# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

#### Minutes of the Executive /Fixtures meeting

#### Held at

#### **Coxmoor Golf Club**

On Thursday 7th November, 2024

Present:

Colin Bee NUGC President/Secretary, Coxmoor/Wollaton Park

Richard Bonnello NUGC Past President, Hollinwell

Bob Ward NUGC Past President, Oakmere Park GC

Gordon Bruce NUGC Hon. County Treasurer, Wollaton Park GC

Stan Yeomans NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC Richard Coleman NUGC Vice President, Wollaton Park GC Michael Boulton NUGC Vice President, Springwater GC

Brian Knowles NUGC U14/16 Manager, The Nottinghamshire GC

Richard Jeffs NUGC Past Vice President, Coxmoor GC

Mandy Bee NUGC Assistant Secretary

Peter Benson
Ron Beckett
Ian Beeson
Ian Scott
Roy Harris
Kevin Mantle
Beeston Fields GC
Norwood Park GC
Nottingham City GC
Sherwood Forest GC
Springwater GC

There were 16 members present, representing 11 Golf Clubs.

# 01. <u>Apologies for Absence.</u>

Peter Trotter
Edgar Bramwell
Roger Poole
Martin Hathway
NUGC Chair of Junior Golf, The Nottinghamshire
NUGC Past President, Nottingham City GC
NUGC Past President, Rushcliffe GC
NUGC Past President, SOTW GC

Martin Hatriway NUGC Past President, 501 W GC

Alan Benson NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC

Alec Shepperson NUGC Past President, Coxmoor GC Roy Sallis NUGC Past President, Hollinwell Andrew Tuttey NUGC Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC

Anthony Wain

Scott Krokoszynski

Ian Newlove

Paul Keeling

NUGC County Captain, Sherwood Forest GC

NUGC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain, Rufford Park GC

NUGC Senior Captain, Wollaton Park GC

NUGC EG & MGU Voting member, SOTW GC

Ian RobinsonRufford Park GCLin JenkinsSouthwell GCMike JenkinsSouthwell GC

Steve Mee Oakmere Admirals GC
Mark Northern Ramsdale Park GC

The President welcomed everyone to the combined Executive/Fixtures meeting and thanks Coxmoor GC for their hospitality.

# 02. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024</u>

The minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and posted on the website. These were considered to be a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Richard Bonnello, Past President, Hollinwell Seconded: Bob Ward, Past President, Oakmere GC

# 03. <u>Matters Arising – (Not included on the Agenda)</u>

No matters arising.

# 04. Correspondence

No Correspondence

# 05. England Golf & Midland Golf Union Report – Paul Keeling, EG Voting member

## **England Golf**

The report from Paul Keeling, County Voting member can be found in Annex A attached to these minutes.

#### There were no questions from the Executive.

## Midland Golf Union

The report from Paul Keeling, County Voting member can be found in Annex A attached to these minutes.

## Response

Peter Benson, Beeston Fields GC asked how John Rawson, MGU President health was.

The President/Secretary replied saying there was not much change, but Brian Peplow has stepped in as acting MGU President.

## 06. Chair of Junior Golf Report – Peter Trotter

The report from Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf can be found at Annex B attached to these minutes.

There were no questions from the Executive.

#### 07. County Captain's Reports - Anthony Wain & Scott Krokoszynski

The reports from Anthony Wain, County Captain & Scot Krokozynski Second Team Captain can be found in Annex C & D attached to these minutes.

The County Secretary thanked Anthony Wain & Scott Krokozynski for all their hard work and a great achievement for the County with the 1<sup>st</sup> Team winning the league and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team doing very well.

There were no questions from the Executive.

#### 08. County Senior's Report – Ian Newlove

The report from Ian Newlove, Senior Captain can be found in Annex E attached to the minutes.

#### Response

Stan Yeomans encouraged more support from everyone in supporting home matches.

The President/ Secretary congratulated the Seniors on winning the league.

## 09. County Championship's Report and Proposal ... Colin Bee.

The report from Colin Bee, Competitions Secretary can be found in Annex F attached to these minutes.

#### Response

The President/Secretary mentioned the PGA have stepped up in getting 19 professionals to play in the NUGC Open this year. Stan Yeomans, Past President suggested each Junior Organiser to encourage Juniors to take part in County events.

