583</u>	<u>14,652</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>8,213</u>	<u>9,763</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Accumulated Account b/fwd at 1st November	9,763	10,750
Surplus for the Year	-1,550	-987
Reserves C/fwd	<u>8,213</u>	<u>9,763</u>

Signed as a true record

Ashley Stephenson, Auditor

15th December 2018

NMGC Proposed Budgets for 2018/19
 For the year 01/11/2018 - 31/10/2019

Income from Competition Fees	22,000
Misc Income, Contributions & Donations	3325
Total Income	25,325
Competition Costs	
Vouchers / Cards	13,000
Trophies / Prizes etc	4,550
Balls	1,600
PGA / NUC Fees	100
Trophy Board Updates	300
Total Prize Related Costs	19,550
% payout	88.86%
<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
Officer's Costs	1,000
Committee Expenses	250
Team Costs	1,000
Computer Costs	1,850
General Overheads (Stationery, Phone, Gifts etc)	800
Social Events	500
NUGC / Entry Fees	350
Total Expenses	5,750
Total All Expenditure	25,300
Excess of income over expenditure	25

MATCH AND HANDICAP REPORT FOR THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MEMBERS CLUB AGM ON WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019

1. **COMPLIANCE REPORT:** In accordance with Appendix L of CONGU, Affiliated Clubs are required to be consistent in their interpretation and application of the Unified Handicapping System (UHS). I can confirm to the membership that as a Club we continue to comply fully with the UHS checklist following a review I carried out on 1 January 2019.
2. **MATCH & HANDICAP MEETINGS:** M &H Meetings are held bimonthly with all sections being represented. Minutes are produced and published from these meetings and are submitted to the main committee for scrutiny and comment.
3. **CLUB V1 SYSTEM:**
 - a. **Purchase of a New PSI Terminal:** The main committee approved the purchase of a new and second PSI Terminal in order to enhance the usability and provide a contingency in case of a PSI Terminal failure. The terminal was located in the Pro shop as it provided a hardwired link into the main club broadband network. Both terminals now provide members with an enhanced score entry facility and improved system graphics.
 - b. **Software and Support:** Club Systems continues to provide regular software updates and enhancements to the system albeit that the majority are background functions for admin users. This software continues to be the market leader for golf clubs.
4. **MEMBERS HANDICAPS:**
 - a. **Annual Review (AR):** The AR of handicaps was carried out in December 2018 across all sections of the club in accordance with the directive of CONGU.
 - b. **Continuous Handicap Review (CHR):** M & H committee member's carryout regular reviews of members handicap throughout the year based on the CHR process. A report is run off the system that identifies members who have returned 7 or more consecutive 0.1 increases to their handicap. Notifications of changes are e mailed to members.
5. **CLUB COMPETITIONS:** With the exception of the competitions scheduled for when the adverse weather affected play all competitions ran pretty much to schedule and were very well supported. Minor changes and enhancements to certain events seemed to be well received. The committee will continue to review throughout 2019 and apply changes to support as necessary. Member's suggestions are always welcome in order to promote continuous improvement.
6. **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT:** The M & H Committee would like to acknowledge the support from the Management Team, Green-keeping Staff and Pro Shop Team throughout the year. In particular, with special thanks to Bill Mackenzie for the appreciation and co-operation in supporting changes that have enhanced the playing opportunities for members over the years of his tenure as MD of the Club. Special thanks must also be passed onto the Green-keeping staff for the excellent preparation of the courses for every competition that we play throughout the year. (With the exception of Green-keepers day!)
7. **2019 RULES OF GOLF CHANGES:**
 - a. **Presentation & Communication:** Following the confirmation of the changes to the Rules of Golf from England Golf, we embarked on a programme of presentations to the membership outlining the major changes. Circa 200 members attended the 3 sessions, providing positive feedback. 600 copies of the New Rules of Golf book for players have been distributed and numerous communications have been e mailed to members outlining and confirming the changes. 2 weeks prior to the implementation of the changes as a club we have trialed the new rules in order to allow members to gain experience and iron out queries.
 - b. **Local Rule Changes:** Having reviewed the changes, along with the Director of Golf we have re written the Local Rules and ensured that the changes were incorporated into the printing of the new course cards as well as updating the General Information section at the back of the Club Diary.
8. **WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM – 2020:** The M & H Committee will throughout 2019 be monitoring and reporting to members the details of the changes to the handicapping system that are planned to be introduced in 2020.

Junior Report

Competitions

In 2018 we had a total of 13 juniors participate in club competitions. There was lots of excellent golf played. The standard was very high and winning scores would have been very competitive in any of the adult matches. That is a great reflection keeping in mind the modest numbers involved. The season started slowly due to the cancellation of competitions mainly due to the poor wet weather at the start of the year. I was very pleased to manage to get the final competition completed albeit in December

We have benefited from two eager Juniors joining us from another club. One of the challenges in having a healthy junior Section is developing budding golfers who are being coached in the Academy and encouraging them to become active members. Gaining a handicap is often a barrier and I would encourage any members who know of potential youngsters and find an opportunity please get them on to the course – it would be really helpful.

We are also losing three key members of the Junior Section being Harry Boyle , Fergus Boyle and Charlie Inger. They have played a great part in supporting our club. Harry and Charlie will be too old and Fergus has competing priorities .

As Junior Organiser I would like to note their considerable contribution

Matches

We were drawn against Rushcliffe, Mapperley and Rufford. Personally I really enjoy the matches it is great fun to walk the course supporting the individuals in competing in a team on behalf of our club. It was gutting to miss the final by one point. Also we had to concede a point against Mapperley which we drew 2 – 2 and had to record a 3 – 2 loss due to a late withdrawal.

The highlight was a 4/ ½ - ½ win over Rufford . Rufford still qualified for the final and went on to win at Wollaton. Their Junior organiser was very keen to update me.

Way Forward

From a personal perspective I am keen to continue to support the Juniors for 2019 I intend to keep the competitions on Sundays. The option is to use half term holidays which is not the preference of the parents. The challenge is that some other sports are on Sundays and therefore you lose participants due to football or Rugby. In half term those on holiday cant attend. On balance Sundays have proved the higher participation although I will review as we progress.

Each year Junior Teams have been withdrawn from competitions for various reasons. Last year Newark and Hollinwell dropped out which caused some concern at a recent Junior Organiser Meeting.

From our perspective we have 10 active Juniors of which 6 can be relied upon. This is very marginal. I would like to encourage the management to provide more support in developing youngster's. As the alternative would put the Junior section at risk.

We have drawn Sherwood, Oakmere and Rufford in the Junior League for 2019. I am hoping for some great matches and seeing the Juniors enjoy their time representing our club.

Mixed Captain's Annual Report 2018

Here we are again at the end of another golfing season – how quickly the months seem to fly by and how much we pack into that time! Here, at the Nottinghamshire, we are incredibly lucky to have such a large, active and friendly mixed section. It is the reason that many folks decide to join our club as in many clubs the mixed sections are dwindling and have very little organised. Luckily we had a good framework for the golfing year in place from its inauguration which we have built on over the years to give members the opportunity to meet and play with fellow golfers in a range of different scenarios whether it be matches, competitions, weekends away, knockout comps or simply the social golf which happens every Sunday with a big group meeting up and going out to play. We have welcomed several new players to the mixed section during 2018 - Yvonne Hoyes and Steve Evans, Vicki Johnson, Pat Casson-Smith and Chris and Angela Bradshaw and Polly Rogers. When new members have joined I always endeavour to personally contact them by email to welcome them and let them know all about the section and how to become involved if they so wish.

