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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive /Fixtures meeting

Held at

Coxmoor Golf Club

On Thursday 2nd November, 2023

Present:

Richard Bonnelo	NUGC President, Holinwell
Bob Ward	NUGC Past President, Oakmere Park GC
Gordon Bruce	NUGC Hon. County Treasurer, Wollaton Park GC
Colin Bee	NUGC Hon. County Secretary, Coxmoor GC
Stan Yeomans	NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC
Peter Trotter	NUGC Chair of Junior Golf, The Nottinghamshire GC
Rob Sallis	NUGC Vice President, Hollinwell
Richard Coleman	NUGC Vice President, Wollaton Park GC
David Halstead	NUGC Vice President, Beeston Fields GC
Richard Jeffs	NUGC Past Vice President, Coxmoor GC
Malcolm Brown	NUGC County Captain, Coxmoor GC
Ian Newlove	NUGC Senior Captain, Wollaton Park GC
Andrew Tuttey	NUGC Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC
Mandy Bee	NUGC Assistant Secretary
Peter Benson	Beeston Fields GC
Richard Kerr	Ruddington Grange GC
John Terlaway	Rushcliffe GC
Ian Robinson	Rufford Park GC
Ron Beckett	Norwood Park GC
Lin Jenkins	Southwell GC
Mike Jenkins	Southwell GC
Ian Beeson	Nottingham City GC
Steve Mee	Oakmere GC
James Norton	Ruddington Grange GC
Phil Dobson	Bulwell Forest GC

There were 25 members present, representing 15 Golf Clubs.

01. **Apologies for Absence.**

Edgar Bramwell	NUGC Past President, Nottingham City GC
Roger Poole	NUGC Past President, Rushcliffe GC
Martin Hathway	NUGC Past President, SOTW GC
Alan Benson	NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC
Alec Shepperson	NUGC Past President, Coxmoor GC
Roy Sallis	NUGC Past President, Hollinwell
Anthony Wain	NUGC 2 nd Team Captain, Sherwood Forest GC
Paul Keeling	Stanton on the Wolds GC
Brian Knowles	The Nottinghamshire GC

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

02. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 2nd February, 2023**

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: Bob Ward, Past President, Oakmere GC

Seconded: Andrew Tuttey, Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC

03. **Matters Arising – (Not included on the Agenda)**

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.

The President explained to the Executive that there is a continued dispute between the landowners and England Golf which isn't going to be resolved quickly.

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.

There were no questions from the Executive

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.

The Chair of Junior Golf informed the Executive the U18 team were unbeaten in all the Midland League matches this year and had won the East League, beating Derbyshire in the finals. He is positive about the season next year, as he has lots of support from players and parents. He thanked Mandy and gave a special thanks to Gary Quibell who works tirelessly organising the U14/16 and gives great support to the Chair of Junior Golf.

There were no questions from the Executive.

07. County Captain's Reports – Malcolm Brown & Anthony Wain

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

The County Secretary thanked Malcolm Brown for all his hard work and support he has given to the County and players over the last two years.

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.

The Senior Captain congratulated Charles Banks in winning both the NUGC Senior Championship as well as the Midland Senior Order of Merit.

There were no questions from the Executive.

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.

The Secretary confirmed there will be the new Nottinghamshire Handicap Championship at Worksop GC on August 11th 2024 and hoped to get great support from players.

There were no questions from the Executive.

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. Annual Dinner Update – Andrew Tuttey, Annual Dinner Secretary.

Andrew Tuttey, Annual Dinner Secretary confirmed all the posters had been printed and were available to take tonight., all invites had been sent to Presidents, Past Presidents, Vice Presidents. John Martin had been booked as the speaker.

Ticket price is £40.00, and he asked if clubs would support the dinner and encourage members to come along and celebrate Nottinghamshire's successes of 2023. The dress code has changed slightly as members are now allowed to wear either a dinner suit, a dark suit, Captains blazer or County blazer and he hoped this would encourage more to attend the dinner.

12 Discuss Affiliation Update Gordon Bruce.. County Treasurer

The County Treasurer Gordon Bruce confirmed the agreed affiliation fee for 2024 is £10.00 and England Golf is £10.50, this must be agreed at the February Executive meeting 2024.

Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf reminded the Executive a few changes of collection of the affiliation fee will be happening soon. Numbers will be based on the WHS and if this is OOD clubs will still be charged. He suggested a good cleanse to be done by all clubs.

The Executive agreed unanimously.

13 Health & Safety – Colin Bee, County Secretary

No matters to report

There were no questions from the Executive.

14. Any Other Business

No matters from the Executive.

Fixture's Meeting

15. Minutes of the previous meeting held at Beeston Fields GC
On Thursday 3rd November 2022

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

Proposed: Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf, The Nottinghamshire GC

Seconded: Rob Sallis, Vice President, Hollinwell

Voted upon and agreed unanimously.

16. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

17. NUGC Inter-Club Scratch League Fixtures 2024

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 – 2024
Mens Interclub Foursomes Matches

The County Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that there were 26 teams entered the draw. This will result in 9 first round matches, with **Chilwell Manor Golf Club** and **Sherwood Forest Golf Club** receiving automatic byes by virtue of being winners and runners up in 2023. There will be a further 4 byes.

The outcome of the draw was:

Byes:

The Nottinghamshire

Southwell

Oakmere Park

Radcliffe on Trent

1st Round matches:

Retford	v	Newark	at	Oakmere
Bulwell Forest	v	Worksop	at	Rufford
Nottingham City	v	Coxmoor	at	Hollinwell
Trent Lock	v	Ruddington Grange	at	Beeston Fields
Ramsdale Park	v	Mapperley	at	Coxmoor
Rushcliffe	v	Serlby Park	at	Sherwood Forest
SOTW	v	Hollinwell	at	Wollaton Park
Wollaton Park	v	Rufford Park	at	Ramsdale
Beeston Fields	v	Brierley Forest	at	Bulwell Forest

Norwood Park v College Pines at Southwell
First Round matches are to be on Monday 29th April 2024

Subsequent rounds will be played on Monday 3rd June 2024, Monday 1st July 2024, Monday 22nd July 2024 (Semi Finals) and Sunday 15th September, 2024 (Final at SHERWOOD FOREST GC).

Mixed Inter- Club Foursomes Matches

The County Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that there were 22 teams entered into the draw. This will result in 8 first round matches, with **SOTW Golf Club** and **Hollinwell** receiving byes by virtue of being winners and runners up respectively in 2023. There will be a further 8 byes.

Byes:

Oakmere
Newark
Southwell
Ruddington Grange
The Nottinghamshire
Retford
Sherwood Forest
Beeston Fields

1st Round Matches.

Worksop	v	Norwood Park	at Rufford
Nottingham City	v	Serlby Park	at Worksop
Wollaton Park	v	Coxmoor	at Nottinghamshire
College Pines	v	Radcliffe on Trent	at Coxmoor
Rushcliffe	v	Rufford Park	at Sherwood Forest
Chilwell Manor	v	Mapperley	at Wollaton Park

First Round Matches are to be played on Monday 15th April, 2024, Tuesday 28th May, 2024, Monday 17th July, 2024, Monday 29th July, 2024 (Semi Finals) and Sunday 15th September, 2024 (Final at SHERWOOD FOREST GC).

19. Entry Forms 2024.

The County Secretary reported that all Entry forms for 2024 competitions will be available shortly due to the change from Intelligent Golf to Golf Genius on the NUGC website. Please encourage members to enter.

20. County Course 2024

The County Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that **Sherwood Forest Golf Club** is the Championship Course for 2024, they will be hosting just the Strokeplay/Open, Matchplay and Interclub Finals. The Union are very aware of the inconvenience to members when you have been County course, this is very much a trial to use our

8 Course for all the Championships. The Secretary reminded all Clubs to be generous in granting courtesy rounds to Sherwood Forest.

21. Any other Business

Peter Benson asked if Sherwood Forest will be hosting the Seniors Strokeplay next year.

Response

The County Secretary said they were not, and The Nottinghamshire are, this is part of sharing the load for all our main events, this is a new trial which sees us using 8 main courses for our championship events, with the championship course of the year hosting only 3 events, as they previously did.

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

Meeting closed at 20.00pm.

22. Date of next meeting – Executive Meeting at Beeston Fields Golf Club on Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm prompt.

