

Welcome Gentlemen to the 2025 Lymm Golf Club Seniors Annual Business Meeting

I will spend around 15 mins updating you of our business over the past 12 months. It may be shorter as I might forget what I have to say, This will then be followed by our treasures report, After which the presentations will be made by our present club captain Andy Timms, and then on to lunch.

For new members to the senior section I would like to explain the role of each Committee member and some, not all of the responsibilities of that appointment. Committee members usually serve for a period of three years, but this period can be extended.

Your Secretary Dave Craggs prepares the meeting agenda takes and circulates the bi monthly minutes to the Committee. He produces the yearly calendar. Prepares the trophies and organises the ABM day. He arranges the Christmas Lunch. He is responsible for updating the Seniors Section of the club website. Organises the Memorial day and collection of donations. Dave and Grahame Brickell also are responsible for the maintenance of the memorial bench and rockery. Dave has also updated the history of the Seniors section and putting it on the website.

Steve Gosling is the retiring treasurer and Steve will update you on the present state of our finances. Steve has done a sterling job over the past 3 years and I'm sure he will continue to do the same in his new role as the club treasurer. His last task is seeking membership fees for the coming year which I trust you have all now paid.

Grahame Brickell is the friendly seniors match organiser, assisted by Steve Bird the man who chases you for the match fees. Steve has requested prompt payment of match fees please, as you can imagine sometimes we have 3 or 4 matches close together, that's 48 or 64 payments to be made which can be an admin headache. Please ensure you put your name and match reference on your bank transfer into the club match account.

From Grahame's end of season review it seems we broke even 50 50 wins to losses. Last year we had a 70 30 success rate and the year before that a 30 to 70 loss ratio. Each year will be different, different players, different partner pairings, as is the same with the opposition. We have reduced the number of teams we now have matches with to nine. This is due to the difficulty sometimes in getting the full compliment of members who can play, Heyrose, High Legh and Hale are no longer venues we play at but we have added Huyton and Prescott. Although its nice to win these matches they were set up as a friendly event, that's why the captain of the day always stresses that it was an honourable draw in his after lunch thank you response to the host club. Anyone who wishes to play in a more competitive league should contact Mike Pigott, who organises the Tatton League. This is open to all seniors players at Lymm Golf club and is not administered by your Senior Committee.

We are always open to positive suggestions on ways to improve the operation of the friendly matches. After I changed the e mail system to What'sapp, Paul Collins suggested we introduce the polling method for player participation This has proved to be an excellent improvement to the system.

Peter who has become known as 2 ll's Willson another retiree from the Committee this year has ably run the Happy Monday competitions during his time in office. He is also the competitions organiser for the Andy Ward and Mike Smith Trophies. He advises the newsletter organiser of the draws made and puts the entry forms on the seniors notice board.

Mark Pickles who is also standing down, designed and owns the seniors website. Mark has been producing the weekly newsletter, which he presents with interesting information and humour. Although his replacement will continue with the newsletter, Mark will be available for technical input to the maintenance of the website, but not as a Committee member.

Paul Foster is our handicap guru, who tries to please all of the people all of the time. Paul adjusts your handicap for competitions when we are not playing to WHS rules.

Extracts from Paul's report

Total members with handicaps 96

New members 6

Handicap reviews conducted 295

Handicaps have been monitored to ensure fairness and accuracy

League rounds recorded 1174

Number of league winners 48

An average of 39 players per week

Paul has requested you always pre-register rounds and submit your cards in a timely manner. If you do register please turn out or cancel before hand when possible.

Paul has also given a big thank you to Steve and Fizz for monitoring the competition completion box outside the pro shop.

Andy Timms our present Club Captain is the liaison member for the seniors on the Men's Committee. Andy arranged the Mitre Cup fixture with the Ladies section this year, taking a task off me, thank you Andy. I understand it was a great success from which we incurred a narrow defeat of just 5 points. Andy also requested from the Men's Committee and the Club Council, that we be allowed a block booking for our Friday roll up comps. This was turned down for the following reasons. Our comps are not open to all seniors in the club only the members who pay their fees to the seniors section. Also most of our seniors are not gold or platinum members, which the club say is a requirement for playing in competitions.

Andy has also said a big thank to the senior section in all the support he has received during his year in office as the club captain.

Mike Kendall is the Friday competition arranger. Mike endeavours to fit every one into their preferred time slot. This is not always possible as we have to take into account allotted tee times for friendly matches etc. He also tries to ensure that tee booking times are spread around evenly. Mike will try to change your playing time if your circumstances change.

Could you also inform him if you are going to be away for an extended period, so that he does not include in the weekly list. If you find you can't play at the last minute please cancel your name off the list and make your playing partners aware.

Besides the work the Committee do we also have senior members who arrange away golf trips. This year I would like to thank John Hayes for arranging teams for the Padeswood and Buckley Seniors open, Peter Broady for the Abergele Seniors open, Les Williams for the Hawkstone Trophy overnight knees up and of course Grahame Brickell for the Llangollen seniors open.

This year we had 4 members becoming octogenarians Stuart Baird, Barry McGuigan, Colin Chisnall and myself. All of us have received our jumpers, as is the custom for members reaching that milestone.

From the two charity matches we held this year we raised £323.50, and therefore we will be donating monies to, Prostrate Cancer Outreach, Maggie's Cancer care and Warrington food bank. We will also be providing a tip of £200.00 for the catering and bar staff for providing food and drinks, on home friendly match days.

There are 5 retirees from the Committee this year. Mark Pickles, Peter Willson, Steve Gosling, Andy Timms and myself. At present we have four nominees for the Committee, namely Ian Goodman, Ian Smith, Les Williams and Mervyn Roberts. Thanks to all for volunteering, I'm sure that the new Committee members will bring fresh ideas and improvements to your Committee.

For the coming year, the present Happy Mondays and Friday competitions will continue. Grahame and Steve are already busy organising next years friendly matches. I have had a request from Mold golf club for a seniors exchange day, which I've asked Keith Melia to seek approval from the Council. There will be away days for seniors opens placed on the notice board, so please look out for them,

I would like to close by thanking you for the support I received when I was the friendly match organiser and not causing me too much grief as the seniors chairman over the past 12 months.

Steve Gosling our treasurer will now present our financial report.