



## **The Minutes of the Wheathill Golf Club Annual General Meeting held in the Club House on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Present:** J Stewart-Burnett, G Morgan, A Scott, S Woodward, D Gregory, J Byrne, F Cruse, J Williams, M Green, B Burnett, A Forscutt, K Snook, J Street, J Warmington, K Forward, G Hillier, M Hodgson, S Bates, J Bates, S Thorpe, A Gates, J Rowsell, K Woodward, M Brewin, K Dagger, B Sleeth-Stevens, D Stevens, L Sleeth-Stevens, P Wescott, C Fleming, S Street, D Martin, D Manzaneda, A England, E England, M Singleton.

**Apologies:** L Johnson, N Maynard, R Hardy and S Ovland.

### **Introduction**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19.35

Good Evening Ladies' and Gentlemen and welcome to Wheathill Golf Club's AGM for 2024. I hope all of you have managed to access the Wheathill website where the draft minutes for the 2023 AGM are available and received the agenda sent out previously. Please if you have not already done so sign the attendance sheet. We have received some apologies, which will be published with this meetings minutes.

Sadly, during the year past members of our club have passed away.

Steve Walker, a shock to his friends in the club and young family of twins. His father-in-law Bob Irwin is encouraging them to play golf and it was lovely to see them at the club recently. Ray Wagner a long standing member of the club and avid member of the Avalon C team, who have planted a tree in his memory on the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway.

Val Boothman Wheathill's first ever Lady Captain. A great loss to the club. Difficult to believe she was having Christmas lunch with us last year.

Gunnar Ovland our true Nordic friend, who we will miss terribly, especially his antics with his pipe. A fabulous Club Captain and a record holder of 130 qualifying rounds last year.

As it is customary, any questions you may have for the management team and the main committee will not be answered tonight, they will be recorded and discussed at the next MCM and an answer provided through that forum. On with the meeting.

### **Minutes of the Last AGM**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by K Dagger, Seconded by F Cruse.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Senior Captains Report: Jim Williams**

Hola, short and to the point.

Thank you to all that have made my term as Senior Captain enjoyable. It has been an honour and a privilege.

All that remains is for me to present Mal with his jumper and the Captain's Log and wish him and his vice captain all the best for next year.

### **Seniors Committee for 2024-2025**

Captain – Mal Green

Vice-Captain – Bob Kerswell

Past Captain – Jim Williams

Secretary – Peter Nash

Competitions Secretary – Rob Hardy

Handicap Secretary – Kelvin Dagger

Avalon Seniors League Captain – Steve Chinnock

Friendlies Organiser – Andrew McDougal

### **Ladies Captains Report: Anne Scott**

Well, this speech has been running around in my head for some time now and after many drafts, it is now on paper and it makes me realise that my year is finally coming to an end and how quickly it has gone! *When you're having fun and all that!*

However, my Captaincy at Wheathill would not have run without the contribution and commitment of so many people.

My family, and particularly, my husband, who says I've been playing golf or doing something connected to golf most days and evenings, over the last year! True! However, he's been very supportive!

The Professionals, with their expert knowledge, who are constantly on hand to answer any queries, questions and give welcome support and advice.

The Club house staff, especially Vicky for her commitment and resourcefulness, always producing brilliant meals. Her versatility in delivering my Lady Captain's Day Meal, a High Tea, was testimony to her artistic flair and passion.

The Ground staff who work tirelessly to keep our course in fabulous condition, despite the weather!

But my special thanks go to Sean Woodward, Club Captain, who has supported my charity wholeheartedly, as have the other club sections. He has started so many of our Ladies' Competitions, so enthusiastically and with such great commitment (*you may recall how he threw himself into the role of Danny from Grease, when he started my Lady Captain's Day competition*). "Thank You Sean it's been great fun!"

And I couldn't forget, Roy who has also started many of our competitions, so readily, and joined in the Pink Ladies celebration.

Thank you also to the Senior and Men's Captains', who have frequently stepped in to assist with starting our competitions.