We have had a strange season regarding matches this year! We have 15 matches on the calendar, 3 on Tuesdays and 12 on Sundays. This year 3 were cancelled due to very wet weather but 3 cancelled by the opposing teams as they were unable to field teams! With some clubs next year the teams will be reduced to 6 pairs at their request. We have halved 4, lost 3 and won 2. I have always been able to field a complete team to match the opposition thanks to your support. 27 couples represented the Nottinghamshire over 2018. We had to relinquish the trophy to Horsley Lodge, played over the two matches, and only played one of the two Chilwell matches for the Linsco Trophy so that remains with them, despite us winning the match played! My thanks to David Rose, Mark Coyne, Steve King and David Mansfield who have captained teams during the season. Thanks also to Sharon Riddell, our match secretary, who has contacted all clubs and confirmed match details. Next year's match dates are also all confirmed. However Rufford who have always struggled to get a team have decided not to commit to our matches next year.

Our 7 competitions played over the season have been well supported on the whole depending on the time of year. We always have space available for 32 couples and it is always my aim to fill all the spaces allotted to us before relinquishing them back to the club

Christmas Competition (2017) – team game - 32 - couples – winners Trevor Tunnicliffe and Lorraine Wasuita, Steve Wyer and Michala Burgess – followed by a Festive carvery to which 58 people attended

We held a Christmas Hamper raffle and donated £40 to the Captain's charity.

Valentines Competition – team game – 28 couples – won by Jill and Trevor Atkinson and Charles and Jan Dickinson

Start of Season Competition – pairs Betterball – 22 couples – winners Bev and Elliot Cook

The Philip Lodge Trophy – Greensomes – 24 couples – winners Liz and Mike Smith

The Pendry Trophy – Aggregate Stableford – 18 couples – winners Stuart and Aileen Kynoch

The Graham Pickles Trophy – Betterball Stableford - 28 couples – winners Steve Wood and Vicki Johnson

The End of Season competition – Betterball Stableford - 20 couples – winners Simon and Lexi Williams Green

The Christmas Competition (2018) – Texas Scramble x 2 – winners Jill and Trevor Atkinson, Rosie Dennett and Peter Hollingworth – followed by a festive carvery for 53 diners. We held a Christmas hamper raffle and donated £74 to the Captains charity.

Over five of the competitions we played for the Mixed Champions Bowl and this year there have been several contenders – 15 couples having gained points over the season. We were pleased to announce that the winners for 2018 are Yvonne Hoyes and Steve Evans

The annually held Mixed Knockout competition has seen some very competitive matches this year and the overall winners were: Charles and Jan Dickinson - Runners up: Mick Boyle and Sheila Turner.

During the year we have had three mixed weekends away all booked initially by Freda and Nigel Rhodes whilst still mixed weekends away organisers. We are very grateful for the time that Freda and Nigel gave to the section and their choice of clubs for us to visit. I am sure you would all like to join with me in thanking them and wishing them well in their 'new life' in Bournemouth where I know they are ensconced in another club already. Steve and Julie King took

over the reins this season and have organised the weekend arrangements for us – all three weekends have been very much enjoyed by all of those who attended.

May Weekend: playing for the Jenny and David Brown Trophy – 10 couples (number reduced by injury) – Carden Park. Winners: Julie and David Rose

August Weekend: playing for the Sarah and David Mansfield Trophy - 16 couples – The Lakes at Pidley. Winners: Sarah and David Mansfield

September Weekend: playing for the Andrea and David Gelsthorpe Trophy – 14 couples – Greetham Valley. Winners: Julie and Steve King

Already the weekends away for 2019 have been booked and deposits paid to hold the tee times. Our thanks to Julie and Steve for all they have done over their first year as Mixed Weekends Away Organisers for the section.

The Mixed Captain's Away Day for 2018 was held at Kilworth Springs and attended by 22 couples on June 7th. We all had a very enjoyable day and enjoyed the excellent hospitality shown by the club and its catering team, not to mention Luke, their golf operations manager, who planned the day there for us. The winners of the Brian and Lorna Reid Trophy were Jill and Trevor Atkinson.

On June 14th we had a mixed social event to Nottingham Greyhound Stadium where we enjoyed a super value evening of a meal, drinks and losing money on the dogs!

This year has seen the pressures reduced for me as Mixed Captain as until this time the mixed captain had literally organised all competitions and matches. So we have created the role of match fixtures secretary and Sharon has contacted all clubs with match details leaving me to organise the teams. However next year she has also agreed to take on organising the teams also. Our mixed secretary has, in the past, had a small workload with only minutes of three committee meetings and the AGM to do, as luckily we are not inundated with correspondence! So, this year Mark took on organising all of our competitions – a huge help! Thanks again, Mark! The Mixed Section treasurer is ultimately responsible for all of the financial transactions and oversees the mixed travel accounts also – thank you Julie, a great job done as ever! Our Match and Handicap representative attends all club handicap meetings and reviews handicaps and is our constant source of advice to discuss rules issues. He also closes competitions and sorts the results– thank you David, stressful we know when we are all eagerly awaiting the results of a comp but you always take it all in your stride.

With the view of anybody new coming on to the committee in the future this year we wrote 'job descriptions' for all of our posts and we constantly update these as situations occur. This has really outlined each job effectively. I would like to thank the committee on behalf of the whole section for the all of the time and effort they have put into the section over the 2018 season – the teamwork has been fantastic throughout! We held our AGM following the End of Season competition – there were no matters for discussion and the committee were all re-elected. We use the noticeboards in the corridor to advertise our fixtures and reflect on the past year with a photographic montage of all of our events.

I could not close this report without mentioning Philip Lodge – he and I were club captains together in 1997-1998 and he became the inaugural mixed captain setting up the section and creating the foundations on which the section has developed over the years. Unfortunately, after being ill for several months, Philip died in April this year – he lived for the golf club and to the very end was always interested in its progress and activities. We are very grateful for the foundations that he laid for us and the links he made with other clubs which have, and will, continue into the foreseeable future. As Phil would have said 'We are the best mixed section in the East Midlands!' and it is his legacy that we will always strive to be so! Ann, very proudly, came to play in, and to present, the Philip Lodge Trophy this summer and we all hope that she will continue to join us in our competitions next year.

I would like to thank the main committee, bar, catering, pro-shop, management staff and greenkeepers of the Nottinghamshire for the support they have given us over the year. But most importantly I would like to thank the mixed section members for their constant support - we are very lucky to be members of such a vibrant section – long may it last! Going forward I would like to think that we can retain the enthusiasm of the section, to build on what we have already achieved and to encourage any new members to join us. The Nottinghamshire is a great place to be and hopefully we will all continue to share the excellent facilities created for us for a long time to come.

Chris Gardner



The Nottinghamshire Golf Club - Seniors Section

Seniors' Captain's Report for the 2019 AGM

1. In Memory

Sadly, earlier in the year, **Steve Tindale** passed away. Steve was Treasurer for the seniors for many years when Brian Wigley was captain of the seniors.

More recently **Peter Smart** suddenly passed away whilst on a cruise with his wife, celebrating their golden anniversary. Peter had been with the seniors for about three years and during that time made many friends with his cheerful and friendly banter.

Both are sorely missed.

2. Activities and Events

After a somewhat turbulent year last year, this year was very successful on many fronts.

