

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS**  
**111th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB**  
**WEDNESDAY, 10th MARCH, 2010 AT 19.30 HOURS**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Stan Yeomans	NUGC President	Beeston Fields
	Alec Shepperson	NUGC Deputy President	Coxmoor
	Roy Case	NUGC Hon. Secretary:	Radcliffe on Trent
	Colin Bee	NUGC Hon. Assistant Secretary	Rushcliffe
	Gordon Bruce	NUGC Hon. Treasurer:	Wollaton Park
	Alan Benson	NUGC Vice President.	Beeston Fields
	John Mitchell	NUGC Vice-President	Beeston Fields
	Mike Munby	NUGC Vice President:	Beeston Fields
	Roger Winson	NUGC Vice President	Sherwood Forest
	Harry Robinson	NUGC Vice President:	Stanton on the Wolds
	Alan Bullock	Beeston Fields	
	Mel Dean	Beeston Fields	
	Eric Gibson	Beeston Fields	
	Terry Gilbert	Beeston Fields	
	Ian Newlove	Beeston Fields	
	Jack Prescott	NUGC Boys Team Manager	Chilwell Manor
	John Redfearn	College Pines	
	Geoff Sells	College Pines	
	Robin Gardner	Cotgrave Place	
	Richard Jeffs	NUGC County Second Team Captain:	Coxmoor
	Tom King	Coxmoor	
	Robert Ward	Oakmere Park [Admiral's]	
	Phillip Holmes	Radcliffe on Trent	
	Glen Stredder	Radcliffe on Trent	
	David Styles	Radcliffe on Trent	
	Mike Briggs	NUGC Seniors' Team Captain	Retford
	Stuart Moore	Retford	
	Ian Robinson	Rufford Park	
	Peter Stoakley	Sherwood Forest	
	Mike Harness	Southwell	
	Martin Hathway	NUGC Competitions Secretary	Stanton on the Wolds
	Avril Jamieson	Wollaton Park	
	Brian Ross	Wollaton Park	
	Gary Bardill	Worksop	

There were 34 No. persons present, including 6 No. Vice Presidents, representing 15 No. golf clubs.

Prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting the President asked all those present to stand in silence in memory of the members of the NUGC who had passed away during the course of the year.

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1.00. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

1.01. Apologies for absence were received from:

Doug Ash	NUGC Vice President	Chilwell Manor
Trevor Coupe	NUGC Vice President	Notts.
Ian Elrick	NUGC Vice President	Oakmere Park [Admiral's]
Stuart Goldie	NUGC Vice President	Notts.
Peter Gray	NUGC Vice President	Stanton on the Wolds
Eddie Peters	NUGC Vice President	Mapperley
Roy Sallis	NUGC Vice President	Notts.
Peter Benson	Beeston Fields	
Bruce Liddle	Beeston Fields	
Dave Rippon	Beeston Fields	
Geoff Heath	Chilwell Manor	
Alan Roberts	Chilwell Manor	
Brian Saunders	NUGC Official Starter	Coxmoor
David Collingwood	Newark	
Ron Beckett	Norwood Park	
Paul Thornton	Norwood Park	
Rob Sallis	Notts.	
Geoff Brinklow	Oakmere Park [Admiral's]	
Bill Dunn	Radcliffe on Trent	
Mike Shaw	NUGC Nottingham Evening Post Tournament Organiser	
	Radcliffe on Trent	
David Corrish	Trent Lock	
Neil Greenhough	Trent Lock	
Gordon Wren	Trent Lock	

2.00. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH, 2009:

2.01. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, the 11th March, 2009, at the Beeston Fields Golf Club, had been circulated.

Proposed:	Roger Winson	NUGC Vice-President	Sherwood Forest GC
Seconded:	Martin Hathway	NUGC Competitions Secretary	Stanton on the Wolds

Carried unanimously.

3.00. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT - Gordon Bruce [Wollaton Park GC]:

3.01. The Hon. Treasurer, Gordon Bruce, explained that the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st October, 2009 had been circulated, and that he was in receipt of a signed copy from the Auditors.

The Treasurer explained that in the 2010 Budgets he had created separate sections for the Juniors, Seniors and Mens Sections, which would be shown separately in the 2010 Accounts. He had also identified a separate fund for the newly created Player Development Pathway in the Budgets for 2010, which would be largely funded from the previous year's profits.

He explained that he had underestimated the anticipated membership loss for 2009, which had resulted in a surplus to the NUGC.

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3.00. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT - Gordon Bruce [Wollaton Park GC] [Continued]:

- 3.01. On the whole there were very few fluctuations in the 2009 Accounts when compared with the Budgets, and that he considered the NUGC to be in a healthy condition.