Ron Beckett, Norwood Park GC, suggested that the Mixed Pairs event, that men should be playing from the yellow tees, as this event is meant to be a pleasurable day out.

#### The Executive all agreed.

## 10. County Secretary's Report - Colin Bee, County Secretary

The County Secretary's report can be found in Annex G attached to the minutes.

There were no questions from the Executive.

# 11. <u>Annual Dinner Update – Andrew Tuttey, Annual Dinner Secretary.</u>

The Annual Dinner secretary had sent his apologies but had sent a report for the Executive.

## **Annual Dinner Secretary Report 2024**

All invitations have been sent out to England Golf, Midland Golf, County Secretaries, Vice Presidents, Clubs/Managers, Past Presidents, Senior winning team, 1<sup>st</sup> Team, coaches, James Hibbett. The posters have all been printed and for those clubs not here tonight will be posted.

Cost of ticket will remain at £40.00 pp

The deposit has been paid by Gordon.

Last year's numbers were 254, so we hope to get the same or a few more.

I will be testing the microphones a week before the event to make sure they work.

Nigel Moxon will be the Toast master.

Mick Miller will be our speaker/comedian.

#### Response

The President/Secretary explained to the Executive, due to the microphone issues at the last dinner, we will be taking a speaker back up just in case.

#### 12 Health & Safety – Colin Bee, County Secretary

No matters to report

There were no questions from the Executive.

### 13. Any Other Business

No matters from the Executive.

# 14. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting held at Beeston Fields GC</u> On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

The minutes from the previous year's meeting had been circulated and posted on the website. These were a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Richard Bonnello, Past President, Hollinwell Seconded: Stan Yeomans, Past President, Beeston Fields GC

Voted upon and agreed unanimously.

#### 16. Matters Arising

No matters arising

#### 17. NUGC Inter-Club Scratch League Fixtures 2025

The County Secretary reported that all Clubs had been circulated with a copy of the Scratch league fixtures prior to the meeting. All fixtures were also on the website under Interclub.

# 18. NUGC Mens & Mixed Inter- Club Knockout – 2025 Mens Interclub Foursomes Matches

The President/ Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that there were 26 teams entered the draw. This will result in 9 first round matches, with **Serlby Park** and **College Pines** receiving automatic byes by virtue of being winners and runners up in 2024. There will be a further 4 byes.

The outcome of the draw was:

#### Byes;

Serlby Park -Winners
College Pines – Runner up
Rufford Park
Wollaton Park
Beeston Fields
Newark

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round matches:

Oakmere Admirals v Chilwell Manor at Brierley Forest

Retford v Norwood Park at Newark

Worksop Rushcliffe at Oakmere Admirals ٧ Nottingham City at Bulwell Forest Brierley Forest V Trent Lock Radcliffe on Trent at Beeston Fields V Ruddington Grange v at Wollaton Park Coxmoor The Nottinghamshire at Radcliffe on Trent Southwell

Bulwell Forest v Ramsdale Park at Hollinwell
Mapperley v Sherwood Forest at Coxmoor
SOTW v Hollinwell at Norwood Park

First Round matches are to be on Monday 19th May 2025

Subsequent rounds will be played on Monday 23rd June 2025, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (Semi Finals) and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Final at Hollinwell).

#### **Mixed Inter- Club Foursomes Matches**

The President/ Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that there were 23 teams entered into the draw. This will result in 7 first round matches, with **SOTW Golf Club** and **Newark** receiving byes by virtue of being winners and runners up respectively in 2024. There will be a further 7 byes.

#### Byes:

SOTW - Winners
Newark – Runners up
Wollaton Park
Sherwood Forest
Worksop
Mapperley
Norwood Park
Ruddington Grange
Rushcliffe

# 1st Round Matches.

Coxmoor	V	Oakmere Admirals	at Sherwood Forest
The Nottinghamshire v		Hollinwell	at Wollaton Park
Ramsdale Park	V	Retford	at Oakmere Admirals
Serlby Park	V	College Pines	at Worksop
Nottingham City	V	Rufford Park	at Ramsdale Park
Southwell	V	Beeston Fields	at Coxmoor
Chilwell Manor	V	Radcliffe on Trent	at The Nottinghamshire

First Round Matches are to be played on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 (Semi Finals) and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Final at Holinwell).

