

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS
125th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB
WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH, 2024 AT 19.00 HOURS.

Present:

Richard Bonnelo	NUGC President	Hollinwell
Gordon Bruce	NUGC Hon. County Treasurer	Wollaton Park GC
Colin Bee	NUGC Hon. County Secretary	Coxmoor/Wollaton GC
Stan Yeomans	NUGC Past President	Beeston Fields GC
Bob Ward	NUGC Past President	Oakmere Park GC
Roger Poole	NUGC Past President	Rushcliffe GC
Martin Hathway	NUGC Past President	SOTW GC
Peter Trotter	NUGC Chair of Junior Golf	The Nottinghamshire
Richard Coleman	NUGC Vice President	Wollaton Park GC
Rob Sallis	NUGC Vice President	Hollinwell
Andrew Tuttey	NUGC Annual Dinner Secretary	SOTW GC
Paul Keeling	NUGC EG & MGU Voting member	SOTW GC
Anthony Wain	NUGC 2nd Team Captain	Sherwood Forest GC
Richard Jeffs	Life Time Vice President	Coxmoor GC
Mandy Bee	NUGC Assistant Secretary	
Scott Krokoszynski		Rufford Park GC
Peter Benson		Beeston Fields GC
Adrian Conway		Ruddington Grange GC
Michael Boulton		Springwater GC
Ian Robinson		Rufford Park GC
Gary Quibell		Coxmoor GC
Craig Richardson		Edwalton GC
Graham Smith		Nottingham City GC
Brian Knowles		The Nottinghamshire GC
Nigel Moxon		Coxmoor GC
Steve Bryan		Beeston Fields GC
Kevin Mantle		Springwater GC

There were 27 No persons present (including 4 Past Presidents and 2 Vice Presidents) representing 16 No Golf Clubs.

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The President and Secretary welcomed everyone attending the 125th Annual General meeting,

The President asked everyone for a minute's silence in memory of those colleagues and members of the Union who had passed away during the past year.

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies from absence were received from;

Edgar Bramwell	NUGC Past President	Nottingham City GC
Roy Sallis	NUGC Past President	Hollinwell
Alan Benson	NUGC Past President	Beeston Fields GC
Roy Case	NUGC Past President,	Radcliffe on Trent GC
Alec Shepperson	NUGC Past President,	Coxmoor GC
Roy Harris	Sherwood Forest GC	
Malcolm Brown	Coxmoor GC	
Ron Beckett	Norwood Park GC	
David Holmes	Hollinwell	
Iain St John	Worksop GC	

02. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS 124th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH, 2023.

Minutes of the 124th AGM held on Wednesday, 8th March, 2023 at Beeston Fields Golf Club had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

Proposed: Paul Keeling, Stanton on the Wolds GC

Seconded: Andrew Tuttey, NUGC Dinner Secretary, Stanton on the Wolds GC

Voted upon and passed unanimously.

03 HON. TREASURER'S REPORT – Gordon Bruce (Wollaton Park GC)

The County Treasurer Gordon Bruce explained to the Executive there was not much to report as the state of the accounts had been previously approved at the Executive meeting.

Points made by the Treasurer:

- Subscriptions up by 10,000 more than budget
- Annual dinner costings more due to 1st & 2nd Team and U18's winning the league.
- Junior team expenses lower than expected.

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- Junior facility fees in 2022 were high due to the 50th Anniversary of the Four Counties.
- Senior team expenses were agreed in 2023 mileage would be paid for away matches in line with the 1st & 2nd teams.

Response

The President thanked Gordon for all his hard work over the last 40+ years.

Proposed: Richard Bonnelo, NUGC President, Hollinwell

Seconded: Rob Sallis, NUGC Vice President, Hollinwell

Passed unanimously.

04 PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Richard Bonnelo (Hollinwell)

Good evening, lady and gentlemen

It has been not only a great honour and privilege to be your President but so very enjoyable.

This could not have been the case without a great deal of effort from so many people who make golf in Nottinghamshire tick – the officials, team captains, referees, Past Presidents and Vice Presidents and, of course, last but not least Colin and Mandy who continue to answer the question before it has been asked!

