

# **BAWBURGH GOLF CLUB VETERANS SECTION AGM – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

## **GLEN LODGE, BAWBURGH.**

**Meeting Opened at 14.30 hours:**

**Attendees:** Stephen Colbridge, Bob Spanner, Chris Allen, Tim Cooke, Michael Worthington, Danny Daniel, Chris Mace, Keith Larwood, Owen Williams, Tim Sims, Richard Bunn, Frank Wright, Steve Ansett, Paul Whiley, Roger Brooks, Dick Myhill, and Chris Ingram by invitation.

**Apologies Received:** Tony Rivett, Rob Hetherington, John Simmons, Mike Gamble & Tony Gotts.

**(2) Minutes of 2021 AGM:** Approved by Roger Brooks & Keith Larwood.

**Matters arising from item (2)** A Query had been raised as to why no food / meal accompanied Captains Day. Tim Cooke responded by saying that there was insufficient interest, and that the club would not provide a set discounted meal for half a dozen people. A sign-up sheet had been displayed to give members the opportunity to register interest.

### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT AGM 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Firstly I like to start off with some thank yous to the committee for their help and support throughout the year, the golf office, because without them we can't run this section. Catering staff who have looked after us so well throughout all the home friendlies and Veterans Open this year. And, a thank you to Janet Worthington who was omitted from last year's list of names thanked in error. As others have said, it's easy to miss someone when we have such a long list of willing helpers, maybe not mentioning members by name would be better..... no that's not us!!

On a sad note 2 of our members passed away this year John Carter and Trevor Cooper. And, I have just been made aware that former Vets Captain from 2006 Mike Wooster has also passed away bring the total to 3.

The two competitions I've had the honour of being non playing Captain for Hodds Salver 21/22 and Barnard Trophy 22 we lost both at semi-final stages to Barnard Broom and Swaffham respectively. I thank all the players who took part in both. Unfortunately the Hodds Salver 22-23 we lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round to Richmond Park by 1 shot.

Friendlies have gone fairly well this year; at times very hard work raising teams of 12 out with so many withdraws. Disappointed at times of the lack of commitment for players after playing in away matches not playing home ones, next year's committee may have to look at reinstating the £5 away fee. The results are played 34, won 23, lost 10 and 1 drawn. Players used 48 which I thank them for doing so, with an average of 3 withdraws per match. So to next year you will all of seen the email about friendlies and as a committee after a long discussion it was decided to remove 4 clubs, 8 matches, this was down to cost mainly and ability to raise sides for these matches. The one thing we don't know is the cost of everything for matches next year; I know Steve & Owen would like your continued support.

On to Competition Qualification for 2023 and going forward we have brought our qualifying in line with the Men's Section, thanks to Andrew Gooch for his help with it. Qualification is 8 competitions in previous 12 months of which 3 must be in Bawburgh Veterans Section. The competition this relates to are Vets Masters, Vets Summer Knock Out, Captains Cup and Autumn Trophy. The rules will be put up on the notice board and on our webpage. Cost of competition for 2023 will stay at £3.00 annual sub £3.00 and Simmo Salver will stay at £2.50 as there will be no raffles going forward.

Simmo Salver, thank you to John Simmons once again for overseeing the competition. Thank you to all the NTP sponsors for 2022. I'm pleased to announce NTP sponsors for 2023 are John Willimott, Michael Worthington, Chris Ingram and myself.

Finally a big thanks to you Veterans Section members for the support over the year and generosity to my charity. One event left for Xmas Extravaganza on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, hopefully see you there.

**Tim Cooke**

Veterans Section Captain 2022

## **Treasurer's Report for period 1st Nov 2021 – 31st Oct 2022**

### **Membership**

Membership has increased from 145 to 163. We continue the practise of complimentary membership for members when they reach the age of 80, of which will have 20 in 2023.

### **Finances**

We remain in a healthy position with an increase of just over £200 in our balance of uncommitted funds. See attached summary.

As Tim Cooke has already mentioned, no change is planned to the current Vets competition and annual membership fees.

### **Competitions**

We have run 46 competitions, including Simmo's, with a total of 2,596 members participating, averaging 56 per comp, and paying out £4,257 in prize money.

The Bogey competition once again benefited from a generous donation of £60 from Stephen Colbridge. Chris and Brenda Mace have continued to support the purchase of clothing for the winner of the Vets Masters and have generously committed to continuing this for a further 2 years.

### **Vets Open**

The Vets Open was a success with 20 teams competing and the whole day generating £510 for the Captain's Charity. This would not have been possible without the generous support from several of the Ladies section and Vets section to meet and greet, run the raffle, manage the two tee start, manage the halfway house and provide back up playing options in case teams were short of players.