#### 19. Entry Forms 2025.

The County Secretary reported that all Entry forms for 2025 competitions will be available on the website from January 2025. Please encourage members to enter.

## 20. Championship Course 2025

The President/ Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that **Hollinwell** is the Championship Course for 2025, they will be hosting just the Strokeplay/Open, Matchplay and Interclub Finals.

The President/ Secretary reminded all Clubs to be generous in granting courtesy rounds to all clubs hosting main events.

#### 21. Any other Business

Stan Yeomans, Past President informed the Executive that Lifetime Vice President Joe Stocker has been poorly with pneumonia. He is now out of hospital and is making a good recovery.

The President/Secretary asked the attendees what they thought of having the Exec meetings potentially via Zoom His suggestion was due to the continued low numbers attending the meetings, this coupled with keeping golf club open at night particularly in the winter months. The room agreed that this option should be explored.

### Response

The Executive agreed this would be acceptable.

The President/Secretary also thanked Roy Harris for all his support as Sherwood's voting member as he is stepping down from the role.

The President thanked everyone and asked if they would like a drink at the bar.

Meeting closed at 19.40pm.

# 22. Date of next meeting – Executive Meeting at Beeston Fields Golf Club on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm prompt.

### **Annex A**

**England Golf & Midland Golf Union – Paul Keeling, Voting Member** 

# ENGLAND GOLF & MIDLAND GOLF UNION REPORT FOR NUGC EXECUTIVE - October 2024

#### **AGM General Business**

I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that the stalemate between England Golf & Woodhall Spa Land Holdings (WSLH) regards the development at the National Golf Centre has been resolved following an extraordinary general meeting being called by shareholders, and the resolution for to amend the WSLH constitution to bring it in line with the 60% WSLH/40% EG representation being carried.

While there are still legal matters to be addressed which includes allowing for WSLH to take out finance, work by both sides is underway and it is hoped that construction work will commence autumn 2025.

Rounds played and visitor spend are both down compared to last year. It is hoped this is due to the weather and course conditions through winter 2023 and early spring 2024 but is something EG are closely monitoring.

The EG Strategic Plan 2025/2030 will be an evolvement on the course planner, with the draft being made available to voting members in November and finalised the March General Meeting.

The new EG Terms of Affiliation had now been adopted by 1200 clubs, with others working towards, except for 47 clubs who had not engaged.

Both within the CEO's and Chairs report there was an emphasis on men's unions and ladies' associations revisiting merging using Lancashire's recent merger as a 'flag ship' to others. I will leave it to Council to further consider this matter.

#### **Finance**

EG affiliation fee will rise by 75p from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 While actual versus budget year shows a surplus of £221K, which is from I Golf subscriptions and staff cost savings, affiliation fees are £97K down.

Following the county treasurers meeting, changes to the affiliation fee collection process which include penalties for clubs not paying over on time was approved.

### MIDLAND GOLF UNION

The date for the 2025 Mid-Amateur Open has been moved following discussion to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Due to illness director John Rawson has resigned from the MGU Board, an interim director has been co-opted until the MGU AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Players have requested consultation between counties and MGU regarding suitable venues for MGU seniors' events. Colin Bee may have further detail from seniors committee minutes.

I will be attending the MGU AGM at Chevin GC on 4<sup>th</sup> December and will update on director elections & financial statement soon after.

Best Regards

#### Annex B

#### **Chair of Junior Golf Report – Peter Trotter**

## Junior Report - Nov 2024 Executive meeting

2024 has proved to be a much more challenging year with the loss of some key players and a drop in form of some other – it has however been great to watch the improvement and development of some of the younger boys.

#### Midland League

Once again, we had a settled group of players, but our opponents had also moved on and had some great teams especially Cambridgeshire.

The tri-corner match against Cambridgeshire and Northants was a very mixed day with a good win against the hosts Northants but a narrow loss to Cambridgeshire – this unfortunately set the tone for the rest of the season. The final 2 matches were at home to both Lincolnshire and then Leicester & Rutland. Both matches resulted in poor defeats and our place at the foot of the table was sealed.

Once again, we will lose a number of very influential players but we will go into 2025 with renewed enthusiasm.

#### **County Competitions**

Once again there was great support for all the County competitions in part due to constant email reminders.