I know that Colin will be an excellent President and I wish him the best of luck for his term of office.

I also want to thank Wollaton Park Golf Club for being an excellent county course in 2023 and all the other clubs which hosted our events and matches.

As for the golf – well I played a bit with varying degrees of success, and inevitably much the same can be said for our teams. Our 2nd team won their Midlands League for the 3rd time in a row – a marvelous achievement, whilst our 1st team played well all season but the standard is very high and we came out 2nd best in some tight matches. Our seniors continue to get stronger as more very good players turn 55 but the same can be said for the other counties. Since my days the standard has risen considerably.

We have some excellent and some very promising younger players. For our boys the low point was seeing an impossible bunker shot holed on the 17th at Bridgenorth to snatch a win from us. The experience must have held us in good stead as our boys won the East Midlands league and then, without our Captain, beat our neighbours Derbyshire in the east-west playoff 6.5 to 5.5 in a nail biting finish.

Other high points in our county were Killian Ryan and Charles Banks doing the double of winning both the county Strokeplay and Matchplay, and Marc

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Porter winning the Sherwood Forester, Coxmoor Cockerel and Hollinwell trophy – what a treble!

During my time in office I have made friends across the Midlands and all that remains is for me to thank you all for a wonderful experience.

Richard Bonello

Passed Unanimously

05 HON. COUNTY SECRETARY REPORT – Colin Bee (Coxmoor/Wollaton GC)

I commence my report by thanking Wollaton Park as the County course in 2023, Wollaton is one of our finest courses and we were privileged to be able to host our events there last year.

Wollaton is the last course to host all our main events, as from this year we trial moving the main events around the county.

It would be remiss of me not to thank all the other courses who host our events, I say it year on year, but it is so true.

Whilst not reaching the heights of last year, we have still had a wonderful 2023 season, the 2nd team retained their title for the 3rd year running and our U18 Juniors have been magnificent again.

Many thanks to all those involved in running the county through the year, to Pete Trotter, who again has gone way beyond what any volunteer would normally undertake, being Chair of Junior Chair of Golf, helping run all the competitions.

Well done to the President, Richard on a successful 2 years in office.

And finally to Mandy Bee, the Assistant secretary who continues to work diligently for the county and whose help I could not do without.

Passed Unanimously.

6.0 COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT –Malcolm Brown (Coxmoor GC)

This year's Captain's report is in stark contrast from last years, but there is a lot to be positive about. First thing we have to do is look at the Captain, could he have done more? The answer is maybe, there were a few games I could have bought in more than one or two players but, this squad won the league last year and I believe big changes never really work.

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I also believe individuals have earned the right to be given a little bit more time on the back of last year too, this said I have used 5 new players who didn't play last year, two of these are under 25 and that is great when moving forward.

Some of the players this year didn't have the form of last year individually, and at times we didn't have the best of availability, the matches themselves most of them were tight affairs but unlike last year it was our turn to come out on the wrong side.

The positives however out way the results, our team spirit was still right up there from last year, our attitude was first class, the guys never let their heads get down, all wanting to succeed and all supporting each other, right up to the final singles match on the last game of the season.

I believe Anthony next year will see the best of this team why you might ask? We have real quality in this squad they also have heart, togetherness and desire to succeed, they also love to represent our county which is the most important.

It has been a pleasure to Captain both our county teams, when I took over the 2nd team work was needed to be done and, together with the players we changed the quality of the team, built up a great bond and competition for places which in turn drove the team and resulted in success. The first team needed strong leadership and some re-jigging along with a clear set up on how it was going to be run, again on the back of this we had success, but all this wouldn't have been possible without the players. Both teams along the way have created great memories, and I know these memories will last a long time, so I must give all the players a massive thank you from me in creating them.

A big thank you to the union for all the support and trust you put in me over the last 4/5 years, all the support however great or small has contributed to our success. I wish Anthony every success over the next two years I know he will do a fantastic job.

Regards Malcolm

Passed Unanimously.

7.0 RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION – NEW CLAUSE PROPOSALS 7.3 & 19.1 – Peter Trotter, NUGC Chair of Junior Golf, The Nottinghamshire GC.

