

Seckford Express

October 2009

New Edition 1



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PLAYING WITH THE PROS

The Club is holding a Pro-Am on Wednesday, October 28 and Members are invited to submit a team.

Teams may consist of 3 amateur lady or gentleman players who hold CONGU handicaps and a Professional. Should you require a professional for your team, please contact Danny Barton.

The format is 18-hole medal (best 2 scores from 4) with 3/4 handicap allowance for amateurs.

There will be a Prize table valued at over £3,000 and includes sets of irons for the winners.

The cost per team is £150 and includes breakfast bap and coffee on arrival and a meal following the Round.

We are aiming to welcome 24 teams and local PGA Professionals for the Seckford Team Classic and we would welcome any support you can offer.

It's back!

After repeated requests, we are pleased to announce that the monthly newsletter has returned. It can be found on the members website or a copy can be obtained from the Pro Shop, for those who have not got access to the Internet.

Within the newsletter, we will be keeping you up to date with all Club News and Events. Your Representatives and Captains will be invited to put in comments and photos, so please see them if you have any news you wish to share. Also, we are duty bound to publish minutes of Committee and Board Meetings so these will accompany each newsletter that we publish.

Welcome to our New Members

We would like to wish all those who joined the Golf Club in September a warm welcome.

New Members:

Barrup C. Mr
Cuthbert J Master
Cuthbert M Ms
Cuthbert R Mr
Harrison G Ms
Harvey K Mrs
Higgins D Mr
Higgins S Mrs
Hoole J Master
Jones T Mr
Keinzley J Master
King C Master
Saunders J. E. Mr
Sheeran M. D. Mr
Tan N Ms
Trenter C. M. Mr
Turner W Mr
Vince C Mrs
Vince J. C. Miss
Whurr L A Master

Well Done Matt!

We are proud to announce that our Assistant Trainee Professional Matt has recently passed his First Years Training for his PGA Diploma and will now start work on Year 2.

We hope all Members will agree that Matt has been an excellent addition to our Professional Team and we continue to wish him all the best as He progresses with his training.

For those wishing, Matt is available to give lessons throughout the week from just £15 for half an hour. Please book with Professional's Shop.

AUTUMN WORK ON THE GREENS

We are halfway through our autumn renovation work on the greens.

They were hollow cored and top dressed in the last week of September. Verti-draining is due to be carried out on the 29th of October, weather permitting.

We shall be aerating directly behind the verti-drainer with pencil tines to minimise disruption to the playing surface and to aid recovery.

WHY DO WE AERATE?

The benefits of aeration are -

Oxygenated root zone

Good surface drainage

Healthier growing turf

Alleviates compaction

Encourages deeper rooting

Improves drought tolerance

Helps breakdown the thatch layer

Increases microbial activity

Improves nutrient uptake

THE TERRACE RESTAURANT

BOOKING CHRISTMAS PARTIES NOW

01394 446192

ETIQUETTE

Be considerate of your fellow players. Don't talk, move or distract a player in any other way during his swing.

Holes-in-one

Congratulations to Marcia Thorpe and Geraldine Moreton on achieving holes-in-one during the last month. Please let the reception staff know if have had a notable achievement on the course.

New Year's Eve

Seckford Golf Club proudly presents...

The King is Dead: A Night in Sin City

A themed Murder Mystery Evening with Casino, Las Vegas Buffet, Toasting Glass at Midnight and Fireworks

Tickets available now - £39.95

Call 01394 446192 to book

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE CLUB

Friday 24th October - Stars in your Karaoke

Friday 6th November - Night Golf

Sunday 15th November - Texas Scramble w/ Sunday Roast

ALL EVENTS NOW LISTED ON SOCIAL NOTICE BOARD

If your e-mail address has changed recently please inform the shop.

Minutes from Committee Meeting - September 2009

Captains Report

September again seems to have been a busy month at Seckford and follows the trend for the year at Seckford. Held in September was the Kestrel Trophy with 32 men taking part over 36 holes.