The results were: -

NUGC 3,2,1 (53 entries) – Stan Yeomans Salver Nathan Philpotts –

Radcliffe on Trent

Wardman Pairs Nathan Philpotts, ROT & Dan

Towle Sherwood.

Lamplugh Trophy Oakmere Park GC

Jack Prescott Trophy (39 entries)

Owen Cooper – Oakmere

Park

Cyril Sellick Trophy (36 entries)

Owen Cooper – Oakmere

Park

Henderson Trophies (47 entries) – Gross Salver Amelia Wan –

Sherwood Forest

Nett Cup William Lawrence - Chilwell

Manor

Boys County Championship (25 entries)

Stanton GC

U16 – Ethan Wan – Sherwood Forest

Overall - Kai Krishnan -

U14 - William Psenko -

**Sherwood Forest** 

Boys Handicap Championship (45 entries)

Hedstrom – Ruddington.

Henry Keeton – Lucas

County Order of Merit Age Based Order of Merit

Oakmere Park

Theo Nelson – Coxmoor GC U12 – Owen Cooper –

Oakmere Park

U14 – Jack Bradley –

U16 – Lucas Hedstrom -

Ruddington

U18 - Dan Towle - Sherwood

Forest

## **Junior League**

The Junior League has settled down into a very good competition and the results show close matches.

The final was played at Ruddington Grange GC on Sun 13 Oct – the final was between Worksop GC and Norwood Park GC with Worksop claiming a good victory by 3 matches to 2.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> place play off was between the two Oakmere teams with Oakmere North winning on the day.

Hopefully we will have the same level of entries for 2025.

#### **Four Counties Tournament**

Once again, despite poor weather an excellent tournament was held at Formby GC in early April. Our boys struggled in the very difficult conditions against excellent opponents and ended up bottom of the table.

The 2025 tournament will be held at Wallasey GC in April

#### **England Golf Midland Region Qualifier (10 Counties)**

Notts again fielded a very strong team at Overstone Park GC and had high hopes of improving on the previous year's performances which had seen us in 5<sup>th</sup> place. County Junior Captain Will Burbidge again led the team to a very creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The 2025 tournament will be held at Belton Park GC, Grantham

#### **U14 Four Counties**

Once again an excellent U14 tournament was held at Alfreton GC against Derbyshire, Warwickshire, and Staffordshire. Our boys came up against very strong opposition and we ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall

#### **MGU U14 Ten Counties**

This tournament was played at the Longcliffe GC on Sun 1st Sept. The Notts boys all played well and as a team again ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Heath Dixon was our leading player and was individual 6<sup>th</sup> place.

#### **MGU U16 County Cup (Ten Counties)**

This tournament was played at the Manor GC, Uttoxeter on Sun 29 Sept. We fielded a very strong team but were no match for the team from Derbyshire who ran out convincing winners. The Notts boys all played well and as a team ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

### **MGU Champion of Champions**

This tournament was played at Stourbridge GC on Sun 22 Sept in very poor weather. The County was represented by Kai Krishnan, Ethan Wan and William Psenko who all acquitted themselves very well – William Psenko who won the U14 and U16 championships and was overall runner up – a fantastic achievement.

# **County Coaching Squads**

The restructuring of the Junior Coaching squads started in 2023 continues – this is based on ability as per the advice from EG. This has again proved to be a great success and along with the continued input and support from the 3 County Coaches has, in my opinion been the single biggest move forward for a number of years. The invites for 2025 have been sent out and this year includes a Player/Union agreement setting what is required from players and the Union

The Nippers Tour managed by Pete Lockley and Tom Warnock has gone from strength to strength with almost 50 boys and girls signed up. The professional set up and fantastic prize table has added to the continuing success of the Tour. In 2025, the upper age limit will be increased to 13 years.

# Pete Trotter, NUGC Chair of Junior Golf 16 Oct 2024

Annex C & D

<u>County Captains Report's - Anthony Wain, County Captain & Scott Krokozynski, Second Team Captain</u>

**County Captain, Anthony Wain** 

To summarise, we've had a fantastic year which ended with a thoroughly deserved league title.

14 players have represented the first team over the course of the season, which highlights the commitment and support that I've received for every match. All of the players have contributed, not only by winning points, but by also creating an environment which enables them to feel relaxed and play their best golf.

Each of the five matches played was incredibly competitive, however each player has competed within the spirit of the game and should be proud of themselves for that. I'm certainly proud of them.