Chair of Junior Golf, Peter Trotter, The Nottinghamshire GC explained the difference between clause 7.3 & 19.1 due to the slight change of words in each part of the constitution.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO NUGC CONSTITUTION CURRENT WORDING

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19.1 The Procedure shall be as recommended by EG. Should there be such an incident, the County Secretary shall immediately notify EG and also the Insurance Company if necessary. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the President and four individual members from affiliated clubs nominated by the Council.

7.3 The Council shall from time to time nominate for approval by the Executive Committee such number of Vice Presidents as shall be necessary to maintain their number at five. In addition, The Council may nominate for approval by the Executive Committee a retiring Vice-President for the title of Lifetime Vice President.

PROPOSED WORDING

19.1 The Procedure shall be as recommended by EG and set out in the NUGC Disciplinary Policy. Should there be such an incident, the County Secretary shall immediately notify EG and also the Insurance Company if necessary. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of THREE individual members from affiliated clubs nominated by the Council.

7.3 The Council shall from time to time nominate for approval by the Executive Committee such number of Vice Presidents as shall be necessary to maintain their number at five. In addition, The Council may nominate for approval by the Executive Committee a retiring Vice-President or others for the title of Lifetime Vice President.

Passed Unanimously.

8.01 To Elect the President to serve for 2024

President Colin Bee (Coxmoor/Wollaton Park GC)

Proposer: Richard Bonello NUGC Past President (Hollinwell)
Seconder: Peter Trotter, NUGC Chair of Junior Golf (The Nottinghamshire)

Richard Bonello, Past President, Hollinwell, told the Executive that he had no hesitation in electing Colin as President as he knows more about the role than anyone.

Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf, The Nottinghamshire GC, also endorsed Colin as President and wished him a successful two years.

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The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Colin Bee was duly elected.

The Past President Richard Bonnelo presented Colin Bee with the NUGC President's badge of office.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR AGM

First of all, can I thank the Council and Executive members in allowing me the honour of becoming President of this great County.

A County that has produced some great players and great characters along with some great servants over the years, who have given up much of their time to help the union.

A great union only thrives on its members, officials and clubs that not only participate, but get involved, I say it every year on year, we are indebted to the clubs that host events year on year and its members who give up valuable tee times for us.

My first involvement with County golf was back in 1982 when I made my County debut in the 2nd team at Kirby Muxlowe. I then went on and played for both the 1st and 2nd team right up until 2010, having served 3 separate terms as County Captain.

I have always felt as a golfer of reasonable talent, playing for your County is the ultimate accolade. Whilst many players in the County have gone onto the professional game, for me County golf has been my greatest golfing achievement.

I realised that it meant so much, that I always wanted to stay involved beyond my playing days, so in 2004 I became Assistant Secretary to the great "Roy Case" whose wise words and knowledge proved invaluable to me. In 2011 I took over from Roy as County Secretary, a position I still hold to this day.

In recognising that position I must pay tribute to Mandy who does the day-to-day work, something I simply cannot do due to still working at Coxmoor Golf Club. There are of course many other people within the Council who assist, I thank them all from the bottom of my heart for their continued endeavours.

As I said earlier, taking over from Richard will be no easy task as he has done an excellent job as President.

So I thank you all, I will do my best and lets see what happens over the next 2 years.

Colin Bee NUGC President

8.02 To Elect the County Captains for 2024

Nominations for Captains

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Anthony Wain NUGC County Captain Sherwood Forest GC
Scott Krokosyzski NUGC 2nd Team Captain Rufford Park GC

Proposer: Rob Sallis NUGC Vice President, (Hollinwell)
Second: Colin Bee NUGC President, (Coxmoor/Wollaton Park GC)

Rob Sallis, NUGC Vice President, said he had no hesitation in proposing Anthony as County Captain as he has done a fantastic job as 2nd team Captain.

Colin Bee, NUGC President, also confirmed Anthony has been a great 2nd team Captain and wished them great success.

The proposals were voted upon and carried unanimously and Anthony and Scott were duly re-elected.

The President, Colin Bee presented Anthony Wain with the NUGC County Captains badge of office.