Annex A

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

MGU meeting; Tuesday 1st August 2023 at Kilworth Springs GC

WSLH meeting; Tuesday 19th September 2023 at Rugby

England Golf meeting; Thursday 28th September at National Golf Centre

Midland Golf Union

The main discussion point was around venues for MGU fixtures.

It was the consensus that clubs are under pressure various organisations to provide courses for competitions.

It was also apparent that counties operate in different ways when selecting host clubs with no MGU input other than defining the basic requirements. The Chairman asked if Counties would be comfortable with the MGU contacting clubs direct, having first established any County fixtures. Most counties didn't seem comfortable with this concept.

Neil Harris suggested an open discussion with each individual County Secretary to agree appropriate courses for events and allow the County to contact the clubs as their working relationship with their clubs would be far

stronger than the MGU/Club relationship. This was supported by most counties.

ACTION: Neil Harris to arrange fixture meeting with each County Secretary to look at the remaining 2024 fixtures and to explore options for 2025 and 2026.

Woodhall Spa Land Holdings AGM

The main discussion point was around the Clubhouse development at the National Golf Centre.

There is still a standoff between the WSLH & England Golf Boards regarding EG's proposed representation on the WSLH Board prior to any development starting, with little dialogue between the two Boards since the last meeting.

To progress WSLH Board tabled 3 options to the County Union shareholders.

1. Option 1 – Representative Model: This creates a fair model of voting based on actual golfer numbers. Each EG affiliated golfer in the county will be considered when determining the number of votes exercisable on a poll. The WSLH Directors supported this model as being in the best interests of the Company and treating members fairly.
2. Option 2 - 5:3:2 model (commonly referred to as the 60%/40% model) including certain reserved matters. This model was not well supported as the voting percentages are not representative of actual golfer numbers, and therefore this may create unfairness amongst members both in terms of voting and on dissolution. However, the proposed entrenching of reserved matters helps mitigate the possibility of a smaller number of members making decisions on fundamental matters pertaining to the assets and activity of WSLH. While WSLH Directors recognise that this is the model advocated by EG, they stated as stated above, that their duty is to act in the best interests of WSLH, independently and in the way that they believe discharges their duties to the Company and its members.
3. Option 3 – discretionary model. Apparently, this option was suggested a year ago as a possible way forward which enables members to act in their discretion, without the Directors of WSLH "imposing" a split of voting rights on those members. There was an amount of concern that different counties will allocate the percentage of their Voting Rights differentially, with the possibility that some County Unions may be compared unfavourably with their neighbours, thus this may not be perceived as a wholly fair solution. However, members were also clear in recent feedback discussions that any imposition of a "partnership model" between County Unions and County Associations who had not yet merged, could be complicated.

Following a vote Option 1 was supported by majority and the WSLH Board were mandated with progressing the review of the constitution.

On 29th September WSLH members then received the following: *The WSLH Board has received correspondence from our legal representatives which clearly sets out the ambiguity of the votes that were taken at the General Meeting on 19th September. The initial vote showed greater support for Option 1 than for Option 2. Whereas, after the discussion, the second (i.e., indicative) vote showed a "swing" towards Option 2. As it had been explained*

*by our legal representatives that, those who were unable to attend had already sent in their mandated Proxy Votes, some of which could not be changed. Therefore, as stated in the legal advice, it would be procedurally unfair only to present a single Option to members considering the numbers of votes cast (all less than 50%). The Directors are of the view that to properly discharge their responsibilities to **ALL** members, both amended options would need to be included in the electronic survey.*

In conclusion, we are no further forward!

England Golf

1. Affiliation Fee – The England Golf Board presented their proposal for a £1 increase to the affiliation fee for 2024, based on there not being an increase since 2019, the rate of inflation and the requirement to invest in various areas e.g., Governance, Performance, Participation, Digital Services, WHS, Disability Pathway.
The proposal was carried by a large majority.
The EG Finance Director indicated that there would be further increases proposed in 2025 (to £11.25) & 2026 (to 12).
2. EG / WSLH Relationship – The EG Board Chair gave his thoughts on the relationship between the 2 companies, concluding that while a poll of WSLH members had indicated that the majority are in favour of the integration of County Associations to the WSLH company, the Board of WSLH are in his opinion over complicating the process.
There followed lengthy discussion, with the consensus of County Unions & Associations being that too much time and money has been spent on this matter and all involved in decision making at WSLH or EG should now support the facilitation of the required constitutional changes to allow the planned development at the National Golf Centre to progress.
3. Respect In Golf & EDI – These initiatives are being launched and will be promoted to counties and clubs in the coming months. Counties are encouraged to support the campaigns to their affiliate clubs.