I'd like to thank Colin and Mandy for their support over the season and thank you to all of the clubs who have accommodated us, we've been thoroughly looked after during each match, which helps the team focus on the task in hand. I'd also like to say a special thanks to Richard Jeffs who has been with us at our home games, and who has done a fantastic job in starting the matches. He's also had to ride alongside me on the buggy for 10 hours, and that's not an easy task!

So as we look to next season and beyond, I think we're in a great position. Our team has a great mix of players who are very experienced with a winning mentality. We need to maintain our desire and continue winning league titles, and we also need to realise our full potential and strive for more success in the additional team events that we play, such as the EG Men's County Championships.

Onwards and Upwards

County Captain Anthony Wain

## Second team Captain- Scott Krokozynski

With this being my first year as 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain, I have had time to reflect and there are several things I would do differently. This includes me being more vocal on match days. I really looked up to other Captains getting their team together before a match and gearing them up. This is something I would certainly do in the future.

Shortage of players, I found it a real struggle finding players for the final match of the season.

These being said, positives and highs certainly outweighed the experience we had during the season.

Every single team player was outstanding, punctual and gave their best. Although we didn't win the league, we won in many other ways.

I'd like to thank the players, the supporters and everyone else involved in making the matches run smoothly and effortlessly.

Let's hope next season has a better outcome, with better results. With continued support from everyone involved and more determination from myself and my team, I am positive we can turn this around.

Thank you again 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain Scott Krokoszynski

#### Annex E

# County Senior's Report - ,lan Newlove Senior Captain

I wanted to write a few words to summarise my tenure as Captain. The key takeaway is that it has been thoroughly enjoyable and that is largely down to the all the players who have represented the County. Many friendships have been reinforced, pairings have become forged, and matches played in a sportsmanlike, but competitive way.

The Winter series of matches went well, although the weather did intervene, it was great to be out on Hollinwell, Sherwood, Coxmoor and Wollaton. The Woodhall Spa short game day was a great success, 6 hours of focus on putting, chipping, pitching and bunker play. Personally, it caused me to purchase a new putter!

Not forgetting the Winter coaching at Oakmere which provides useful training tips from Peter, Tom and Stuart. And gives the squad plenty to work on. Looking back on the playing season, we played five traditional friendlies. It gives the opportunity to blood new and more experienced players.

Worcs (away) lost 14-4

Staffs (away) lost 11-7

Derby (home) won 11-7

S&H (home) won 9.5-8.5

Warks (away) lost 10-8

It is always tough to win away, that will be our aim next season.

After the first two Midland League matches, we had put ourselves in prime position to win the league. Unfortunately, we went to Sleaford against Lincs and suffered quite a heavy defeat although many matches were tight. This meant we needed a good win versus Northants to provide a target for L&R and Lincs to aim at. A rousing display at Wollaton gave us a 14-4 win and our overall points score of 44 proved too much for the other counties, Notts win the EML.

L&R (away) won 10-8 Cambridgeshire (home) won 15.5-2.5 Northants (home) won 14-4 Lincs (away) lost 13.5-4.5 We now looked forward to the Midlands playoff at Collingtree Park versus Shropshire and Herefordshire. There was a small change to the team with recruit Ray Hall (Norwood) coming in as Rob Sallis could not play. The match was played in great spirit both teams surprised how Collingtree had changed in recent years with 3 tees now being astroturf! The result could have gone either way and went down to the last two matches out on the course. Notts required both to win overall but it was not to be despite a valiant effort. Result S&H 10.5 Notts 7.5. Thanks to NUGC for arranging a practice round and accommodation for the event.

The EG Senior County Championships (Midland Qualifying – 'Six-man team'), was held at Waltham Windmill (NE Lincs), gave us the chance to compete against 9 other counties and a possible tilt at the National Finals. Overall, it was a disappointing result with Notts finishing 7th on 780 (an average of 78 per player). Our target was 750 (75 per player) but even this would not have been enough as Lincs used home advantage well and secured a comfortable victory with 738. Thanks to all those involved who supported the team.