My Chosen charity of Porphyria (a relatively unknown charity, I wanted to support), kicked off the Fund Raising in April with a Race Night, run by the Rotary Club of Brue Valley which proved to be great fun.

Throughout the year many club competitions from all sections have contributed and raised £4551.48 for the charity Phenomenal! And still counting!

Of course, I would not have been able to carry out my captaincy without the support of an amazing committee who have supported me in so many ways. Fiona, Judith, Becky, Sam, Nic, Nicky, Sylvia and Jen, whose knowledge and wisdom, along with all the past captains, have guided me and kept me on the straight and narrow!

I'd like to think that as Captain I have encouraged inclusivity and encouragement to all ladies' wanting to play golf at whatever level they are.

Your support and generosity have been amazing. It was an honour to have been asked to be Captain in 2024 and I wish Fiona and her committee well for the next year.

Thank you.

### **Ladies Committee 2024-2025**

Fiona Cruse - Lady Captain

Sylvia Bates - Vice Captain

Anne Scott - Past Captain

Nic Boyd - Secretary

Judith Rowsell – Competitions Secretary

Karen Forward - Handicap Secretary

Nicky Wisniewski – New Members Delegate

Sam Thorpe – Treasurer & Eclectic Delegate

Kate Cleverley – County Delegate

### **Junior Captain's Report – Elizabeth England**

It's the end of my time as Junior Captain and I think my wishes for the section have been achieved over the last year. The junior girls have played well all year alongside both older and new boy members. Many junior have played in main club competitions with success and more junior competitions have taken place. Our greatest achievement has been to win the County South Division League and to play in the final against Burnham and Berrow.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the juniors, my Dad, Jill, the Pro-shop, greenkeepers, clubhouse staff and members. I am happy to hand over my captaincy to Lucy and I hope she enjoys her year as Junior Captain as much as I have.

### **Men's Competition Committee Report: Gerry Morgan**

Ladies and Gentlemen, I was going to advise you all that your priorities should turn towards getting a drink from the bar right now. As I also serve this club as Secretary. It has given me the opportunity of seeing the length of our Lady Captains annual report which should have followed mine, however at the last moment this has changed so I have had no prior opportunity.

This committee consists of the Vice Captain, Current and immediate ex-captain, along with duly elected club members, it tries to meet at least formally once a month and for your delectation minutes have been available on the club website for every meeting. I am aware that only 7 people in the club know the password, but who said golf was an easy game. I would like to pay tribute to two founding members of this committee who contributed outstanding commitment in their roles. Geoff Gilbert who advertised every competition and

after a very steep learning curve managed to get the Club computer obeying most of his instructions. Alan Forscutt, who tirelessly managed all the stablefords, medals and summer knockouts, together with trying to reconcile accounts. These two served you so well and for the most part unseen. Luckily their replacement Peter Wescott appears to be as able bodied as these two and with his dedication to the cause we have managed to fulfil every competition we set out to do.

All these meetings are for ever under the watchful eye of Madame Chairperson, who assisted in the competitions committee replacing the playing committee.

My thanks to Sean and Dazz for their help this year as well as their other duties and welcome to Dani, because even if you didn't know you are now a fully working member.

I will be forever registered at Wheathill as the first person to be removed from this committee by virtue of ineligibility.

Thank You.

### **Treasures Report: Mr D Gregory**

This year the overall income is up £1259.25 and the overall expenditure is up £308.31 this means that we are £950.94 up on 2022-23 however this largely due to the men's open being shown on accounts this year, and the rise in the levy charge.

The general account is showing £721.53 up on last year this again being due to the rise in the levy charge.

On the men's account it is showing at £842.65, however this is due to the fundraising day monies which are still showing on the men's account. When we deduct this money, the account has actually seen a drop of £217.63 on income from competitions this year hence the real accounts end for the men's account is £357.65 to be noted that there is monies from October competitions which will bolster the men's account.

The junior account ends at £162.77.

The fundraising account is shown as £498.02 for the year end, although there is a further £558.90 to be added when the account sheet for 2024-25 is done.