This was won in the end by Martin Cook with 39 Stableford points and a net 65.

In the Medal for a total of 26 closely followed by Barry Coxall with 27 and Malcolm Peat on 28, the best individual being 42 stableford points by Ian Cox and a net 61 in the afternoon by Malcolm Peat. On a final note many thanks to Bob Higham who was there all day counting up the scores.

On the 13 September we had the 'Battle of the Sexes', which as usual was played in very good spirit, possibly a couple of men had a few to many spirits the night before! as the ladies came in as deserved winners, thanks to all those that took part.

Sunday 20 September, we had the last 16 and 8 of the Seckford Matchplay, which resulted in the following four who will be battling it out in the final: Adrian Gipson, Malcolm Peat, Sam Pollexfen and Trevor Fearing. Good luck to you all for October 4th.

In October we have the 'Clear Cup', thanks again to Larry and Val for the sponsorship.

On the 18 October we have the Watson Rose Bowl. Both competitions are filling up Quickly and looks like, as usual, will be well supported.

Socially we have a new event being run by Simon this being a 'Bingo and Curry Night' to be held on 02 October, the notice is up on the notice board, and as a new event I hope as many people as possible will come along and support this evening. These events which take place are for the benefit of the club and usually supported by the same crowd, you know who you are, so thank you in advance. However for those who have not attended in the past please come along and have a great evening.

Also in October we are having a 'Karaoke' evening, if it is the same as the first one we had earlier in the year do come along because you don't know what you will be missing, you never know you may run into some of your pop hero's!!!!

Seniors Report

1 Firstly my apologies as on holiday 18 Sept to 2 October (D Burdon will I am sure field any seniors points/issues as I have asked if attending)

2 Matches played

Thursday 2 September away Waldringfield lost 2.5 -5.5
Tuesday 8 September home v Lexden Wood second leg Pennock Trophy where deficit of 20 holes unable to be overcome with victory on day by 8 holes , cup returned to Lexden as net loss 12 holes

Thursday 10 September away Hintlesham lost 1.5-6.5

Wednesday 25 September away Thorpeness result ?

3 Matches in October

Away v Halesworth Tuesday 6 October

This will conclude programme of 20 senior matches all well supported.

4 2010

Tea times required actioned and diary items 99% complete.

5 Kestrel Trophy

Third seniors one held on Tuesday 1 September, parallel with club except over 18 holes. 39 participants with winner Bob Higham with a score of 9 points scoring 19 stableford points on front nine and a net medal of 28 on back. Barry Revans was runner up with 10 points

Ladies Captain

We had three friendly matches booked this month, St Clements away which unfortunately we lost and then we visited Halesworth and this match ended all square. Our other friendly was with Thorpeness who unfortunately cancelled this due to lack of numbers, this fell on the same day as Captains Past Captains day at Waldringfield where the majority of their players were attending. We have three more matches in October, two at home, Crettingham and Waldringfield and away to Stoke by Nayland and these will be the last matches for this year. All next years matches have been organised and these will be agreed at the fixtures meeting in December where Sue and Anja will be attending.

There was one boarded competition and that was the Battle of Sexes. As usual we have a very good turn out for this occasion with 24 men and 22 ladies. But the icing on the cake this year was that the Ladies won by 105 holes tom 93 holes. Well done to the ladies and lets see if we can continue in this vain next year, all the winners received a bottle of wine. As the shield was presented it was noticed that this has not been updated since 2003, would it be possible for this to be done along with the Hollis shield which needs amending.

I would like to say a big thank you to Danny for organising his group lessons and I think all who have attended are finding them very beneficial. I know I did. Perhaps they could be repeated next spring time or whenever Danny has the time to organise them.

The month has been reasonable quiet and the Tuesdays are still going well. We had an incident with one of our Thursday ladies whilst playing she took a tumble and has broken her leg. She is now at home recuperating and we all wish her well and hopes she has a very speedy recovery and is back playing golf early next year I hope. Pam was very impressed with the treatment she received from who Larry and Simon looked after her and took her home after the fall. A get well card has been sent to her from the ladies section.