- All our majors were very well attended and enjoyed. We continued to run 2 divisions, with different winners every time – congratulations to all of them.
- Our Spring away day at Rutland Water was well attended, but the Autumn away day at Stoke Rochford seemed to be less popular, although enjoyed by all who participated.
- We had 29 matches during the year, winning 16, drawing 3 and losing 10. This was a big improvement on the previous year and I would like to thank all who represented the Club with distinction in these matches. Most seniors thought that we had too many matches, so we have reduced the number of our matches against other clubs to 23 for 2019.
- 2018 saw the introduction of two new events; the **Seniors Club Championship** and the **Seniors Captain's Competition**, which was a Texas Scramble. Both events were popular with good turn-outs and proved very successful. Both events will now be permanent features every year.
- Other events included a matches against the Ladies and the Pounders, both of which we narrowly lost, a Halloween competition with the Ladies, and a Christmas greensomes competition, all of which were thoroughly enjoyable and successful.
- We have run monthly qualifying medals off the white tees, and stablefords off the yellow tees for the winter months. The eclectic competition is being replaced by an Order of Merit for 2019.
- By popular demand, we doubled the number of Roll-ups to two a month, and they continue to be popular. I would like to thank Roger De Silva for organising these.

3. Charity

We are grateful to one of our seniors for providing prizes of golf balls for nearest-the-pins for our home matches and also to another of our seniors for underwriting a prize of £100 for a hole in one (which wasn't claimed). Having those prizes allowed us to collect £32 for every home match, which added to our collections for the charity, **the Friary**, to whom we were able to give **£1,770**. Thanks to all your willing and generous contributions to such a good cause. We are looking for sponsors for 2019 so if anyone has any ideas they would be welcomed.

4. Newsletter

We have now had two editions of the Seniors Newsletter in which we have tried to keep everyone informed about all our activities. The feedback has been very positive and encouraging. Our intention is to bring out the Newsletter approximately every three months.

5. Thanks

- None of the above would have been possible without the hard work and commitment of your committee, and I would like to thank Graham Ayers, Pete Trotter, Rob Gray, Alan Coole, Tony Dobbs, Alistair Elliott and Garry Corpe for their invaluable contributions.
- And lastly, an enormous thank you to the ground staff who have managed to keep the courses in excellent condition – something commented on frequently by visiting teams.

Course Managers Report

2018

As the years tick by and we continually strive to make changes and improve I have noticed the seasons are changing too. We've seen the Autumn weather and temperatures are moving increasingly toward Christmas and therefore we are now having to mow regularly well into December. Winter now doesn't usually start until the New Year! This then obviously has a knock on effect with our winter project plan and its start dates.

Last year it began just before Christmas with the releveling of the Championships 13th tees. These were originally built years ago and it had become increasingly hard to find a suitable teeing position. Whilst we were in the area we also installed a new 13th green path to help reduce wear during the winter. After the New Year the clubhouse extension began. Part of this development was the relocation and improvement of the putting green and a new 1st tee complex. I think you'll agree the old putting green was not really fit for purpose as it resembled an upturned saucer! We salvaged the old putting green turf and used it on the surface of the new ones. This helped us to provide a new surface quickly and kept continuity of the grasses with the existing greens on the courses. It was at this point winter arrived and it did its best to stop us but we continued and even shovelled snow off the ground so we could lay turf! The project also included the planting of several new hedges which helped define the area and hid the car park. After we had finished the 1st tee we then removed an old bunker, created a new one and filled the fairway ditch further down the hole.

Whilst the clubhouse alterations were being completed the decision to upgrade the entrance to the Function Rooms was made. This included the creation of a new separate path for the golfers to use when playing the Signature Course and the planting of several new hedges to help separate guests from players.

As previously mentioned the weather had a large impact last year. It started with a significant period of snow followed by one of the coldest and wettest Springs on record. This was then followed by one of the hottest and driest summers we've known! We spent a large amount of our time moving hoses and sprinklers around in an attempt to keep vital surfaces alive. Having said all that the course held up well and we still manage to produce some good playing conditions.

By the time of this A.G.M you will have hopefully noticed we have already started this year's list of projects. This includes the upgrading of several tees on the Championship Course. Tees 5,6,9,14 and 16 are to be relevelled and will have new sprinklers installed to improve the irrigation coverage. In the case of 16 we hope to move the whole complex to the left which will improve the line of sight down the hole past the Weeping Willow next to the bridge. Also we are about to complete a new path from the Signature's 12th green which will pass through the car park and up behind the driving range to the next tee. This new path will mean that you now don't have to walk into oncoming traffic arriving at the club.

As we now look forward to the forth coming season I both hope that both the weather is a little kinder to us and I can try and find time to play a little more but with an 11 year old daughter that's probably unlikely!

From the Greenkeeping team and me, thank you as always for your support and all the best for 2019.

Regards Pete Billings

Course Manager

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MEMBERS GOLF CLUB

26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WED 24TH JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Before the meeting proper began, the outgoing Captains presented a cheque for £13,000 to Maggies. This was enthusiastically accepted and the club was thanked for the great efforts made in the year.

The incoming charity was introduced – Helen Jones from The Friary Drop-In Centre explained that the charity was started 29 years ago by Helen Bremner MBE. She thanked us for the support and looked forward to a successful fund -raising year.

11. Apologies – see sheet.

12. Minutes of the AGM – 25th January 2017

Proposed: Colin Brown, Seconded: Steve Black.

13. Matters Arising

None

14. Any proposals for constitutional changes received in writing by 24th Dec 2016

Proposals from P Trotter, seconded A Brentley

Proposal 1

Remove in its entirety, clause 10 - Gaming Machines below.

This clause is no longer relevant and is not required within the current Constitution.

Gaming Machines;

- (a) *The Finance Committee responsible for the administration of the gaming machines shall consist of the Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and one other member of the Club Committee to be nominated at the first committee meeting after the AGM The takings from the Gaming Machine(s) are for the benefit of the members and are not in any way attributable to the Owners who shall have no undue influence on the Finance Committee. Such monies are to be used at the Committee's full discretion*
- (b) *The machines shall be emptied regularly by two members of the Finance Committee one of who will, in normal circumstances be the Treasurer. Keys to the Gaming Machine(s) shall be distributed in such a way that no individual has sole access to the cash in the machine.*
- (c) *The Treasurer shall maintain a record of the date on which the machines are emptied and refilled, total monies received, and total cash put back into the float. The two persons attending to the machine(s) should sign the record.*
- (d) *Gaming Machine takings are to be clearly and separately identifiable in the books of account and in the Financial Statements produced for the AGM.*

Proposer P Trotter
Secunder A Brentley.

Proposal 2

Remove from Clause 9(b) below, the requirement for **Membership Numbers** to be provided by a Nominee, Proposer and Secunder on the AGM Ballot Sheet

Membership numbers are now used extensively in the Club as part of the loyalty card system, and to have them openly displayed on the ballot sheet would be a breach of confidentiality and the numbers are actually not required for the AGM process

*(b) Any two members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate an eligible member to serve on the Committee. The full names and **membership numbers** of each member nominated, together with the full names and **membership numbers** of the proposer and secunder shall be entered onto the ballot sheet etc etc.*

Proposer P Trotter
Secunder C Brown

These Proposals were approved unanimously by the AGM.

15. Written questions, motions and proposals received by the Hon. Secretary no later than 11th Jan 2017

None received

16. Reports from Club Offices and Management

Honorary Secretary – Graham Chambers

My tenure as Secretary is to be short lived as I look forward to becoming Vice Captain, supporting Joe next year. The wise amongst the committee advised that trying to combine both jobs would be very difficult, particularly with me (currently) in full time employment.