Anthony thanked the President and thanked Malcolm Brown for all his hard work over the last few years, as we know have a great group of lads who are proud and keen to play County golf for Nottinghamshire. He also thanked Edgar Bramwell for all his support to the 2nd team, coming along to each match. Anthony thanked Colin & Mandy for all their support and organising. He is very proud in becoming the County Captain and is looking forward to season ahead.

Scott thanked the President and reiterated he was also very proud in becoming the 2nd Team captain and was looking forward to the golf season.

8.03 To re- elect the County Senior Team Captain for 2024

To elect the Seniors Captain

Ian Newlove NUGC Senior Captain Wollaton Park GC

Proposer: Richard Coleman NUGC Vice President (Wollaton Park GC)
Second: Colin Bee NUGC President (Coxmoor/Wollaton GC)

Richard Coleman, Vice President, confirmed Ian had lots of enthusiasm and is very happy to propose him as Senior Captain.

Colin Bee, President, also confirmed he was happy to endorse Ian as Senior Captain.

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The proposals were voted upon and carried unanimously and Ian Newlove was duly elected.

8.04 To re- elect the Vice Presidents for 2024

Robert Sallis (Hollinwell)
Peter Trotter (The Nottinghamshire GC)
Richard Coleman (Wollaton Park GC)

Proposer: Bob Ward NUGC Past President (Oakmere Park GC)

Seconder: Roger Poole NUGC Past President (Rushcliffe GC)

Bob Ward, Past President, said he was happy to re-elect Pete, Rob and Richard as they all do a great job helping the Union. He mentioned David Halstead has stepped down as Vice President due to family commitments and thanked him for all his work.

Roger Poole, Past President also endorsed he was happy for them to be re-elected

The proposals were voted upon and carried unanimously and Rob Sallis, Richard Coleman and Peter Trotter were duly elected.

8.05 To elect new Vice President for 2024

Nominations for Vice President

Michael Boulton (Springwater GC)

Proposer: Stan Yeomans NUGC Past President (Beeston Fields GC)

Seconder: Rob Sallis I NUGC Vice President (Hollinwell GC)

Stan Yeomans, past President, said he has known Michael Boulton for over 14 years and all his family have supported the union right from when his children were in the Nippers. He had no hesitation in proposing him, he will be an asset to the Union as a Vice President.

Rob Sallis, Vice President, said he has also known Michael for many years and knows he will do a grand job.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Michael Boulton was duly elected.

The President, Colin Bee, presented Michael Boulton with his NUGC Vice President badge along with the County tie.

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Michael Boulton thanked the President and said he is honoured to become a Vice President; he feels this is his way in giving something back to the Union. Both his children have done well in their golfing careers and both started in the Nippers Tour and have gone through the different teams along the way.

8.06 To elect new Lifetime Vice President

Nomination for new Life time Vice President

Gary Quibell (Coxmoor GC)

Proposer: Peter Trotter NUGC Vice President (The Nottinghamshire GC))

Seconder: Richard Bonello NUGC Past President (Hollinwell)

Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf, confirmed he has known Gary for 6 years and still wonders what Ey-up youth means. He is one of those unsung heroes of the county. He was not sure what he would have got the job done without him and he will be missed greatly. Thank you for all your hard work.

Richard Bonello, Past President seconded what the Vice President said and confirmed Gary has done a great job and was delighted he has this nomination.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Gary Quibell was duly elected.

The President Colin Bee, presented Gary Quibell with his NUGC Lifetime Vice President badge.

Gary Quibell thanked the President and members of the committee and all present. He also mentioned that if clause 7.3 hadn't happened he would not be here. He thanked everyone for bestowing this honour.

He is privileged to become one of the three lifetime Vice Presidents following in the footsteps of Richard Jeffs and Joe Stocker.

After 7 years as a team manager for the juniors due to personal circumstances he has to reluctantly had to resign from the position.

During those years many people have helped him along the way, initially Stan and Joe, Presidents and Vice Presidents and in particular Mandy who as we all know works tirelessly behind the scenes.