As the year rolls on the reports are getting shorter and can not quite believe that this year as Captain has nearly gone.

G.M. Report.

The changes to the course have been implemented and so far seem to work well. We are looking at putting some trees in by the path from the 18th and removing some trees from the fairway of the 14th. The Captains handbook is now complete for discussion with Players Reps and Vice Captains for next year.

The Employers handbook is ready and available for all staff and will be implemented with new contracts in October.

We have started two new staff members and are looking for a third. Various functions are being planned for the next quarter and we are offering an incentive of 15 months for the price of 12 for membership in October as this is the worst membership month.

We are looking at renting a 9 x 6 metre commercial marquee to fit into the L of the Restaurant/ Conservatory. This will cost us approx £7000 p.a. to rent and run and will bring in substantial income from functions.

We are 6 months into the new business and are re looking at budgets etc. With the experience of actual accounts rather than the estimates which were in place.

So far we are on budget for most areas and are gradually repaying the toxic loans which are eating into our cash flow and will do so for the net 18 months or so.

We have reduced bank debt to £457,000 from £475,000 a saving of £18,000, Braceforce £15,000, Prettys £3,500, and VAT by £10,600, and other by £3000, making a total saving in debt of £50,000 in 6 months.

We have spent approx £15,000 on the course making a total of £65,000.

We budgeted to make £24,000 surplus in year 1 and received £9000 from the Members Account and we also received £12,000 from GR making a total figure of £45,000 which leaves us £20,000 short of what is needed.

We are constantly looking at ways of making efficiencies to save expenditure and bring in further income so as not to look at borrowing further and will continue to discuss all aspects of the

business with as many people as possible to expand our business model.

WE have raised some £2,400 towards the cost of replacing the Tee Legends from sponsors and any additional help would be appreciated.

It has been suggested that there are many competitions which do not have entry fees. These no about 10-12 which at 60 persons per event equals about 600 entrants at £3 or about £2000 which could be included as part of Club Funds.

The Junior membership has now reached 97. Although a lot of these are youngsters and will take a while to develop it is a good start. With this we have seen some parents also joining. The after school clubs are getting under way in the next 2 weeks and are filling. This is paid income and will bring more new members into the Club. We promised 100 juniors by Easter of 2010 and will reach this target by Xmas.

Work is well under way on the draft Mem and Arts of the Company that will form part of the Constitution which will replace the playing Constitution and with Terry and Trevor input should be complete by the end of October.

GREENS REPORT

Apologies for the short report, I'm just back from my holiday and playing catch-up.

Despite a wet start to last week the course is still in drought conditions. Our intensive maintenance programme on the greens is paying dividends and they are standing up well to what has been a very dry summer.

Some of the greens are experiencing an attack of fuscarium patch. Fungicide will be applied to the affected greens on Friday.

Due to the dry conditions I have, as predicted, been forced to cancel the verti-draining of the greens which was booked for this Wednesday. I have provisionally rebooked it for the 29th of October.

(The day after the pro am). The plan will be to follow behind the verti-drainer with our aerator fitted with 10mm pencil tines set to a depth of 75mm. This will dramatically reduce the disruption to the playing surface and speed up recovery.

If all has gone to plan by the time of this meeting the greens should all have been hollow tined and top dressed. We have had a disappointing turn out of volunteers which is a pity as it is a good chance for people to learn a bit about what we do. We have a very dedicated team of greenstaff who all go well beyond the course of duty to produce the course that we have, often doing extra unpaid hours out of sheer pride in what they do so it is a shame that these two times a year more people aren't willing to participate. Weekly whinge over!

All the new tee signs are now in place.

The safety ball on the 3rd has been moved and signs erected.