So common sense prevailed. Peter Trotter has been a helping voice in my ear for the past year and as a former secretary, I am pleased that there will be continuity going forward.

The Officers of the Club all do great service – without pay and often with significant time commitment over the weeks and months of the golf season – where at the Nottinghamshire there is no respite. Competitions come thick & fast, which is great for the members but requires money to be collected & reconciled, competitions to be set up, closed and results posted.

To be clear Howdidido / Club V1 systems is a facility we pay to use. When it runs slowly it is not due to our internal process, we have to accept it and put in the calls to the administrators.

The system on the whole is a great tool for the club, but it requires a human being to get its backside out of bed, count the cards (never all there), check the scores – more problems and then puzzle over the hieroglyphics that are a poor substitute for legible English.

Invariable your computer/ smart phone or tablet will “ping” mid morning and the results are there for all to see. On behalf of the members I would like to acknowledge this work and thank Colin Brown, Pete Trotter, Dave Gray and other M&H committee members who do this job every week.

My duties are modest in comparison, the odd NUGC meeting, write a few meeting minutes and be around when someone has been naughty and we need a disciplinary meeting. Thankfully these are few and far between. One other job is to organise Liaison Meetings with Bill McKenzie – here we talk about the plans for the club, what is working well or when you the members feel things could be improved.

We always get the chance to air our views and we have worked hard to find acceptable compromises on many of the varied projects that have lifted the club to its prominence today.

The next 12 months will be no different and this will attract mixed opinions and reactions. What I do know for certain is that any project involving Pete Billings will be completed on-time and executed superbly. Past captains will reflect the April “Drive In” is about to get easier, but probably not the second shot that we never see the in-coming captain take on. Talking of the “Drive In” I wish Joe Timmins all the best for 2018, an extra special year with The Nottinghamshire being the County course.

In closing I would like to reflect on the Anniversary Day celebrations back in April. Having finally settled on 2017, we set out to create an event that acknowledged our “founding fathers” and the rich short history of the Nottinghamshire / Cotgrave Place. This was the club at its best – a club I have been proud to serve in the past 12 months and looking forward to further involvement in 2018 & beyond.

In closing, one final thing – Mr Curzon...top job!

Club Captain – Chris Curzon

I want to thank everybody in helping me achieve my goal at the start of last year (TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN).

The different sections all helped in achieving this and a fantastic total for our nominated Charity.

SENIORS

It's been an interesting year for this section, with a number of issues and changes.

Thanks to all the people involved in running this section, with special thanks to Mike .

I am sure with the changes made to the structure of the committee will help improve further this very important section to our club. Thanks to all who contributed to our Charity in any way.

Good luck in 2018.

JUNIORS

The section has had a transition year with a number of juniors leaving thorough age.

Special thank you to Lee for doing a fantastic job.

2018 will see a further improvement in this section, Good Luck, please support Lee in encouraging our Youth.

MIXED

The transformation of this section has been fantastic and is testament to a lot of hard work.

Chris Gardener has done a fantastic job and again with the reorganisation of their committee will continue to improve during 2018.

LADIES

This section is the largest in the County and special Thanks must go to Aileen and her committee. Aileen has been fantastic all year with her support for all Charitable and social events. Thanks to all ladies who contributed to a record year in the charitable amount raised from their section.

Committee

Please do not underestimate the amount of work these people do, special thanks to COLIN, GRAHAM, PETE, BRIAN and Allen.

THIS CLUB WOULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THEM.

I would like to thank Joe for all his help and wish him the best for 2018.

Finally I want to thank all members who supported our Charitable or Social events, this has been a record year, RAISING IN EXCESS OF £13500 for MAGGIES, including the golf day back in April.

David Mansfield announced that Chris had now joined the Notts Golf Captain Society – and our very own Mike Dimblebee would be Vice President in 2019.

Lady Captain – Aileen Kynoch

This year has absolutely flown by and I think that is because I have really enjoyed being your Lady Captain so a huge thank you to everyone for their support – what a great ladies section we have!

I have some very special memories of events held this year that I would like to share with you:

Captain's Drive In - What fun! Chris and I decided to dress up as Robin Hood and Maid Marion and I managed to survive the experience given the added pressure of it being April Fools' Day. A bit windy for those sleeves and I didn't know the event would be recorded for posterity on Facebook so thank you Rob Smith. By the way, I am now taking dressmaking orders for my label, Kynoch Kreations.

Lady Captain's Weekend Away - 39 ladies joined me at The Welcombe, Stratford at the end of April. The course was challenging, some may say undulating, with mixed weather conditions, but the venue, food and service were all excellent. I must say I particularly enjoyed my apartment!

Immediately after the weekend away was Maggie's Charity Golf Day at The Nottinghamshire. I think everyone who played deserves a medal as it was bitterly cold with sleet at one point, but it was a great fundraiser for our charity, Maggie's, making £3000 on the day.

We have run 2 Quiz nights and 2 Fish 'n' Chip Fridays this year, and these have proved very popular again and are probably a diary fixture for a few years to come.

The Anniversary Day Celebrations Evening was well supported with around 130 people attending. It was a great evening celebrating 25 years of the Club with a lovely meal and great service, as always, and it was lovely to see so many founder members.

I had an amazing day hosting my Lady Captain's Day at The Nottinghamshire on 7 June. The theme was 'The Great British Seaside' and 61 ladies played and 64 stayed for the meal and prize giving afterwards. Thank you to Deanne and Brenda for their fantastic work in the halfway house, enjoyed by all, and thanks also to Team Baywatch – my husband Stuart, son Lyall and daughter Rheona. We could have been at Skegness with that wind and who can forget 'The Lobster'?

Summer Meeting on 16th August – This gave another opportunity to dress up as the theme was 'Around the World in 18 Holes'. Ladies were invited to wear the colours or national costume of one of the 18 countries, so of course I had the full Japanese outfit, and 'Sheila' seemed to be a popular name.

Lady Captain's Away Day 6th September – I had a great day at Gainsborough Golf Club with 35 ladies joining me on a lovely day, with a great course and an excellent host club.

Solheim Cup 4th October – this was our annual competition between The Nottinghamshire ladies and Ruddington Grange ladies. A great result of 6 ½ to 4 ½ win to The Nottinghamshire – a sweet victory!

I think one of my best personal memories this year was my 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to play at Turnberry in the National Final of the National Golf Club Challenge (yes, I know, I went last year too!). This year I was with Rachael Allum, Lesley Morris, Helen Hammond and Lynne Williams (Lynne qualified as the 6th best score replacing Jenny Chung who was unable to attend) and we came a very creditable second, losing by just one point. Well done ladies!

Lady Captain's Dinner & Presentation Evening – oh what a night! From having my husband appear in full highland outfit to give the Selkirk Grace, to an auction like no other, ending with some unforgettable karaoke performances – I think the evening will go down as memorable, to say the least.

I would like to acknowledge the value of the bridge club to our lady members, run by Gilly Mazey, and also to thank Gilly for her sterling work organising the Knockout competitions for many years. This task is being handed over to our M&H sub committee.

The locker room fairy, aka Sarah Mansfield, has been busy again this year as hand towels magically appear and disappear at our events, and I would also like to thank Sarah for her continued support as Vets Representative.