Paul Keeling
6th October 2023

Annex B

Chair of Junior Golf Report – Peter Trotter

Junior Report – Nov 2023 Executive meeting

My first full season as Chair of Junior Golf has been incredibly enjoyable and I believe that new coaching structure and the support of 3 fantastic County Coaches has been instrumental in our success.

Midland League

We had a settled group of 12 players who made up each of the 8-man teams for the matches. Success in the tri-corner match at St Neots against Cambridgeshire and Northants in May was followed up by wins over Leicestershire and Lincolnshire at the end of July. An unbeaten league season had the Notts boys crowned East League Champions.

The Midland League playoff final against West champions Derbyshire was a hard-fought day but again the Notts boys came out on top to win the Midland League Salver – richly deserved success for a fantastic group of boys.

We retain most of the winning team for 2024 so will go into next season with great confidence.

County Competitions

There was great support for all of the County competitions in part due to constant email reminders.

The results were: -

NUGC 3,2,1 (75 entries) – Stan Yeomans Salver George Foster –
Norwood Park GC

Wardman Pairs George Foster & Oliver Crump
– Norwood Park GC

Lamplugh Trophy Norwood Park GC
Jack Prescott Trophy (45 entries) Lucas Hedstrom – Ruddington
Grange GC

Cyril Sellick Trophy (41 entries) Joshua Green – Oakmere
Park GC

Henderson Trophies (52 entries) – Gross Salver Charlie Cooke –
Newark GC

Nett Cup Nathan Philpotts – Radcliffe
on Trent GC

Boys County Championship (21 entries) Overall – Lennon Albans –
Hollinwell

U16 – Kai Krishnan – Stanton
on the Wolds GC

U14 – Theo Nelson –
Coxmoor GC

Boys Handicap Championship (45 entries) Henry Keeton –
Oakmere Park GC

County Order of Merit Reuben Tennant – Worksop
GC

Age Based Order of Merit U12 – Owen Cooper –
Rushcliffe GC

U14 – Lucas Hedstrom –
Ruddington Grange GC

Radcliffe on Trent GC

U16 – Nathan Philpotts –

Newark GC

U18 – Charlie Cooke –

Junior League

The Junior League appears to have been much more stable this year although 2 Clubs forfeit half of their matches early in the year and were exclude from the league.

Oakmere Park GC won the North league and Norwood Park GC won the South League – the league final will be played at Ruddington Grange GC on Sun 15th Oct.

Four Counties Tournament

An excellent tournament was held at Bridgnorth GC in early April and after mixed results, the Notts boys ended up in 3rd place.

The 2024 tournament will be held at Formby GC in April

England Golf Midland Region Qualifier (10 Counties)

Notts fielded a very strong team and had high hopes of improving on previous years performances which have seen us in 8th and 9th place. Led by County Junior Captain Lennon Albans, the boys played in some excellent golf and ended up in a very creditable 5th place.

U14 Four Counties

Once again, an excellent U14 tournament was held at Alfreton GC against Derbyshire, Warwickshire, and Staffordshire. The Notts team was led by County 1st team players Harry Banner and Theo Nelson and after 3 great Matchplay games, the Notts boys came out on top based on games won. Commiserations to Derbyshire who were unbeaten on the day.

MGU U16 County Cup (Ten Counties)

This tournament was due to be played at Burton on Trent GC on Sun 22 Oct but was cancelled because of stormy weather which rendered the course unplayable.

The MGU are looking at options to play the tournament in early 2024 with any overage boys being exempted and allowed to play.

County Coaching Squads

The Junior Coaching squads were restructured for 2023 based on ability as per the advice from EG. This has proved to be a great success and along with the input and support from the 3 County Coaches has, in my opinion been the single biggest move forward for several years.

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.

Pete Trotter, NUGC Chair of Junior Golf
1 Nov 2023

Annex C & D

County Captains Report's – Malcolm Brown, County Captain & Anthony Wain, Second Team Captain

County Captain, Malcolm Brown

This year's captains report is in stark contrast from last years, but there is a lot to be positive about. First thing we must do is look at the captain could he have done more? The answer is maybe, there was 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.