We shall soon be fencing around the top of the old putting green to obscure the unsightly view from the terrace and clubhouse. We shall also putting post and wire down the side of the 11th tee and planting Russian vines. This will rapidly produce a screen to also obscure the unsightly view and will finish the aesthetic improvements around the terrace and 11th tee.

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Handicap Committee

Minutes of Meeting 07/09/2009

0909/1 Attendance: Di Lewis Peter Last Bob Higham (minutes)

0909/2 Apologies: Mandy Rozier

0909/3 Minutes of last meeting: Approved

0909/4 Conditions of Competitions:

Transportation: The meeting reviewed the current position regarding use of transportation in competitions which has been based simply on precedent since the USPGA ruling. It was agreed that the conditions of competitions be updated to be clear that transportation is not allowed in competitions unless permission has been granted by the committee. Whilst the committee accepted the default R&A position that the use of buggies is acceptable it was thought that the lack of buggy availability raises issues of equity which could not be addressed unless this condition is applied.

AP 0909/1 R&A update the conditions having reviewed R&A and other relevant documentation

Conforming Drivers: The committee reviewed this and determined that no action was required at this time in relation to Seckford Competitions as the R&A additional requirement is designed for expert players only.

Number of qualifying rounds: The committee confirmed that the club will move to use the active/inactive handicap principles as adopted by CONGU for next years major competitions that require qualification. This will simplify administration and communication.

Adults carrying for Junior Members; Any conditions required are to be left to the junior section to add to conditions of play.

Late entries to drawn competitions: It was agreed that late entries to drawn competitions are not acceptable on the basis of equity. Should the club initiate reserve management for any/all competitions in the future then this position may be altered on a case by case basis.

Alteration of Tee Times; This issue only applies to drawn competitions. The committee may in exceptional circumstances undertake alterations of tee times in drawn competitions. The committee noted that some draws next year will be "zoned" in order to provide some flexibility to players. However, once a zone is fully subscribed further flexibility is not available and zone choice is on a "first come - first served" basis.

0909/5 Protection of the course: Following discussion it was agreed that the need for preferred lies to protect the course was a requirement best left to the Head Greenkeeper.

0909/6 AOB: Ladies Championship: It was agreed that the Ladies Championship would move to a 36 hole format next year

Competition Boards: There is an outstanding proposal to add to the display boards at the clubhouse that is in abeyance at present. With specific reference to the Ladies Nett and Gross champions and other proposed competitions the committee would ask that the main committee reconsider the proposal.

AP 0909/6/1 DB To raise competition boards at main committee Notice Boards: The committee also request that a notice board be mounted above the current PSI position.

AP 0909/6/2 DB To raise notice board provision at main committee 0909/7 DONM.

The next meeting will be on: Monday the 9th November 2009 at 19:00 Di Lewis agreed to host the meeting.

JUNIOR REPORT

- No matches to report on

- coaching for the age group now planned with Simon

- promoting the Newton Green open in half term week but not sure if enough will enter to be classed as a team (3 needed)

- trophies for the junior champions to be collected and presented

- date for the matchplay still not agreed. I hope that we can do this in half term week

- Norman and I discussed the new government rules on CRB and other personal checks for helpers that will be required in the future.

I think this will have some impact on support for junior sections in clubs and we are hoping to develop a plan for us to go forward. This will probably require addition people to become registered and approved to cover the legal aspects and to protect both the individual and the club.

AOB

Tolly/hambro

- Changes by the county now allow clubs to charge for the practice rounds that were previously complimentary. This is set at £15 per person. This has come about I think because of the present economic situations.

Questions

- Do we wish to charge opponent this fee in part or in full?

-Do we expect our players to pay this in part or in full or will club funds cover it?

I have no feeling on what other clubs will do but suggest that additional budget be put aside to at this time as if we were to cover it.. Estimated as 2 round of the comp, 10 players, £15 each (if paid in full) that could amount to £300.

A second change is that clubs are no longer expected to have dinner afterwards unless agreed between the captains. I think this has come about after several complaints concerning meal costs at some clubs.