Of course, I couldn't have got through this year without the backing of my wonderful committee. So many were new to their roles at the start of the year, but I am sure you will agree that they have all stepped up to the challenge and will continue to grow in confidence in the coming year. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and support this year and hope you enjoyed my gift of the Escape Room evening as much as I did.

A massive thank you to Bill and all the staff at The Nottinghamshire for their continuing support with all our ladies events (by the way I believe we are still the biggest ladies section in the county). Of course, without the work of the ladies and main committees, my role would be impossible, so I would like to thank them all for their tireless hard work and commitment. In particular I would like to thank Club Captain Chris Curzon, Graham Chambers, Colin Brown, and my Vice Captain Carol Knott for all the help and support they have given me over the last 12 months.

At the start of the year I accepted the Handicap Challenge and managed, somehow, to drop 2 shots this year, so thank you to everyone who sponsored me – this alone raised £372.00. In our 2 competitions with the Seniors we raised £270.20, split 50/50 between the two sections which equals another £135.10 (this is shown as a total in the Seniors accounts only). So, adding together all the various events and raffles held this year, I am very pleased to announce that we, the ladies

section, have raised an amazing £3073.08 for Maggie's at City Hospital. This is a charity close to my heart, so thank you all for achieving this record breaking amount.

So that has been my year and now I move onto the next chapter as County Vets Captain 2018.

Thank you everyone for a memorable year

Treasurer – Allen Brentley

(see attached appendices)

- Treasurer Report (commentary)
- Income Expenditure
- Balance Sheet
- Next Year Budget

Allen explained that income had been affected by the weather.

The overspend was down to the Anniversary Day celebrations.

Match & Handicap Secretary – Colin Brown

1. Confirmation to the membership that the M & H Committee has been compliant within the guidelines of CONGU throughout 2017 and an Annual Review against the compliance checklist has been carried out by myself.
2. 2017 saw the controlled and successful rollout of On-Line booking for all competitions, thereby affording all members the opportunity to enter competitions remotely and gain a tee booking appropriate to their personal needs.
3. In 2019 major Rule Changes are planned to take place and the M & H Committee are committed to monitor, communicate and implement the changes as appropriate.
4. CONGU changes for 2018 have been communicated via e-mail to members and detailed on the main noticeboard. With the introduction of Cat 5 & 6 handicaps up to the new raised limit of 54 for both men and women, the M & H Committee and as ratified by the Main Committee will restrict competitions for Men to an upper limit of 28 and for Ladies to an upper limit of 36.
5. Club Systems updates:
 - a. Cat 5 & 6 handicaps are now being allocated to new members based on returned scores for handicapping purposes. Those members on the upper limit of previously defined handicaps will start to see an increase in their respective handicaps as scores are returned above the competition standard scratch score.
 - b. Club Systems have introduced an improved score-sheet report whereby handicap reduction changes will be denoted on the score-sheet by the display of (R). An explanation will also appear at the bottom of the score-sheet.
 - c. The wording (NON C) will be shown next to scores of the people who are non-competitive at the bottom of the score-sheet. With the key showing that (NON C – Not eligible for prizes)

6. Club Competition Rules are fully documented in the rear of the Club Diary. Members are requested to familiarize themselves with some of the changes, with particular emphasis placed on competition eligibility for match-play and club Major tournaments. Organising committees will monitor all entrants and disqualify as appropriate should the situation arise. Particular emphasis is placed on match-play events where neither party attempts to contact one another.
7. Section Reports. I refer to the respective Section AGM's for the M & H reports as detailed in their minutes.
8. Championship Course changes – In view of the proposed management changes, the stroke indexes for the front nine of the men's card will be reviewed and changes will be advised as appropriate.

Colin reiterated his gratitude from all the section representatives that make up the M&H sub committee, along with the Green Staff, everyone in the office and Mike Dimblebee for his work on the Scratch team and Brian Wigley for the Combined.

His final comment was the need for succession planning for the key roles on the committee and encouraged people to think about joining the committee in the future.

Junior Organiser – Lee Archer

Junior Team

The following players represented the club in the Junior Team Competition;

Fergus Boyle (Captain) Harry Boyle, Kamran Suleman, Charlie Taylor, Charlie Inger, Karlis Davis Degis-Gloskops, Josh Williams, William Archer, Laim Meaden, Harrison Dear, Ethan Wright.

The clubs we competed against were Coxmoor , Rushcliffe , Sherwood and Newark. Whilst we only won one match two games came down to one game losing both on the last hole. Sherwood were a strong very competitive team defeated us soundly and went on to win the competition. Fergus was a super captain who took his responsibilities very seriously. Josh Williams and William Archer had the most success only losing one match between them.

For 2018 we have drawn Mapperley , Rufford and Rushcliffe.

I am delighted to announce that **Harry Boyle** is taking on the responsibility of Junior Captain. Harry has been a key committed member of the Junior Team for some time and well respected both inside and outside of the club.

The Junior Section

It is great to note that Charlie Inger who has become a key member of the club has been selected as The County Junior Ladies Captain. We have also had several talented Juniors recently join, that together with the academy the future looks very positive by way of numbers. Indeed with only three potential matches it may prove difficult to keep everyone engaged. The Junior Majors plus more tee times in school holidays will hopefully provide an avenue for everyone to get involved. Re the county Competitions Liam Meaden won the Cyril Sellick and William Archer came second in the Henderson and Carlisle.

A summary of Major winners are ;

Crystal Trophy Winner Liam Meaden.

Second Josh Williams and

William Archer in third

Major Number 2

Medal Trophy. Winner Fergus Trophy

Second William Archer

Third place Kamran Suleman

Major Number 3

Naylor Trophy. Winner Rowan Arnold

Second was Fergus Boyle.

Third Karlis Degis Groskops.

Major Number 4

Hassan Trophy. Winner. Josh Williams

Second Fergus Noyle and

Third William Archer

Major Number 5

Handicap Trophy. Winner. Josh Williams

Second William Archer

Third Rowan Arnold

Major Number 6

Secretary's Bowl Winner Will Hammond

Second Josh Williams

Third Liam Meaden

The Knockout was won by Harry Boyle –

We look forward to another successful season in 2018.

Thank you for everyone's support.

Lee thanked Dean & Mick Boyle for the foundations they had laid in the Junior section and Harry as incoming Captain.

Mixed Section Captain – Chris Gardner

Here we are at the end of another golfing year – how can time pass so quickly! It has been a hectic year and quite time consuming! Our mixed competitions have been well supported with a total of 139 couples participating although numbers are down in comparison to 160 in 2016. We always have a two hour time slot and endeavour to encourage 32 couples to take part! This has been achieved twice this year! We have had good weather conditions on the whole for them all. Support for the prize presentation following the comps has been varied – it's always good to see a good crowd there for the winners to be presented with the trophy being played for and we always try to encourage as many people to endeavour to do this as possible.

Winners of our mixed competitions 2017 have been:

Valentines team competition: Jill and Trevor Atkinson, Rachel and Roy Allum

Start of Season: David and Julie Rose

The Philip Lodge Trophy: Colin Brown and Carol Knott

The Pendry Trophy: Steve Wood and Bev Cook

The Graham Pickles Trophy: Peter and Cath Wong

The End of Season: Bev Cook and Steve Wood

Congratulations to all the winners!