The levy monies for 2024-25 is £3720 which gives us £5698.13 in the general account for the coming year.

After all the October/November business is added the accounts for each section stand at:-  
£4358.46 in general account.

£467.50 in the men's account.

£162.77 in the junior account.

There is also £1478.21 in the seniors account and £1056.92 in the fundraising account.

Over the last couple of years I have simplified the AGM accounts sheet, as everything is broken down by comps etc in the monthly account sheet, I have been asked however if we could show certain comps like the men's open in more detail on the AGM sheet. I have taken this on board and will do so for this coming year.

All accounts are in a nice healthy state for 2024-25.

Acceptance of the accounts proposed by John Bates and seconded by Jen Warmington.

### **Club Captains Report: Sean Woodward**

Can I firstly thank everyone for attending this AGM on such an awful night with the weather? It's much appreciated. I would like to thank all my fellow committee members for all the help over the last 12 months, also I would like to thank all the guys in the pro shop Mel, Martin, Andrew and a special thanks to Mark for putting up with me in the pro captains challenge. I hope you all have a go next year with Darren and Mark as it's a great day out. I would like to thank Vicky and all her staff with all the help over the year and especially on my Captains day which was amazing. Now I must thank Anne for such a great year working alongside her as ladies captain, she has become a really good friend of mine over the last year as well as Steve her amazing husband. I would now like to wish good luck to Darren our club captain please give him all the support you can, plus good luck to Fiona on her ladies captaincy, to Mal Green on being our Senior Captain and Lucy on being the Junior Captain, hopefully she will become the next Charlie Hull. To all the vice captains taking on their new roles supporting the captains. Lastly, thank you to the one person who's been amazing over the last year supporting me on everything I had to do this especially my captain's day my amazing wife Karon. Thanks again to all of you for putting up with me, and as my captain's day theme Adios!

### **Avalon A Report – Steve Osborne**

Personally as Captain, A great team effort! Everyone supported each other, playing or not, especially on match days. And everyone took it on the chin, when not selected. At last with years of work we have a solid squad.

I have always said it is a big team effort as well as playing for the A team. Our team was representing Wheathill Golf Club !!!!

On top of that we gained promotion to division 4.

There is no outstanding pair or individual as we are a team and proud to represent Wheathill.

### **Avalon B Report – Mark Hill**

Seasons Highlights.

A strong performance from the B team this year gaining 75 points initially missing promotion by 1 point, but due to the league being changed around Avalon B have been promoted to the 7<sup>th</sup> division.

All the clubs that we entertained this year fed back that the course was in fantastic condition and how enjoyable the food was and how friendly the clubhouse staff were.

Going into the 2025 season it looking like the team will be again a strong unit with some additional players to the team.

### **Avalon C Report – Brian Glen**

The C team has had an eventful year having been promoted twice in two years from division seven up to six and then up to division five, eventually we found things more difficult and so although we acquitted ourselves quite well we didn't quite get over the line.

I was pleased that we had introduced five new players to the team and they have been a great asset to me. Going forwards this will help us hopefully get promotion next year. We made some great friends along the way and camaraderie from them and the Avalon committee who were very helpful so looking forward to next year onwards and upwards.

### **Avalon Seniors Report – Steve Chinnock**

We came second in the seniors 2<sup>nd</sup> division and as such have been promoted to division 1 next year for the first time in the clubs history.

The team came second in the annual Trophy match at Tall Pines out of the winners and runners up from the three divisions. From the 6 clubs involved one of our pairs came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 30.

We will have the annual trials in April 2025 for all seniors interested in playing and I will send out invitations to play in March.

### **3 Counties A Report – Nick Maynard**

Going into 2025, we are in division 2.

For the 2024 season we played Folke, Long Sutton, Yeovil and Wheathill Wannabees.

The 2025 fixtures will be against Cannington Bears, Ferndown Forrrest, Long Sutton and Yeovil (the course to be advised).