We need to decide what we intend to do as a club and retain budget to cover the event of this taking place. I estimat the contribution in previous years was £120 per round, per side.

Constitution

Starting editing now ready to go over things with Trevor (and others if they wish) in the next weeks. I plan to issue a draft for comment to the committee before the November meeting.

Contact details

As I am retiring on the 30th September can people please use my home email address in future. This is: terry.draycott@btinternet.com

Home phone 01394 387068

I am planning on retaining the present mobile number but will inform you if this changes (07710 303005)

Simon Jay Director of Golf

Lessons: With the School coaching now in operation a lot of my time will be spent undertaking these lessons with a goal to encourage juniors to the club and to get them involved in the club coaching programs as part of the academy.

Week one saw about 250 different juniors through the 6 schools. As a result of this the majority of the club coaching will be done by Matt and Danny.

The seniors and ladies group coaching has been well attended and with more people wishing to participate extra sessions will be made available.

The junior lessons at the weekend are also busy and with the passport to golf lessons running this will continue to be a vehicle to sign new members into the club.

County coaching has started again and will now run until the end of the year.

Shop: A new range of stock has been brought in by Pin High including some new clothing for the gents and various top ups of popular sold items.

Gareth Ducker the Wilson rep visited the club to meet with me and Danny last Thurs. The purpose of the visit was to show us the fitting program and the new products for 2010 as well as to discuss what is happening with the half sets next year.

Social: The quiz on the 2nd of September had 17 teams attending with 1 hope another enjoyable evening was had for members and guests.

The Final Friday night scramble happened on the 4th and had 9 teams playing just finishing before the light went. Throughout the winter months the scrambles will continue on Sunday afternoons with a meal first followed by 10 holes.

The next quiz is arranged for the 14th October and is full already.

A Bingo evening has been organised for Friday 2nd October including food.

A stars in their karaoke evening has been organised for the 24th October.

Training: The Train to Gain coaching from Mark Featherstone has been an eye opener and has helped to highlight both strengths and weaknesses. With a series of sessions with Mark focusing on respective areas this I am sure will help to manage each department more professionally.

Other issues: Thanks to the green keepers on the range we now have some yardage markers which certainly help when teaching and for visitors.

I had a meeting with Norman Wood following the meeting with Terry to discuss child protection issues. Norman has added some points to the enrolment form which all new and current juniors will asked to read with their parents and sign to agree. The age of the juniors on the course is still to be confirmed but a proposal of 12 has been suggested and for any juniors below that age will need adult supervision whilst on the course.

We have attracted some new junior members to the club including a 9 year old who is in the county under 12 squad and has a handicap of 23.

The total junior membership stands at 97 with 32 new juniors being obtained since the takeover in April.

Stars in the Eyes karaoke 24th October posters have now been placed on board.

Dinner Dance will be posted up latest 5th October

There will be a new event in late November Seckford Family Fortunes

Night Golf will now be Friday 6th November 10 holes Texas Scramble

Needless to say we all need to support and promote these events. I am proposing a meeting with next years Club Captains and Vice and Larry to brainstorm a events calendar for next year so we know what events will be held and when, I hope to have this completed by next meeting

Treasurer

Not a lot to report this month the accounts have been pretty quiet except of cause for the fees for the winter competitions which are now coming in, as usual the we have had plenty of senior entries and quite a few ladies that didn't enter the summer competitions have entered into the winter ones which is good but as yet there are not many men entering their singles or doubles, and the closing date for entries is 26th September so there is only a couple of days left.

The cheque has been posted out to Mick Cook and we are all up to date with money owed. The balance on the bank is looking a little healthier but that will be due to all the money that I have paid in for the winter competitions.

As you can see I have changed my monthly report as the old one was getting a little large and you needed a magnified glass to see the print, so I hope the new format has all the information that you need and easier to understand.