Regarding matches – this has been the most fraught time with many clubs not able to field complete teams or cancelling due to being unable to get any team together. Communication with other organisers has been time consuming and quite arduous! Trying to confirm match dates for 2018 has seemed never-ending! As regards team selection from our club my main difficulty has been that the signup sheet has not been kept updated so I really encourage everyone to do this next season to lighten our load. My thanks to everyone who has responded so positively to my calls for more players – we have managed to field complete teams throughout the season! 54 players have represented the Nottinghamshire in mixed matches over the year. Thanks also to people being considerate in their signing up for home and away matches.

Our match results are as follows:

Wins: 6 Halved: 2 Lost: 3 Cancelled: 3 Change of format to AM AM due to weather and reduced host team: 1

We retained the trophy from our two matches with Horsley Lodge but unfortunately had to let Chilwell retain the Linsco Trophy for another year! Well done and thank you to everyone who has supported our teams and to past captains and committee members who have captained teams in my absence.

The Mixed Captain's Away Day was held at Glen Gorse Golf Club on June 8th, playing for the Brian and Lorna Reid Trophy, and was attended by 16 couples (2 couples having to drop out due to illness or injury). Although we experienced rain during the day we all enjoyed the course and the delicious home-cooked meal to follow. The trophy winners were David Rose and Sue Reynolds.

Our Mixed Weekends Away have all been very enjoyable thanks to the organisation of them all by Freda and Nigel Rhodes.

In May 16 couples went to the Abbey Golf Club at Redditch – this was a very successful weekend and the scenic course enjoyed by all who attended. The overall winners of the David and Jenny Brown Trophy were Holly Atkinson and Paul Bazeley on their very first weekend away.

In August 20 couples travelled to Forest Pines, a very enjoyable weekend away in beautiful weather, where we played combinations of all three nine hole courses during our stay. The facilities in the hotel were good and the dining excellent. The overall winners of the Sarah and David Mansfield Trophy were Julie and David Rose. A commendable fourth win of this trophy for them!

September saw 5 couples travel to Ullesthorpe Court where we experienced true autumnal weather over the two days. The facilities were excellent in all respects. The winners of the David and Andrea Gelsthorpe Trophy were Vicky Kemp and Reg Lumbis.

We have all agreed that it doesn't matter what size group go on these weekends away they are always enjoyed by everyone. We will always cater for as many folks who are interested in attending whether it be a large group or smaller one. The weekends away for 2018 are already planned and now posted on the mixed notice board for imminent sign up as deposits are due to hold the places.

At this point I would like to formally thank Freda and Nigel on behalf of us all for the hard work that they have put into the organisation of the weekends over the last couple of years. They are actually planning on moving south during next year but are willing to continue in their role until such times. Contingency plans are in place for when they leave us! Julie and Steve King will be shadowing them ready to take the reins when required to!

And now other mixed fixtures that we need to celebrate:

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Mixed Knockout - Helen Haycox and Wayne Eccles. To the winners of the Lee Mixed Trophy – Ingrid Harraldsson and Ian Gray and to the winners of the Bassingfield Bowl – Helen and Paul Hammond. To Rachel and Roy Allum who won the annual regional Porsche competition at Kedleston Park qualifying for the national comp in Ireland. Also, to Bev and Elliot Cook for winning the inaugural Notts Union of Golf Mixed Championship at Sherwood - it's great to celebrate all the successes of members of the mixed section.

Following the End of Season competition we announced the winners of the Order of Merit – Mixed Champions Bowl. This is played over 5 competitions during the season and points accumulated according to results. This year we have had a lot of contenders and the running has been really tight right up until the last competition with 16 couples gaining points before today's competition. I don't think we have ever had so many! In 3rd place we have Carol Knott and Colin Brown with 8 points, in second place Bev Cook and Steve Wood with 10 points but the winners of the Mixed Champions Bowl 2017 are Cath and Peter Wong with 12 points! Congratulations to all... a super year's golf!

I am sure that everyone would like to congratulate three of our members who will be taking up new posts for 2018 – Aileen Kynoch as captain of the county vets, Charlie Inger will be County Girls Captain and Carol Houghton County Ladies Vice Captain. Good Luck from all of us! All have supported the mixed section in matches, weekends away and competitions during 2017 and we hope that they will have time to join us during 2018.

One area that I did want to develop more this year was the social side and we did have a tenpin bowling evening which was enjoyed by all who participated- less than I had hoped but there again it

doesn't really matter how big or small the groups are for such events. Unfortunately, time got the better of me with my other commitments and I didn't get round to organising any others – maybe 2018 could see us experiencing something completely different from golf which was the aim!

Going forward we have decided to expand the committee creating new roles to lighten the work load of existing committee members making the task more manageable and less time consuming. We are introducing a Match Fixtures Secretary who will communicate with other clubs prior to matches. The mixed secretary, who does the minutes of our meetings and publishes them, and who fortunately has very little correspondence to deal with, will also organise the mixed competitions. We thought that an additional committee member as back up to officers would also be a huge support. This will all enable the mixed captain to oversee the section, the competitions, and to select teams for matches. Hopefully making the job more 'family friendly'!

We at the Nottinghamshire are extremely lucky to have such a thriving mixed section. The support is tremendous and is very much envied by many clubs who strive to run such a successful section. Year on year our section grows. We all have other commitments and cannot be around for every event that takes place but we always manage to get good turn outs.

My thanks to our very supportive mixed committee, David and Julie Rose and Mark Coyne – we have really worked well as a team over the last two years and hope to continue to do so with extra help during 2018. Thanks also to all the staff at the Nottinghamshire who have always tried their best to accommodate our needs, the pro shop staff, Trevor and his team for the delicious post match meals, Michael and Lauren and their front of house team, Rachel in the office and Bill for his encouragement.

Thank you to every member of the mixed section – we welcome everyone to take part - aiming to be inclusive, friendly and welcoming and we always want to encourage new members to join in, whether it be couples, golfing partners or individual players. There are many members, I think, who will back me up in saying that it has given them an opening to join in more golf events by playing with our mixed section. This year we have had 18 new players in the section and I really hope that they have enjoyed their golf with us.

As you know I always want everyone to be 'in the loop' hence the regular emails – hopefully this helps everyone feel included and part of the mixed section. However this can work both ways and I encourage all members to contact me with new ideas, suggestions and solutions to any problems that arise.

I am looking forward to continuing the role of Mixed Captain for 2018 and promise to serve you all to the best of my ability although this will definitely be the last year! We still are the best Mixed Section in the East Midlands let's not forget it!

Happy golfing everyone – here's to another great season in 2018.

Seniors Captain – Mike Ilett

Sadly, earlier in the year, Trevor Moreton passed away. He is sorely missed by all those who knew him and enjoyed his company.