When Stan decided to hang his boots, Pete Trotter stepped into the fray and has made some changes to the structure, some of which he didn't agree with, but the results of last season, although not proving him wrong as having been trained by Stan, I am never wrong, they certainly proved Pete right.

The last person he would like to thank is Brian Knowles who has agreed to take over the role, which has taken a weight off his mind.

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It only remains for me to wish the new President, the Notts union of golf clubs and in particular Pete and Brian and the Juniors best wishes for the coming season.

8.07 To elect the Hon. County Secretary for 2024.

Nomination for Hon. County Secretary Colin Bee (Coxmoor/Wollaton GC)

Proposer: Richard Bonnello NUGC Past President (Hollinwell)
Seconder: Stan Yeomans NUGC Past President (Beeston Fields)

Richard Bonnello, Past President, said it was a pleasure to propose Colin as he runs the County well.

Stan Yeomans, Past President, confirmed he has known Colin for many years and Colin does an excellent job.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Colin Bee was duly elected.

8.08 To elect the Hon. County Treasurer for 2024.

Nomination for Hon. County Treasurer Gordon Bruce (Wollaton Park GC)

Proposer: Colin Bee NUGC President (Coxmoor/Wollaton GC)
Seconder: Richard Coleman NUGC Vice President (Wollaton Park GC)

Colin Bee, President, said it was a pleasure to propose Gordon Bruce seeing he has done the job for over 40 years.

Richard Coleman, Vice President, confirmed he has also known Gordon for many years and he does an excellent job.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Gordon Bruce was duly elected.

8.09 To elect the new Senior Secretary for 2024.

Nomination for Senior Secretary Stan Yeomans (Beeston Fields GC)

Proposer: Peter Trotter NUGC Vice President (The Nottinghamshire)
Seconder: Bob Ward NUGC Past President (Oakmere GC)

Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf said everyone knows Stan, a Past President and also COJG for 12 years and now to step into this new role, he is always committed to the Union.

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Bob Ward, Past President, confirmed Stan will do an excellent job.

Stan Yeomans, Past President thanked everyone and he wanted to also thank David Evans for all his hard work as Senior Secretary last year and is looking forward to the new role.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Stan Yeomans was duly elected.

9.0 To confirm as a group the following positions:

Chair of Junior Golf

Peter Trotter (The Nottinghamshire GC)

Competitions Secretary

Colin Bee (Coxmoor/Wollaton GC)

Inter-Club Secretary

Colin Bee (Coxmoor/Wollaton GC)

Lead Tournament Officer

Roger Poole (Rushcliffe GC)

Course Assessment Officer

Bob Ward (Oakmere Park GC)

Dinner Secretary

Andrew Tuttey (SOTW GC)

England Golf Voting member

Paul Keeling (SOTW GC)

Midland Golf Union Voting member

Paul Keeling (SOTW GC)

Proposer: Robert Sallis NUGC Vice President (Hollinwell)
Seconder: Roger Poole, NUGC Past President (Rushcliffe GC)

Robert Sallis, Vice President, proposed they had all done an excellent job all year and long may it carry on.

Roger Poole, Past President, confirmed he agreed with everything Rob says.

The group were voted upon and carried unanimously and duly elected.

10.0 To elect the Hon. County Auditor for 2024

Nomination for Hon. County Auditor Ken Kirk

Proposer: Gordon Bruce NUGC Hon. County Treasurer (Wollaton Park GC)

Seconder: Richard Bonello NUGC Past President (Hollinwell)

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Gordon Bruce, County Treasurer, was happy to elect Ken Kirk as County auditor. Richard Bonello, Past President, also confirmed this.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Ken Kirk was duly elected.

11.0 PROPOSAL

The President explained the Council are suggesting the Union to donate £2,000 to Mencap funds and he asked for approval.

The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously.

12.0 RESOLUTIONS

The President confirmed there were no resolutions.

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None to report

The President thanked Beeston Fields GC in allowing us to host the meeting there and asked if the Executive would like to join him for a drink at the bar.

The meeting closed at 19.30 hours.

14.0 Date of next 126th Annual general Meeting – Wednesday, 7th March 2025 at Beeston Fields Golf Club at 7.00pm prompt.