I have also compiled another spreadsheet showing the budgets for all the different competitions as requested in a earlier meeting. It has been a little awkward as Christine did her accounts differently to me, and so I have not been able to easily trace back certain things but I think I have come up with a budget that is I hope pretty accurate.

The one thing that has come up to light is that certain competitions such as the Kestrel and the Ladies, Men's and Senior Championships in the summer, I never received any income for these but money was received last year. Which if for certain events I am not going to receive an income for what ever reason then the inconsistency is going to make it difficult to calculate budgets.

Southey's take the honours in Cear Cup

The annual Cear Cup was held recently in windy but dry conditions.

38 pairs took part in this greensomes betterball competition.

Husband and wife Yvonne and Simon Southey took the honours with 44 points. But the main winners were the Children's Hospice who benefited by £332.

Results from the day: 1 Y and S. Southey; 2 R. Wilcox and M. Cook; 3 Geraldine Moreton and Ray Connett.

Longest Drive (men) Tom Piddington. Nearest Pin (men) Stuart Burton. Longest Drive (ladies) Vera Skerry. Nearest Pin (ladies) Di Lewis.

Individual Coaching

Lessons are available with all Club Pros and the Winter is a great time to tighten up on your technique.

Simon -	£20 (30 Mins)
	£40 (60 Mins with Optional Video)
Danny -	£18 (30 Mins)
	£36 (60 Mins with Optional Video)
Matt -	£15 (30 Mins)
	£30 (60 Mins with Optional Video)



Minutes of Golf GB Ltd Board Meeting held on 22nd July 2009 at 18:00 Seckford Golf Club

Present

Mr A Watkins (AW)(Trustee Director)(Chair)
Mr R Higham (RH) (Trustee Director & Company Sec.)(Minutes)
Mr K Vincent (KV) (Trustee Director)
Mr J Moorby (JM) (Trustee Director)
Mr L Isherwood (LI) (General Manager)
Mr D Barker (Trustee Director) (DB)

0907/05 Trustees

Mr A Watkins was appointed as Chair

Terms of Office:

The following terms of office were agreed for each Trustee:

Mr John Moorby - 2 years
Mr Andy Watkins - 3 years
Mr Keith Vincent - 3 years
Mr Dean Barker - 4 years
Mr Robert Higham - 4 years

0907/01 Apologies for Absence

None

0907/02 Declaration of Interests

None

0907/03 Minutes of Previous Meetings (Accuracy)

Minutes of the meetings 11th May 2009 and 9th June 2009 were both agreed without amendment.

0907/04 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Outstanding action points:

AP090608/01 LI to present top level financial data to the committee prior to general publication - action carried over

0907/06 Constitution

A detailed discussion took place regarding the relationship between the "playing" constitution and the M&A of Golf GB Ltd. RH pointed out that as "association" clubs move to Limited status many have incorporated the "objects" of the club in to the Memorandum & Articles. KV pointed out that the Articles should address the governance of the business and the memorandum the objects. Discussions on where legal accountability rests for all aspects of the operation of the club confirmed that it all rests with the Trustees. It was agreed that we would aim to rationalise all constitutional aspects of the club in to a revised Memorandum and Articles which would be agreed by Trustees as soon as is practicable. RH also pointed out that the Golf Unions require a copy of our constitution and that they require it to address specific aspects of equality and diversity within it. The proposal to move to a single constitution whilst developing and completing the current interim position was unanimously agreed.

AP090706/01 RH to circulate examples of M&A documents from other Ltd not for profit members golf clubs.
AP090706/02 LI to present proposal to the general committee at the next meeting

AP090706/03 RH to draft initial Memorandum and Articles document.

The Trust Deed documentation being prepared by Ensors will be available in the next few weeks. It was noted that currently all the shares were held in trust by RH and DB until that matter is finalised. Following that all shares will be converted to ordinary and apportioned appropriately.

0907/07 SGM

Trustees reviewed the SGM and noted in particular the requests for more transparency and breadth of communication methods. Other feedback from the meeting has informed other agenda items.