It has been a somewhat turbulent year in which there have been several changes in the personnel on the Seniors' Committee. I took over the captaincy after Steve Wood resigned, Derek Price very kindly came out of retirement to be Secretary after Phil Gough resigned, Graham Ayers came in to be Vice-Captain, and we co-opted two further committee members, Garry Corpe as Fixtures Secretary and Tony Dobbs as Events Assistant. I wish to thank those new Committee members as well as the other members, Pete Trotter, Alistair Elliott and Rob Gray, for all their hard work in contributing towards the organisation of the many successful events throughout the year. I would also like to thank Roger De Silva for organising the Roll-ups. Our majors have been well supported. We have continued to run 2 divisions, with different winners every time – congratulations to all of them. The weather was rather unkind and forced us to postpone the Dry Summer Cup twice and the Willoughby Cup once, but we got there in the end. Our Spring away day at Torksey was well attended, but the Autumn away day at Erewash seemed to be less popular, although enjoyed by all who participated. We asked seniors to give their preferences for the 2018 away days and about 40 responded. We have used that feedback to choose Rutland Water for Spring and Stoke Rochford for Autumn. We had 32 matches during the year, winning 10, drawing 4 and losing 18. I think our end-of-year report reads "Could do better"! Thanks to all who represented the Club in these matches, although we would like to have a larger pool to choose from. We have reduced the number of our matches against other clubs to 29 for 2018. We are grateful to '**Window Concepts**' for providing prizes of golf balls for nearest-the-pins for our home matches and also to one of our seniors for underwriting a prize of £100 for a hole in one (which wasn't claimed). Having those prizes allowed us to collect £32 for every home match, which added to our collections for the charity, Maggies, to whom we were able to give £1580. Thanks to all your willing and generous contributions to such a good cause. We are looking for a sponsor to replace Window Concepts for 2018 so if anyone has any ideas they would be welcomed. We have run monthly qualifying medals off the white tees, and stablefords off the yellow tees for the winter months. We sent out a questionnaire this autumn and we were heartened by the response. 76 seniors were interested enough to voice their opinions, preferences and ideas. These responses and the Committee's

subsequent action have already been circulated to the seniors. Immediate changes are:

(a) later start times for the Monday (8:00), Wednesday (7:30 after 1st Mar) and Friday (8:00) sessions.

(b) more Roll-ups (twice a month)

(c) the number of matches against other clubs has been reduced to 29 from 32 for 2018 and we are proposing to reduce this further for the 2019 season.

(d) the duration of home matches will be shortened by having a rolling lunch and by having 4 pairs starting on the 16th or 17th holes.

(e) there will be an inaugural Seniors Club Championship in October 2018 – details to be announced nearer the time.

In addition, there were several interesting suggestions that will be considered by the Committee next year.

We now have Honours Boards for the winners of the majors and the singles and doubles knock-outs,

something to show your grandchildren in the future should you be so lucky, or good, or both.

And lastly, an enormous thank you to the ground staff who have managed to keep the course in excellent

condition – something commented on frequently by visiting teams.

Best wishes for a great year.

Mike Ilett Seniors Captain 2017

Course Superintendent – Pete Billings

It's at this time of year we can take a look back and reflect upon last years achievements and also look forward to the future.

We started 2017 by completing several winter projects on the 2 courses. Initially we started with the rebuilding of the Signatures 9th tee which required totally releveling and returfing. A new sleeper edge to the path was also installed.

After that we relevelled the Signatures 10th yellows and built a raised medal tee. Whilst we were here we took the opportunity to install winter mats which enable us to play qualifying games throughout the winter. We have found that as these mats are installed as part of the permanent surface they offer a far better option than a mat just dropped on the tee top. Also while we were in that area we upgraded the path from the 15th green to the 16th tee past the bell.

Next on the list was the shortening of the Championships 12th tee for the gents. It was deemed to be too difficult with you having to negotiate your ball to the green past a bunker and a pond from 200 yds away. The decision was made to extend and relevel the existing yellow tee by 25yds which makes it far more playable.

Winter then turned to Spring and thoughts changed to the forth coming season. An area of reoccurring concern has been the height and density of the semi rough throughout both courses. A decision was made that it would be reduced in height to 50mm and be cut more often. Also the length of grass between some of the holes was causing concern. It was considered a big enough penalty being in there without the added penalty of possibly losing your ball! Our present semi rough machine wasn't capable of this so a new contour mower was duly sourced and bought. The rest of the summer remained largely uneventful, in a good way!! The playing surfaces continued to improve and were well received by members and visitors alike.

The Autumn greens maintenance was to be the next major operation where we managed to work 150 tons of sand into the greens surface. The results of this work can now be appreciated as the surfaces are still great at this time of year.

We on the ground staff have increasingly noticed that the Autumn season has extended further into Winter which then requires us to continue with a full mowing programme well into November. Historically winter projects would have been in full flow by then. The results of this are that we didn't start any projects this year until December.

The Championships 13th tee was our first port of call with the yellow and red tees requiring a new level surface. The bridge to these tees also needed replacing. The medal tee will be done also in the near future. A new path has also recently been completed leading you from the 13th approach past the half way house to the 14th tees. This has been done in order to prevent wear damage to the surround on the left hand side of the green. As we enter 2018 you will have obviously noticed the next project! After much deliberation between Kimber Golf Architects and ourselves we are in the process of creating 2 new putting greens which has always been a weak point in the facilities here. Also a new 1st tee complex is being made for both the ladies and gents. The ditch half way down the fairway is to be filled, a new bunker on the left of the fairway and the removal of the existing one on the right. No one can say we stand still here and I think it will make a significant improvement to our present layout.

With all that's planned it's going to be a busy few months and on behalf of my team and me I wish you all well for the forthcoming season.

Pete Billings
Course Manager

Managing Director – Bill McKenzie

As this is now my 6th year at the Club it is, as ever, a pleasure to report on another successful year in

2017 but also to reflect on the evolution of the Club and the complex in general.

The weather has been reasonably good to us, the two courses have played extremely well and it seems like everyone has enjoyed their golfing experiences at the Nottinghamshire, even though the scores may not have always been as good as what most of us wanted but that's Golf isn't it.

The face of the complex here at the Nottinghamshire is continually changing, hopefully for the better of course. The owner and I are constantly in discussions re how we can make the overall cradle to grave experience of arriving and parking up, playing the course and eating or drinking at our complex as enjoyable as possible for everyone.

At this point in time we both feel it is appropriate to reiterate that the significant investment in both

courses and the clubhouse itself has only been possible by developing the more hospitality side of the business.

Members of other clubs, and this is anywhere in the UK by the way, would struggle to find another golf course complex that has had so much money spent on it to improve it for the Members. Alan has invested well over £4 million on just the 2 courses and the clubhouse over the last 6 years and this is unprecedented in this industry over these last few years. One would be mistaken to assume that this investment has paid back yet as it will be at least 10 years before Alan sees a tangible return

for his money.

Here is a list of some of the improvements/investments:

☐ In 2012 the Clubhouse received a £2 million refurbishment which provided one of the most comfortable clubhouse facilities in the Midlands. Since then a glass Terrace has been added to give Members more seating.

☑ Significantly redesigning numerous holes on both courses has made a huge difference re how the courses look and play which has cost well over £1 million.

☑ Changing the Signature layout has ensured a much better balanced round with a spectacular finish.

☑ Several tees have been revamped and more are to be done before the season starts in April 2018.

☑ The regular and expensive investment in new course machinery, over £500k, has paid off brilliantly with our fairways and greens never been in better condition, especially as we play through the winter whilst many other courses are closed.

We are delighted that the vast majority of our valued membership are able to work out that the only

way of finding such high amounts of investment is to develop the weddings, functions and Hotel side

of the business to help pay for these improvements. Golf on its own would never be able to provide the return on such a high level of investment.

Membership numbers, as in the rest of the UK, remain a challenge with current numbers at only 885. This is clearly an average of only 442 per course versus the normal average of 650-700 for a Nottinghamshire single course complex. The majority of our local Clubs also enjoy no VAT being charged as they are private Members clubs whilst we pay the VAT man 20% on everything. So the fact that we are well short of the normal numbers means we can find plenty room for some societies

and Members can enjoy the variety our 2 courses provide as well as get a game reasonably comfortably. On this item it is worth reminding the Membership that those people who consistently

don't turn up for a tee time they have booked in advance, cause other Members to miss out on a getting a game. We will be noting those offenders in 2018 and taking appropriate action to ensure this practice stops.

