



CLOVELLY COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEN'S GOLF SECTION HELD AT CLOVELLY ON WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 18:48

PRESENT: J. Ackerman (President), R. Pilkington (Vice-Chairman), W. Good (Treasurer), F. Griffiths (Creditor), J. Riley (Governing Body Members), B. Jenkinson (Ladies Captain), D. Thompson (Men's Captain), P. van Heerden, D. Liebrecht, George Bowes (Vice-Presidents), and 32 other members, inclusive of the Golf Committees and Zoom Attendees.

1. Notice Convening the Meeting

H. Bothma welcomed the Chairman, Captain, Committee Members and Members in attendance and let the members know that our Chairman, Richard Goveia, was unable to make in on account of his treatment for cancer. He was wished well by the members. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Apologies

H. Bothma announced that he had received apologies from 23 members.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

H. Bothma confirmed that the minutes of the Golf AGM of 2022 had been displayed on the board and sent to all members over email. They were accepted as read and true and an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposer: David Eisenstein Seconder: Wally Smith

4. To Consider Proposals and Resolutions

There were no proposals or resolutions received.

5. Captain's Report by Greg Daly

Welcome

Good evening, everyone,

I would like to start by recognizing Raymond Ackerman, our Honorary Life President and Jonathan Ackerman, our current President and a huge thank you for everything your family has and continues to do for Clovelly.

I would also like to recognize our Chairman, Richard Goveia, Members of the Vice President's Council, Ladies Captain, Birdie Jenkinson, Governing Body Members, The Golf Committee and most importantly – all of you fellow members of this amazing Clovelly Golf Club.

In terms of our chairman, Richard, we are sad you cannot be here with us tonight, but we all wish you the very best with your continued recovery.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for attending this evening's golf AGM.

Introduction

My first year as captain has been not only a privilege but an enjoyable honour. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know more of the membership base and management in our continual and collective drive to make Clovelly better.

It has been inspiring to see a thriving membership as well as seeing our valued Swallow members and overseas guests returning to our fairways. We think there have been around 150 swallow members returning this summer and enjoying what Clovelly has to offer, which is fantastic. Last financial year we had 1714 non-associated rounds, and we are currently standing on 2295, which is very encouraging.

Thanks to sound management and financial control, Clovelly has remained on top of the curve and continues to grow as a Golf Club.

Club Championships:

2022 saw the second year where we had a joint Men's and Ladies Club Champs. This was another great pinnacle event on our calendar and an all-round success. The course was in superb condition and as always, it is so pleasing to see the atmosphere and buzz that this event creates over two weekends. Thanks to Hanko for all the organisation as well as all our club PGA Professionals that got involved in starting the field over both weekends and adding to the overall tension and magnitude of the event. Live scoring was again a great initiative. As always, we have taken all our lessons learnt from Club Champs 2022 and will be looking to improve this amazing event in 2023.

The Men's and Ladies Club Championships were extremely well supported with 187 golfers in total. The respective winners were:

C Division: Ron Dunn (141 points)
B Division: Nicholas Bryant (337 gross)
A Division: Jan Stals Van Rooyen (298 gross)

Well done to each of these winners, as well as to all members who showed their support for this prestigious event. It is a privilege and an honour to be crowned club champion over 72 holes (albeit a tad stressful 😊)

I would also like to congratulate the respective winners in the Ladies section who were:

Bronze division: Helen Bowes
Copper division: Pat Quill
Stableford: Deena Lynn (31 points)
Silver division and overall Club champion: Gill Briggs (174 gross)

Well done to you all.

Club Matchplay events

Chammy cup and Individual Matchplay

As usual, these events are well attended and forms a big part of the annual golfing calendar at Clovelly. After some tough games during the year the following players triumphed:

Chammy Cup: This turned out to be a family affair and after a very tense final it was the brothers, Nick & Guy Hishin, who managed to overcome the father and son duo of Sugan & Kiash Naidoo. Well played gents.

Individual Matchplay: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the final between Jason Wilmans and Shyam Makanjee could not be played and has been scheduled for 4 March.

League Golf:

Clovelly competed in 5 leagues:

- *MidAm (Clovelly came 5th in A Section)*
- *Masters (Clovelly came 4th in Western section)*
- *Harry Solomon (Clovelly finished 2nd on section A log and lost to Rondebosch in the Quarterfinal)*
- *3rd Challenge (Clovelly finished 2nd in a nailbiter final vs Milnerton)*
- *Prem Reserve ...3rd place*

Well done to all our league players and may 2023 yield even better results.

Golf Membership and Junior Golf

It has been inspiring to see our Clovelly member base grow steadily and we have been actively adjusting our membership categories and packages to accommodate a changing world.

Total membership is currently just under 1600 members which is the highest it has ever been at Clovelly. I am also very proud to announce that our junior programme is bearing fruit (more on that later) and that the junior membership is currently at 98 members, with 72 of them being handicapped.

Member WP honours in 2022

Big congratulations need to go out to the following members who represented WP in 2022.