0907/08 GM Report

The meeting received and reviewed the the revenue cash flow spreadsheet to the end of June 06. A discussion followed on the apportionment of costs and expenses. The contribution performance of each line of business was reviewed with specific attention drawn to the improved performance of the Restaurant and Bar when compared to the equivalent performance in 2008.

The corporate membership scheme and sign up rates were reviewed. The scheme was accepted by Trustees providing a modification is made to ensure that related adult membership is tied to a minimum annual corporate spend.

AP090708/01 LI to amend the corporate membership scheme accordingly.

LI presented an analysis of tee time utilisation across each day of the week. Poor availability of tee times in peak periods is now cited as a reason for leaving in "exit" interviews which the club now undertakes for all leaving members. A full discussion of the impacts of weekend competitions, "overloading" tee times and slow play followed. Some proposals were discussed that may aid better distribution of use on busy days.

AP090708/02 LI to present the utilisation paper to the general committee at the next meeting inviting the committee to review Trustee proposals and to present proposals back to Trustees.

0907/09 Final Balance Sheet

The final balance sheet associated with the transfer of the company was reviewed. The meeting was briefed on the current situation regarding payment of outstanding amounts to the club.

We are hopeful that this matter will finally reach closure during the next week or two.

0907/10 CCJ

The outstanding CCJ is being moved to Ipswich Courts for further consideration. LI reported that we expect to have the matter resolved in the very near future. It is still an issue for the Bank because of the impact on our credit rating.

0907/11 Bonds

Trustees were briefed on the bond scheme. There has been some interest expressed as a result of the SGM meeting.

AP090711/01 RH, LI to update the bonds paper and send to all Trustees.

0907/14 Strategy

Capital Plant Replacement Strategy
LI gave a verbal update on the capital plant replacement

strategy. Currently proposals from 3 greens equipment companies are begin considered. The proposal to move to a 5 year rolling replacement programme using lease schemes was accepted. Some existing equipment to be modified to meet some specific aeration and mowing requirements. Digger to be sold.

Course Development

The meeting received the Handicap committee changes to order of play and SI on the course.

RH reported back on the recent meeting with Ron Kent from the SGU. The meeting identified that (for men) the difficulty has very little impact on the overall rating. Whilst it is taken into account the returns for any investment required would be very small. Our current difficulty rating is probably middle to high on many of the assessment criteria for each hole and even if we were able to move to the higher level the impact of the change on the overall rating would be marginal.

To move from an SSS of 65 to 66 we need to increase the length of the white course by 200 yards. There are one or two obvious places that would potentially gain us perhaps 100 - 130 yds and we could offset that yardage by increasing some of the difficulty areas (green speed for example if we were to move to the top end may reduce the yardage required by perhaps 40 - but that is not guaranteed).

Following a very interesting meeting looking at the various formulae, scratch golfer assessment approaches and yardage options, we are left with the very stark (but cheap) choice of par reduction on the white course. It was this approach that Ron Kent had immediately suggested as the likely best bet.

Using the CONGU yardage recommendations we could technically remove all the par 5s on the course and stay within the guidelines. Having consulted the club Pros their view is that the new 18th should remain a par 5 taking into account length and difficulty but agreed with the proposal that the 6th and 15th (new) become par 4's from the current whites. This takes the white course to 66/65. Such a move also fits well with the reallocated SI's. It also aligns with the recommendation that Ron Kent favoured when discussing the course with the Suffolk appraisal team. It will give us a course where playing to par will align much more closely with the actual difficulty of the course.

Trustees agreed to the proposal. They also agreed that any further developments to holes in relation to length and difficulty would be built into the 5 year course development plan and be driven solely by the need to improve the look and playability of the course.

0907/15 AOB

Trustees noted that deep aeration of greens is currently being scheduled for late September (22nd)

0907/16 DONM

The next meeting is scheduled for the 19th August 2009 at 18:00 in the Club House.

Agreed as a true record.

Chair Signature.....

Date.....