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 teamwork 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.

Malcolm Brown
First Team County Captain

Second team Captain- Anthony Wain

Men's Second Team - The Season Overview

Having won the league title for the previous two seasons, we knew that our opponents would be doing their utmost to stop us from claiming a hat-trick of titles. It was imperative to maintain the mentality that we'd displayed for the previous two seasons, and I can safely say that the team was more determined than ever to ensure we'd again be the team to beat.

Staffordshire Away - Penn GC

Our first match saw us travel to Penn GC to take on a much-changed Staffordshire side, who had enjoyed a very successful pre-season.

The morning foursomes were an even affair, with some great golf being played by both teams. In the end there was notable wins for debutants Alex Taylor and James Abbott, who were expertly partnered by Scott Krokoszynski and Lee Bettison and a half point for another debutant Sam Coope, who was partnered by the ever-dependable Sam Sanghera.

The afternoon singles followed a similar vein, with the lead exchanging hands in many of the matches. Our boys played quality golf which saw great wins for Cam Steedman, Scott Krokoszynski, Lee Bettison and James Abbott and halved matches for Darren Kirton and Sam Sanghera. So, it was a halved match to start our title defence, which considering the quality of the opposition was an excellent result.

Worcestershire Home - Stanton on the Wolds GC

Next up was Worcestershire at home. Stanton on the Wolds was our host, and as is always the case, the course was in immaculate condition.

The morning foursomes were a cagey affair. Each match was very tight coming into the back nine, but our strength shone through, and we prevailed in the first three matches. A special mention to the returning Lee Shepherd, who had a hole in one on the 5th hole! This started a run of 3 birdies and an eagle in a five-hole blitz, which saw Lee and Darren Kirton take control of their

match to win by 2 holes. The other morning victors were Carter Newton and Cameron Steedman and Lee Bettison and James Abbott.

The target for the afternoon singles matches was to maintain our momentum and to press home our morning advantage. Not only did the lads do that, but they put in a masterclass and won 6 and halved 2 of the singles matches. This ensured a resounding 10 - 5 victory.

Derbyshire Home - Sherwood Forest GC

The match at Sherwood Forest GC against our local rivals was always going to be a tough fixture. Sherwood was playing its brutal best with strong swirling winds adding to the difficulty of the course.

Making very welcome returns to the team were Curt Wilson and Dan Reddington, who both played great golf on the day to contribute 3.5 points to the team total. Also, a special mention to Darren Kirton who played unbelievable golf in the tough conditions to claim an 8&6 victory in his singles match.

Overall, the team played great golf to win the morning foursomes 3.5 - 1.5 and the singles 6 - 4. With the overall match result being 9.5 - 5.5.

Warwickshire Away - Stratford on Avon GC

Warwickshire is a notoriously difficult match, so to play them away at the excellently presented Stratford on Avon GC was always going to be tough. The morning foursomes saw some great golf by all the pairings. Warwickshire made a fast start in claiming the first two matches, but we were able to wrestle back the initiative by winning the last three matches in the session to give us a 3 - 2 lead at lunch. There were great wins for Liam Taylor and Alex Taylor, Jacob Smith and Anthony Wain and Sam Coope and Sam Sanghera.

The afternoon singles saw several incredibly tight matches, with 3 of the first 4 matches going down the 18th hole. Credit must be given to Warwickshire as they played excellently to be victorious by 6.5 - 3.5 points in the singles, which gave them an 8.5 - 6.5 win. This was the first time that we had tasted defeat during my captaincy, and credit must go to the lads as they were gracious in defeat and praised the Warwickshire team for their great play. However, it was agreed that we would come back stronger, knowing that the league could still be ours with a win against the league leaders Shropshire & Herefordshire in our final match.

Shropshire & Herefordshire Home - Worksop GC

Our last match of the season saw us take on the league leaders Shropshire & Herefordshire at the excellently presented Worksop GC. We knew that we had to play our best, as S&H had played great golf all season and were unbeaten when they arrived at Worksop.

The morning foursomes highlighted the quality in both sides, with low scoring and great golf being played. The outcome of the foursomes was a 3 - 2 lead for Shropshire & Herefordshire. So, it was all to play for in the afternoon singles, we knew that in order to win the league, we'd need to win the singles by a 7 - 3 margin.