I shall be putting a sign-up sheet on the mixed notice board for those wishing to continue and for those wishing to join the team. I will also be launching a whats app team page to enable ease of contact.

### **Wheathill Wannabees report – Geoff Gilbert**

Been a successful first year as Captain. Must thank Gin and Bill for their help and guidance. The Wannabees have been promoted to division one as runners up to Folke. We also were runners up in the league shield.

The two trophies are on display in the clubhouse.

We now have a fantastic and settled squad and everyone has played a part in our success. Onwards and upwards for the Wannabees and looking forward to even more success in 2025.

### **Election of Officers 2024/25**

#### **Junior Captain – Lucy Sleeth-Stevens**

Elected un-opposed

#### **Vice-Captain: Dani Manzaneda**

Elected un-opposed

#### **Committee Member & Junior Representative – Jill Byrne**

Elected Un-opposed

#### **Club Treasurer – Dave Gregory**

Elected Un-opposed

#### **Club Secretary – Vacant**

### **Men's Competition Committee**

Kevin Snook – Committee Member – Elected unopposed

Pete Wescott – Competitions – Elected unopposed

Daz Martin – Club Captain – Elected unopposed

Sean Woodward – Past Captain – Elected unopposed

Dani Manzaneda – Vice Captain – Elected unopposed

Clive Carvell – Committee Member – Post AGM

### **Team Captains for the 2023 Season**

Avalon A - Steve Osborne

Avalon B - Mark Hill

Avalon C - Brian Glen

Avalon Seniors – Steve Chinnock

Three Counties A – Nick Maynard

Three Counties B - Geoff Gilbert

The above were proposed by Bill Burnett and Seconded by Jen Warmington

### **Main Committee**

The main committee will therefore consist of:

Gin Stewart-Burnett - Chair

Darren Martin - Club Captain

Fiona Cruse - Ladies Captain

Mal Green - Seniors Captain

Vacant – Club Secretary

Dave Gregory – Club Treasurer

Pete Wescott – Men's Competition Committee

Jill Byrne – Committee Member and Junior Organiser

Andrew England – Proprietor

### **Brief Address by Incoming Captains**

#### **Lady Captain – Fiona Cruse**

I can honestly say I never expected to find myself here in this position but I am very honoured to become Lady Captain for 2025.

My journey as Vice Captain started a little differently to most – having had to step in at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. It was with much trepidation that I took over the role but hopefully I have proved myself over the last year and now I am looking forward to continuing all the hard work that has gone before. Many thanks to Anne for all her help and support.

As many of you are probably aware, Cancer strikes at the heart of us all in some way or other at some time in our lives. For me, I have watched my sister-in-law suffer over many years with breast cancer, melanomas and finally now a brain tumour.

Consequently, my chosen charity will be Cancer Research UK. I hope that together we can enjoy our golf but at the same time work toward raising funds for this very worthwhile charity.

Thank You.

### **Junior Captain – Lucy Sleeth-Stevens**

I would like to begin by thanking Elizabeth for all her hard work this year and her efforts towards our Junior Team. I would like to thank Jill for her hard work running the juniors. I would like to thank both Jill and Elizabeth for having the confidence to appoint me as Junior Captain for the coming year, it is a great privilege to be representing our club and I hope to make this one of our most successful years within our junior division. Good luck for next year.

### **Senior Captain – Mal Green**

I would like to thank Jim Williams for electing me as his vice last year and allowing me his opportunity to be seniors Captain for 2025. I am very pleased that Bob Kerswell has agreed to be my Vice-Captain.

I would also like to thank previous captains and established members of the club, who have offered me advice and help and said to contact them if I need anything. Well, all your numbers are on speed dial, so now is your opportunity to block my phone number.

I have no intention to re-invent the wheel. I will do my best to encourage new and old members to join the competitions, monthly medals and stablefords, including the friendlies against other clubs as I honestly believe that the more you put in, the more you get out. You will hopefully see more of me at the club and I am looking forward to playing golf and socialising with you all.