### **Charitable Contributions**

£1,239 was raised throughout the year for the Captain's charity, the Rainbow Trust. £2,047.50 was generated from the Simmo's comps and raffles for John Simmons charity, Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Finally, I must thank Owen Williams for undertaking the exciting task of reviewing and signing off the accounts as accurate, as well as, to all of the Current and past committee members (especially my predecessor Mike Worthington) for being so supportive throughout the year. Of course, a big thank you is also due to the Golf Office, without whose involvement, running so many competitions and collecting entry fees etc. would be a colossal task.

### **Bob Spanner (Honorary Treasurer)**

#### **SECRETARY'S Report - A supporting Balance Sheet was provided.**

Firstly, I must say how grateful I have been this year, to so many of the committee and Club Office management for the support I have been given again due to my ongoing extended absences. Captain Tim has shouldered a lot of the posting of notices and Club matches, Bob Spanner has superbly managed the main task of planning and arranging the Vets Open in addition to running the Vets accounts. There were as usual a number of Vets and Lady Members adding their support to making the successful Open in the way it was. You will notice that today Stephen Colbridge is taking my responsibility at this meeting in my absence. This is his final year on the committee after his two year tenure as Vets Captain. Thank you all.

You will have seen, by separate explanatory email, that for 2023 we have had to reduce the number of friendly matches we play. This was regrettable but necessary for the reasons given. In addition, Captain Tim had very difficult times in finding players for some matches and especially when a number of players cancelling their availability at late notice after selection. It is hoped that players from the Vets members will support our friendly matches in the coming years and ensure their availability and commitment is noted in their personal diaries.

We did receive two proposition notices in time this year, which were considered most relevant to be covered with a response to the author by the committee. This will be done following our next committee meeting.

The full diary of weekly optional competitions has proved very popular and will be continued next year. Apart from the larger fixed competitions, a closed final tee of 10.36am for entering is being set up by the Club office on the BRS sheet. John Simmons "Simmo's Salvors" series of games, have been very well supported, with John continuing his wish that a large mix of players are taking part together. As well as John providing the two end of year winners with prizes, other members are providing bottles of wine for NTPs.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year of golf and grateful thanks for the support that has continued to be given to me.

**Mike Hammond** – Vets Secretary (Thanks to Mike Hammond in his absence).

### **Handicap Secretary Report:**

**Danny Daniel** gave a verbal report to the attendees stating that WHS continued to serve our section well, and that he was in touch with Greg Gladwell as and when necessary regarding any and all handicap related issues as of course Greg covers the Men's section which encompasses our Vet's members too.

### **Proposal of Officers:**

Steve Ansett appointed Captain for 2023.

Owen Williams appointed Vice Captain 2023.

Bob Spanner reappointed Treasurer for 2023.

Mike Hammond reappointed Secretary for 2023.

Danny Daniel continues his year two appointment for 2023.

Chris Allen continues unopposed to maintain the Vets Website for 2023.

Tim Cooke becomes Past Captain automatically.

### **Any Other Business:** *(Initially recorded as item from members under what would be proposals)*

Proposed by Tim Sims and Seconded by Vince Ballester.

#### **Item 1.** DO / ARE THE VETS SECTION ALLOW INDIVIDUAL PAIRS TO COMPETE IN A PAIRS COMPETITION WITHOUT ANOTHER PAIR GOING OUT WITH THEM OR ANOTHER PERSON AND MARK THEIR OWN CARD?

Taking account of the inclusiveness of the section, and after a general debate, Roger Brooks proposed and Keith Larwood seconded the motion be voted on by the attendees. Michael Worthington stated that since there is no 'additional' person to mark a card in a Texas Scramble it would be wrong to insist on a marker for a Pairs Competition. Chris Ingram, invited to give Golf Office guidance on this issue stated that they have used discretion, but, pointed out that Texas Scramble is not necessarily a recognised form of golf!

The meeting agreed that the Status Quo should remain intact for 2023 by a vote of eight (8) to seven (7).

Proposed by Tim Sims and Seconded by Vince Ballester.

#### **Item 2.** ONCE A SCORE CARD FOR ANY COMPETITION HAS BEEN HANDED IN AND SUBMITTED CAN ANY AMENDMENTS BE MADE? THEREFORE IN THE EVENT OF IT NOT BEING SIGNED, ERRORS BEING MADE IN IT'S COMPLETION WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THESE ERROR / ERRORS? WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

The meeting unanimously agreed that once a score card had been handed in it could not be returned for adjustment of any kind. As with the rules of golf, once submitted a card is either correct or rejected resulting in disqualification of that card / player.

**A request that Sponsors** be added to our Website was made by our treasurer, so those names will be forwarded to Chris Allen for inclusion.

**Richard Bunn** also asked if the committee could look to increasing prize funding for Simmo's Salver and Eclectic Gross and Nett winners to five (5) places. The latter was agreed and the former is going to be discussed with John Simmons

and, subject to it not being a problem, the section would if necessary contribute to the funds to enable five (5) places.

There being no further business the:

**Date of the Next AGM** was recorded as **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

The meeting closed at 15.39 hours.

**Acting Secretary:**

Stephen Colbridge.  
Past Captain.