From speaking with the players at lunch, it was clear that they were all determined to reclaim our title. Our play in the afternoon was exceptional, we never gave our opponents any opportunities to press home their morning advantage. Lee Shepherd, Darren Kirton and Dan Reddington all won to set us on our way, then Cam Steedman, Lee Bettison and Scott Krokoszynski all won their matches to ensure the overall match was won. Sam Coope was our last player on the course and was all square with three holes left to play. Sam made an incredible par save on the 16th by holing a 30-foot putt which took him one up. On the 17th Sam's opponent Ian Jenner made a great par to win the hole and take the match down the last all square. With both players on the par 3 18th green in one, Sam was left with an incredibly quick downhill 30-foot putt for birdie to win the match. The putt was online from the moment he hit it, and if truth be told it never looked like missing. The scenes when the putt dropped will stay with all the team forever, it was fantastic moment for us all to share, and something Sam will no doubt be telling everyone about for a long time to come, and rightly so!

My thanks

19 players represented the second team this season, and every one of them played their part in creating a great team atmosphere, and contributed in what was another incredibly successful season. It's been a pleasure to captain the side for the past two years, I will miss teeing it up with the boys next year, but I know they'll continue to be successful, because they are born winners who will continue to improve.

As I said last year, their respective clubs and all the members of the union should be very proud of their achievements, I know I certainly am!

My thanks as always go to our biggest supporter and 11th player Edgar, you did a great job in keeping us going at all times mate!

I also want to thank Colin and Mandy for their continued support, it's very much appreciated by me and the team.

Annex E

County Senior's Report – Ian Newlove Senior Captain

Nottinghamshire Seniors – End of Year Report

Dear NUGC Seniors

I wanted to write a few words to summarise my first year 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.

It all started last Winter with the training get togethers at Oakmere, with Peter Loxley (main organiser) Stuart Betteridge, and Tom Warnock, three excellent pros who proved invaluable in tweaking our swings and getting us ready for the season. This Autumn/early Winter we are proposing a series of weekday matches, home and away involving Notts, Sherwood, Coxmoor and Wollaton (Fretwell, Hogg and Sanderson are Wollaton), where each side has a team of 6 and we play singles matches but in 3 fourballs. Then after Xmas we move to Oakmere once again for evening training and get together throughout January and February. Finally, just before the season starts (late March and early April), a visit to Woodhall Spa to utilise the short game area is being investigated/planned. Personally, it is an area of the game I need to improve upon.

Looking back on the playing season, we played five traditional 'friendlies' and we only lost the first game on a cold day in April, so a strong team performance. The results were as follows:

Worcs (home) lost 13-5
Staffs (away) halved 9-9
Derby (away) halved 9-9
S&H (away) won 9.5-8.5
Warks (home) won 10-8

After the first three of our four Midland League matches, we had an opportunity to win the league. Unfortunately, our last match against Lincs at Wollaton proved beyond us, losing Derek, Knocker, Willie, Ian and Jamie to this fixture was a real blow. Some small crumb of comfort is that Lincs won the Eastern league and last week narrowly triumphed over Western league winners S&H in the Midland Senior Play Off Final, held at Coventry Golf Club.

The results were as follows:

L&R (home) won 11-7
Cambridgeshire (away) won 10.5-7.5

Northants (away) lost 10.5-7.5

Lincs (home) lost 12.5-5.5

There was a proposal in place and voted on at the Midland Golf Union, whereby Midland League matches should be played with a team of 10. This was opposed by most counties and the matches will it seems, at least for the next three seasons, stay as now, involving teams of 12.

There is also a proposal under discussion within the MGU that senior league fixtures could be "fixed" in the calendar and rotated in a similar way to men's county matches. In this way a more even spread of matches would be possible and teams would get some variation into when they play a specific county. The varying number of non-league matches could complicate the scheduling and some friendlies would have to be moved (a headache for Mandy!). Discussions are ongoing and I will try to keep you updated on the situation, if anything is taken forwards within the MGU.