A special mention to Stan Yeomans who this year has taken the role of match secretary. Mind you it is Stan's wife that really does all the work! Stan is a larger-than-life character who has provided the players with a Brian Clough type of banter! He is an asset to the squad of players and has helped promote a supportive and competitive environment. Stan often shows us how to play shots, we have Stan on video on the par 3 17<sup>th</sup> and par 5 18<sup>th</sup> at Waltham Windmill! Thanks Stan.

I have really enjoyed being Seniors Captain and will help the new incumbent settle in the position.

Next year we have some more players available to challenge places in the team, Ray Hall, Michael Hancock and Jim Vardy. Notts Seniors are in good shape.

Ian Newlove

#### **Annex G**

<u>County Championship's Report – Colin Bee Competitions Secretary.</u>

#### **REVIEW OF SEASONS COMPETITIONS**

#### **EDDIE PETERS TROPHY -**

Coxmoor

89 entered a record amount, very successful due the course being Coxmoor

#### MEN' STROKEPLAY & OPEN -

69 + 19 professional's, day went very well.

**Sherwood Forest** 

**SENIOR STROKEPLAY** -

The Nottinghamshire 49 entered, slightly down on last year but

all enjoyed The Nottinghamshire golf

course.

321 TEAM CHALLENGE – 53 players entered, slightly down on last

year, but a very successful day

**Norwood Park GC** 

MIXED PAIRS – 32 pairs entered: numbers down, still a

lot of the original pairs entering the

comp.

**Beeston Fields GC** 

PRESIDENT'S AM/AM -

Coxmoor 26 teams entered, full house, a great day

had by everyone, very successful.

JACK PRESCOTT – 39 entered good number of players,

slightly down

**Chilwell Manor GC** 

MEN'S PAIRS

SOTW 34 pairs entered, slightly down from last

year.

**BOY'S STROKEPLAY** -

Hollinwell 25 entered, a good amount, but a very

long day, due to extra holes.

**BOYS HANDICAP –** 

Hollinwell 19 entered, slightly down from last year

HANDICAP OPEN

Worksop 66 entered, all those who played in this

new Championship enjoyed it and said

would enter again next year.

CYRIL SELLICK -

**Chilwell Manor GC** 

33 entered, slightly down on last year.

HENDERSON & CARLISLE - 51 entered, a great number of players for

the last NUGC comp of the season.

**Wollaton Park GC** 

**REVIEW** 

Overall, a successful year of competitions with the new system not having all championships at the County course.

The 321 was successful again combining three competitions into one day and the new Handicap Open at Worksop, worked well, although it was a very slow feed of entries until the close of date.

Pete Trotter emailed all members who had previously entered competitions, and this worked well in reminding people to enter.

The new Golf Genius system has been hard to get to grips with as it is totally different to Intelligent golf. The helpline is excellent you get a quick response to any questions you have, so a real bonus compared to the previous system. Next year should be easier as you can clone an event, and we have made notes to remind us. The system does a lot more, so it is up to date with any WHS query.

A big thank you to Pete for his continued help at competitions, we really appreciate all you do and for being the fountain of wisdom in all things to do with the WHS and handicaps.

#### Annex H

#### **County Secretary's report – Colin Bee**

I start my report by thanking Sherwood Forest as the championship course of the year for being excellent hosts, this year was the first year have moved some of the main events to different courses this year, we believe this has worked but will continue to monitor year on year to achieve the best results for the county.

Congratulations to Mark Porter in winning the Amateur Championship, and to evergreen Ross Overton who lifted the Matchplay trophy, congrats to Colin Rodger in lifting the senior championship and to Charles Banks in retaining the seniors matchplay championship.

Huge congratulations to the county 1<sup>st</sup> team and Seniors team in winning the midland league, and very bad luck to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team who narrowly missed out in winning the league 4 years on the trot.

To all the officials of the union, Vice Presidents Rob Sallis, Pete Trotter, Richard Coleman and new boy Michael Bolton, Past Presidents Stan Yeomans, Bob Ward, Edgar Bramwell & Roger Poole a massive thank you to you all, without your endeavours the Union would not function anywhere near as well as it does.

And finally, to Mandy Bee, who does all the administration work on behalf of the county, your work is very much appreciated by all.

We look forward to 2025 and Hollinwell who are our championship course of the season and all the other courses we will be using for the championships.

I also thank all the courses in the county that continue to support the union in hosting fixtures throughout the year, we are indebted to them and their members in allowing us to visit and play our events.

Colin Bee County Secretary