- *Jonathan Bernard (WP Seniors IPT)*
- *Matt Cooper (WP Open IPT – and WP won this event!)*
- *David Thompson (WP Mid Am IPT)*
- *Ollie Malyon and Evan Marais – who continue to fly the Clovelly flag high for junior golf (WP U13 IPT)*
- *Greg Daly (our past captain) is on the WP Executive*

In other notable achievements:

- *Clovelly hosted the CT Junior Open in October 2022. This is a world ranking event which attracts juniors from all over the world – won by Daniel Bennett.*
- *Matt Cooper (who not only won the Clovelly Open but another 4 Opens and the overall WP order of merit)*
- *And lastly and certainly not least....our very own Isabella Van Rooyen turned pro last year and won her second event that she entered in to (Standard Bank pro-am series held at Atlantic Beach)*

Thank yous

Firstly, I would like to recognize and thank my golf committee. My Vice-Captain, Allan Johns, Ladies Captain, Birdie Jenkinson, Matt Mills, Geordi McIntosh, as well as the Clovelly Management. Your time and passion in your various roles are much appreciated.

Allan Johns has successfully set up and now runs the Handicap Committee for Clovelly. This is no easy task and I commend him for his energy and commitment to ensuring our handicaps, competition results, scorecards and general rules are not only adhered to but that there is fairness and consistency.

Matt Mills looks after junior golf and has done an amazing job over the last year in dedicating so much of his time not only managing this portfolio and driving junior programmes but going above and beyond (often on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon) and physically going out on to the range and golf course in the evenings with a line of super excited youngsters behind him, all wanting to improve and hit the ball as far as Matt! He is now known as the Pied Piper! I would also like to take this opportunity in profusely thanking the Michell Brothers as well as Dave Matthews for everything they are doing for junior golf at Clovelly. This young blood is the future of Clovelly, and we are all extremely passionate about growing this area in an exciting and modern way.

Geordi McIntosh has a portfolio on the Committee looking after clubhouse and staff. He has done a lot in this space, but I would like to specifically highlight the incredible job he has done in securing all our awesome caddies Clovelly uniforms (shirts and hats) which I am sure you agree has transformed their appearance, validated their roles and made them feel even more part of the club. Thank you Geordi and a huge thank you to Andrew Kalis and Darren Cooke from Under Armour for their generous sponsorship towards this great cause.

A huge thanks also to the club management. Paul Stoner, Hanco Bothma and John Spyker. Your valued input, guidance and passion is much appreciated. Paul, your leadership and management skills is taking Clovelly forward at a rapid rate and you deserve all the accolades for this. I would also like to specifically thank Hanco for all your assistance and work that you put into everything golf related at the club and for all the assistance and information you give me as club captain. To Mike Michell - who also sits on the Golf Committee and gives valuable input and feedback on golf matters, thank you. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all.

To the Pro Shop Staff, the Booking Ladies and all the smiling and helpful Bar Staff, your attitude and friendliness is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

To Brian Dlutu, our Greenkeeper. Given what has taken place over the past 5 years and the challenges you have faced, it could be strongly argued that you have the toughest job at Clovelly! I would like to thank you and commend you for the extra mile you and your amazing team go to, day and night, to keep Clovelly in the condition it is in. I have had nothing but positive feedback from the members and visitors, especially in the last 6 months, and although we still have challenges as we speak (that you have very little control over) I have no doubt that we will conquer these obstacles and continue to keep the condition of the golf course in world class shape. I appreciate all your constant communication and feedback regarding the golf course and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and the Greens committee over the past year.

To all our sponsors, who continue to support club competitions and the club championships during these difficult times is greatly appreciated. These include Seeff Properties, Fine & Country, Michigan Spur, Under Armour, KWV and our very own Dents Dunn.

And lastly, a big thanks of appreciation to our Club Chairman, Richard Goveia, and Vice-Chairman, Rob Pilkington, as well as the rest of the Governing Body for their leadership and unwavering support and commitment to not only the club but also to myself and my committee.

Closing

In closing...

We have so much to be proud of at Clovelly. Apart from the important official accolades such as our Top 50 ranking - I believe there is and always has been a very special magic in the air here.

We have an absolutely superb golf course, 10 years later it still feels like I am on holiday when I drive to and tee off at Clovelly. We have a beautiful club house and driving range with amazing views, in what is still a completely unspoilt valley. This is very rare these days.

We have ultra passionate and constantly friendly and smiling staff, both on and off the course. We have loyal and professional management who truly act in the best interests of the club and its members. Over the past 5 years we have dealt with so many crises (water restrictions, fires, Covid, load shedding to name a few, but every single time this club comes out stronger than before).

But most important of all – we have the most incredible members. There are not many clubs in the world with either the loyalty, camaraderie, and friendliness that Clovelly's members bring to the table year in and year out. It is genuinely a second family to so many people and I have personally loved getting to know you all a bit better, get your feedback as to what is great and not so great at the club and have thoroughly enjoyed all the pre and post round banter with you all.

I apologise in advance to you all for having to put up with my terrible prize giving jokes for another year!

I am very much looking forward to the next year as Club Captain and I am privileged to have this role. There is still lots to do, I am excited and energized to continue to take Clovelly forward and will give it my all before handing over next year to my Vice-Captain, Allan Johns.

Thank you all.

There were no questions for the captain.

6. To transact any other business.

There were no other comments or questions. Mr Bothma thanked the Members for attending the meeting and it was closed at 19:05.