### **Club Captain – Darren Martin**

It is an honour and a privilege to be the Captain of the most friendly Golf Club in the world. I could not wish to be Club Captain anywhere else but here at Wheathill. The bar has been set really high over the years so I have a great deal to live up to, as long as the weather is kinder to me. Dani, now elected as my vice captain has started to set the wheels in motion to make the coming year a success and we will be working hard together to make this happen. Thank you for allowing me to do this and I'll do my best for you.

### **Statement by Management – Andrew England**

The Golf Club continues to thrive with a healthy reputation for good value Golf. We strive to improve but with the compromise of keeping costs down. It really helps when members, guests and visitors support the Pro-shop and Clubhouse. There is a good increase of young golfers which can only be good for the game.

I'd like to thank the Captains and Committees for their hard work this season and wish the new team all the best, probably the youngest incoming Club Captain (Darren Martin) and soon to be overtaken by an even younger one next year (Dani Manzaneda).



## **Any Other Business**

Matters of AOB are referred on to the relevant Club Committees to be discussed and actioned at the earliest opportunity after the AGM and any outcomes are then referenced in general committee minutes.

Judith Rowsell asked:-

Am I right in saying that the 5 qualifying card needed towards the 10 needed to play in Silverware or any other competition that need these qualifiers, can all come from cards played outside this club? The other five being general play cards.

These are cards for their handicap purposes and not qualifiers for the Club's competitions. Silverware and other cup, trophies and shields etc, were given for members to play in and to support the Golf Club. Notices should go up to this effect

This question will be addressed by the committee and a post meeting response will be forthcoming.

### **Chair's Closing Statement.**

I would like to wish the new Captain's Daz Martin, Fiona Cruse, Mal Green and Lucy Sleeth-Stevens and their new committees a successful, healthy and enjoyable 2025.

**Meeting closed at 20.30**

### **Date of Next Annual General Meeting**

The next AGM will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Club House.

Signed

Date 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Mrs J Stewart-Burnett  
Chair

**WHEATHILL GOLF CLUB ACCOUNTS 2023 TO 2024**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**MEN'S ACCOUNT**

**JUNIOR ACCOUNT**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	£1244.60		£528.30	
<b>Income</b>				
Levy	£2849.00			
J Williams	£6.00			
Capt v Vice	£204.00			
Diary Revenue				
Medals/Stablefords			£133.35	
Silverware Comps			£1366.00	
Brean Auction			£80.00	
Warman 4 Ball Auct			£80.00	
Lyme Auction			£150.00	
Fund Raiser			£485.00	
Mary England				£218.00
Junior Open				£60.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£4993.60</b>		<b>££2822.65</b>	<b>£525.71</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Post Crete	£13.85	Woodhall Spa	£45.00	
Engraving	£819.00	Avalon Lg Fees	£75.00	
Cpts Photos	£59.96	Men's Open	£960.00	
Presentation Night	£515.15	Ladies' Charity	£200.00	
Captains Jumpers	£239.96	Fundraising	£200.00	
Printer Ink	£21.95	Pro Cpts/SJP	£205.00	
Honours Boards	£438.00	Men's Champs	£295.00	
Remous/Diaries	£545.60	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1960.00</b>	
3cA/B lge fees	£120.00	Jnr Lg Fee		£90.00
Ladies' Charity	£254.00	Crossman Cup		£30.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3027.47</b>	Jnr Champs		£75.00
		Jnr Food		£24.95
		Trophies Open		£40.99
		Jnr Open Green Fees		£70.00
		Working with Parents		£25.00
		Engraving		£6.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>£362.91</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>£4993.60</b>		<b>£2822.65</b>	<b>£521.71</b>
Expenditure	£3027.47		£1980.00	£362.94
Totals at Bank	£1966.13		£842.65	£162.77

Fund Raising £124.02+£402.00=£562.02-£28.00 for paving slabs leaves £498.02

Grand Total at Bank = £3469.57+£1728.61 Seniors = £5198.18.

Treasurer Dave Gregory

Verified by Kelvin Dagger