The EG Senior County Championships (Midland Qualifying – 'Six-man team'), held at Sandwell Park, gave us the chance to compete against 9 other counties and a possible tilt at the National Finals. After a solid first round on day 1, Notts were in position to give Staffs a run for their money, but we did not produce on day 2. Maybe the course did not suit us, however, you must play what is in front of you and we came up short, finishing 9th out of the 10 counties. Lots of reflection and input from the players and those supporting followed. Next year the venue is Waltham Windmill (NE Lincs) and we have some different ideas to ployout. The intention is to take 10-12 players maybe 3 or 4 times before the event, which will hopefully allow several players to get to know the course. Those that don't make the final 6 can hopefully support.

Again, there has been discussion within the MGU regarding changing the Midland Qualifying event back to a one-day (36 hole) competition, with one day practise. This was changed to a two-day (2x 18 holes) event some three years ago. The proposed move back to one day looks to have been defeated, with the competition staying as two rounds over two days. I think it is with the MGU Executive for confirmation and I will advise of the outcome in due course.

A few funny moments, Scothern and his 5-iron rescue club, the match report from the Cambridgeshire match, and having found a lost ball in our match at Staffs, we then needed to locate a lost hearing aid! Seniors golf certainly introduces a different aspect and we do have an enjoyable time.

I look forward to catching up very soon as we finalise the Autumn/early Winter 6-man team series.

Best Regards

Ian Newlove

Annex G

County Championship's Report – Colin Bee Competitions Secretary.

REVIEW OF SEASONS COMPETITIONS

<u>EDDIE PETERS TROPHY -</u>	81 entered a record amount, very successful.
<u>MEN' STROKEPLAY & OPEN –</u>	71 + 6 professional's, day went very well.
<u>SENIOR STROKEPLAY -</u>	66 entered, numbers have increased from previous years.
<u>321 TEAM CHALLENGE –</u> Norwood Park GC	72 players entered, great response to this new event, a full house.
<u>MIXED PAIRS –</u> Coxmoor GC	64 pairs entered; all enjoyed the day, nice to see some new faces entered.
<u>PRESIDENT'S AM/AM –</u>	25 teams entered, full house, a great day had by everyone.
<u>JACK PRESCOTT –</u> Chilwell Manor GC	45 entered good number of players.
<u>MEN'S PAIRS</u> played.	44 pairs entered; some new pairings
<u>BOY'S STROKEPLAY -</u>	21 entered, a good amount.
<u>BOYS HANDICAP -</u>	25 entered, a good number of players.
<u>CYRIL SELICK –</u> Ruddington Grange GC	41 entered, all had a great day and were made to feel welcome.
<u>HENDERSON & CARLISLE -</u> Wollaton Park GC	52 entered, a great number of players for the last NUGC comp of the season.

All competitions this year so far have had record entries.

Great idea from Peter Trotter to amalgamate the Lamplugh and Wardman & Carr competitions and introduce a singles comp within this, the Stan Yeomans Single Challenge. The Lamplugh and W & C were really struggling for several years, and this has re-energised a bit of enthusiasm within the Juniors.

The Mixed Pairs was a great success at Coxmoor GC with a great entry and the Presidents AM/AM/AM was a full house and everyone had a great day at the County course Wollaton Park GC.

A big thank you to Pete Trotter for all his help in all the competitions, we really appreciate this.

We have had a few new referee's this year, under the guided eye of Roger Poole our lead Tournament official.

We look forward to 2024 having a successful year with the Open Championship at Worksop GC.

Annex H

County Secretary's report – Colin Bee

I start my report by thanking Wollaton Park Golf Club for being excellent hosts for all the County Events this year, the course was presented in excellent condition throughout the year and the club could not have been more helpful.

Congratulations to Killian Ryan in winning the Amateur Championship the Men's Matchplay, Charles Banks excelled in winning the Seniors Strokeplay Championship, and the Seniors Matchplay.

The County 2nd team retained the title for the 3rd year running, something that has not been achieved by us for over 20 years. Well done Anthony and his team.

The 1st team unfortunately could not retain their title, but massive thanks to Malcolm Brown the outgoing county captain who has made a huge impact in his time as both 2nd team and county captain.

Thanks must go to Senior's Captain Ian Newlove, who has applied himself to the task admirably.

To all the officials of the union, President Richard who has completed a very successful 2 years in office, Vice Presidents Rob Sallis, Pete Trotter, David Halstead and new boy Richard Coleman, 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 2024 and Sherwood Forest 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**