As I have already written to you all regarding the reasons for the 2.5% increase on fees for 2018 I will

summarise this one by reinforcing the facts that the Government increases for minimum pay rates has forced us to find at least some of this money via the 2.5% we are charging. This represents a total income of only £13,000 which doesn't even cover the extra pay increases never mind pay for any of the Machinery investment or course improvements planned for 2018.

So what are the plans for 2018?

At this point in time we are a little bit in limbo as we wait for both the Planning permission for clubhouse developments we are considering as well as the plans from our course architect Paul Kimber regarding the course changes under review. These plans include potentially relocating the pro shop into the courtyard and refurbishing the pro shop into a lovely lounge bar space for members to enjoy. I can confirm that the 3 holes under consideration include the 1st and 4th holes on

the Championship as well as the 6th hole on the signature. I promise that we will share the detail once we get the plans back from Paul in the very near future.

We are also looking at a plan to improve and flatten the existing putting green. Finally we are working on a plan to extend the driving range to put in 2 indoor teaching bays with a golf simulator and toilets which will be available for Members passing on their way to the 13th tee. As ever, these plans are always subject to change due to circumstances outside our control, but at least you are now aware of our intentions.

On the management team front and to reemphasise our commitment to improving the service to our Members, we have appointed Sara Gacem, who is here tonight, as our new General Manager.

Sara, who already has wealth of hospitality experience from working around the world will be spending a lot of time getting to know what your needs are and learning how to improve your food and beverage experience so please feel free to chat to her as she walks around the Clubhouse. On a Committee front, I want to pay tribute to Chris Curzon, our Club Captain and also to Aileen Kynoch our Ladies Captain. Both Captains have had a great year, both in the way they have conducted themselves and how they have represented the Club. They have also raised massive amounts of money for the Maggie's charity which is a brilliant effort. Well done and thank you to both. I look forward to working just as closely with the 2018 Captains Joe and Carol. Good luck to you both.

Finally, as we have numerous other Captains and Committee members who work tirelessly to ensure competitions and teams all run smoothly, we want to say a huge thanks to all those who volunteer their valuable time to support our Club. This is helped in no small way with how Colin Brown and his helpers, administer our competitions and handicaps in such an effective way on a daily basis. Thank you Colin we really appreciate your commitment.

Thank you for your attention and have a fantastic year in 2018.

Yours sincerely
Bill Mackenzie MD

7. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor

2018 Committee

Captain	Joe Timmins
Vice Captain	Graham Chambers
Honorary Secretary	Peter Trotter
Honorary Treasurer	Allen Brentley
Match & Handicap Secretary	Colin Brown
Lady Captain	Carol Knott
Lady Vice Captain	Cindy Ealing
Seniors Captain	Mike Ilett
Mixed Captain	Chris Gardner
Past Captain	Chris Curzon
Committee Member	Lee Archer (Junior Organiser)
Committee Member	Dave Gray
Committee Member	Nigel Turner
Committee Member	Andrew Varney
Committee Member	Dean Boyle
Committee Member	Brian Wigley

Exchange of Ties

Ties were exchanged and Chris thanked Joe once again for all his help in making his year as Captain so successful.

Incoming Club Captain's address

Joe Timmins set out his ambitions for 2018 and looked forward to receiving the members support. He congratulated Carol on becoming Ladies Captain & looked forward to working with her and raising a good sum for the charity. He recognised the work of the committee, particularly that of

Colin, Pete & Allen. He commented on the forthcoming building works and the impact the improvements would have for members and visitors alike.

Date of next AGM – 23rd Jan 2019 at 7.30pm

Graham Chambers Hon. Secretary

Financial Appendices

Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club – Treasurer’s Report for Season 2016-17 Annual General Meeting, January 2018

Financial Commentary

4. Income from competition entry fees exceeded £23,000 and was up by approximately £2000 on the previous year, due mainly to fewer competitions being cancelled for bad weather.
5. The budget plan for the year, as with recent previous years, was to “break-even”. However, actual expenditure exceeded income by £987 resulting in a reduction of the cash surplus held. The single largest overspend was in the category of Social Events and was due to the decision made by the Committee to increase spending on celebrating the 25th anniversary of the club.
6. The budget for 2017/18 has once again been set to roughly balance expenditure to income.

Treasurer Notes

Given that, at any one time, the Committee is responsible for holding around £6,000 of members’ funds in the form of balances on competition accounts, it is crucial that we maintain suitable procedures for securing and reconciling these funds. I can confirm that, once again, the member competition balances maintained on the ClubV1 system have been regularly reconciled throughout the year against the accounts system and the bank statements and that no irregularities have been identified.

I reported last year that Ash Stephenson had been appointed as the new auditor for Committee financial records and I would like to thank Ash for his input during the year to the Finance Liaison meetings along with the Hon Sec and myself.

NMGC Proposed Budgets for 2016/17
 For the year 01/11/2017 - 31/10/2018

Income from Competition Fees	22,000
Misc Income, Contributions & Donations	3100
Total Income	<u>25,100</u>
Competition Costs	
Vouchers / Cards	12,100
Trophies / Prizes etc	3,800
Balls	1,500
PGA / NUC Fees	500
Trophy Board Updates	350
Total Prize Related Costs	<u>18,250</u>
% payout	82.95%
<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
Officer's Costs	1,000
Committee Expenses	450
Team Costs	1,000
Computer Costs	2,000
General Overheads (Stationery, Phone, Gifts etc)	950
Social Events	500
NIUGC / Entry Fees	350
Total Expenses	<u>6,250</u>
Total All Expenditure	<u>24,500</u>
<u>Excess of income over expenditure</u>	<u>600</u>

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 October 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Competition Fees	20,940	23,066
Other Income	9	5
Bank Interest		
Other Contributions	1,160	904
Total Other Income	1,169	909
Total All Income	22,109	23,975

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Competition Costs		
Vouchers / Cards	10,150	12,317
Trophies / Prizes	3,409	4,181
Balls	1,056	1,049
PGA/NUGC Fees	357	509
Total Prizes	14,972	18,056
% payout	72%	78%
Other Expenditure		
Officer's Costs	1,109	576
Committee Expenses	668	437
Team Costs	831	1,053
Computer Costs	1,626	2,071
General Overheads	778	1,039
Social Events	386	1,729
Approved Project Costs		
Total Expenses	5,398	6,905
Total All Expenditure	20,370	24,962
Surplus / Loss	1,739	987

Signed as a true record

Ashley Stephenson, Auditor

18th December 2017




18/12/2017

The Nottinghamshire Members Golf Club
Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 October 2016

	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Debtors	78	
Bank Deposit A/c	20,072	12,594
Bank Current A/c	4,182	12,067
Cash in Hand	83	26
	<u>24,415</u>	<u>24,687</u>
<u>Less Liabilities</u>		
Competition Fees Pre-paid by members	6,928	7,427
Captains Charity suspense	5,213	4,818
Creditors	2,072	1,287
Trophy suspense	49	35
Accruals (Prize levy - 2017 KO competitions - not paid at Y/E)	390	370
	<u>14,652</u>	<u>13,937</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>9,763</u>	<u>10,750</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Accumulated Account b/fwd at 1st November	10,750	9,011
Surplus for the Year	-987	1,739
Reserves C/fwd	<u>9,763</u>	<u>10,750</u>

Signed as a true record

Ashley Stephenson, Auditor

 18/12/2017