The Mens section expenditure was down when compared with Budget, due largely to the fact that in 2008 several matches had to be replayed due to adverse weather conditions which boosted costs, and this had not occurred in 2009.

In the Junior Section match expenses were increased due to the introduction of additional matches.

The Player Development Pathway was a long-term initiative and as such the Treasurer had proposed an increase in the men's NUGC Annual Subscription from £ 5.00 to £ 5.20 to help fund this project.

Proposed:	Alan Benson	NUGC Vice President	Beeston Fields
Seconded:	Gary Bardill	Workshop	

Carried unanimously.

4.00. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Stan Yeomans [Beeston Fields GC]:

- 4.01. The President said that the past twelve months seemed to have passed in the blink of an eye., and that the season's successes had been limited.

However, our Nippers' team won the Nippers' Ryder Cup beating Shropshire & Herefordshire 'Pee-Wee's' at the Shropshire GC, and three Nottinghamshire under 14 year-olds, Joseph Hague [Coxmoor], Jacob Walker [Notts.] and Jack Sallis [Notts.] had been selected to receive EGU East Midlands Regional Coaching.

The under 18 boys team were successful in winning the Four Counties Junior Tournament at Caldby GC in Cheshire, defeating the counties of Cheshire, Lancashire & Shropshire & Herefordshire.

At the EGU County Finals Regional Qualifying Tournament, Ross Overton, won the Norman Russell Salver for the best individual 36 hole gross score on the day.

2009 was a difficult time for the men's captain's Colin Bee, Richard Jeffs and Mike Briggs, due to illness, holidays and general unavailability, however the President said that the NUGC has used the time to restructure, consolidate and focus on the futures and he is confident that 2010 will be a better season for the County.

February 2010 saw the launch of the Player Development Pathway, by the NUGC Director of Coaching, Shaun Case. This began with a Sport's Science Workshop held at Cotgrave Place GC, when over a 100 Nottinghamshire county players from all age groups, including the NCLGA. The Workshop ran from 09.30 hours until 17.30 hours and was a very full day, which included papers from Lynn Booth, the physiotherapist for the English Golf Union and English Women's Golf association's national squads; Darren Roberts, the Athletic Performance Manager for the Red Bull Team, and personal fitness coach to Paul Casey; and Dr. Karl Morris, one of Europe's leading 'mind coaches' who works with several of the leading European Tour players.

The Director of Coaching, Shaun Case, organised the first of the season's training sessions at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa, for the NUGC under 18 and Intermediate squads, with PGA coaches Chris Hall [Rushcliffe], Paul Bagshaw [Ramsdale Park] and Peter Lockley [Irish Golf Team] in attendance.

Everyone involved found the sessions helpful and left feeling very positive and optimistic for the coming season.

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4.00. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Stan Yeomans [Beeston Fields GC] [Continued]:

- 4.01. The President said that he maintained his support for the Player Development Pathway and is confident it is the way forward for Nottinghamshire golf.

In closing his report the President said that he owed a huge debt of gratitude to all the NUGC officials, for their tireless work and support. In particular, he wished to thank Vice President, Harry Robinson, the NUGC Dinner Secretary, for his input into the Annual Dinner, which contributes to its fantastic success. He thanked the 23 No. clubs and the 370 members and guests who supported the Annual Dinner, making it the 'best in the Country'.

The President closed his address by saying that he hoped "all our golfing aspirations reach fruition in 2010".

5.00. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Roy Case [Radcliffe on Trent GC]:

- 5.01. The Secretary said that now his duties with the English Golf Union had subsided he was pleased to be able to return to concentrate more fully on the activities of the NUGC., and wished to express his gratitude to everyone who gave their support and assistance throughout his time in office.

He continued by saying, in general it has been a difficult year for golf clubs throughout the entire Country, many of which had been hit by diminishing membership numbers and subsequent loss of revenue.

In 2009 the reported overall male membership in Nottinghamshire fell by approximately 1 % to a reported 13,557. Contrast this with the English Golf Union whose overall membership fell by 26,000 in 2009, or 4 %, and it is forecast to fall by a further 3 % this year. If this prediction is realised this will mean the EGU will have lost around 10 % of its membership in the last 4 years, a staggering 74,000 members. Significantly affected by the current recession which is contributing to the cultural changes we are experiencing in the golf club membership structures within many of our golf clubs.

He went on to say, it is hardly surprising therefore that in the current economic climate sponsorship and advertising is proving difficult to attract, and the NUGC would like to record its thanks to all those of our sponsors and advertisers who have continued to give their valuable support.

He said, the past year has not been without its successes:

In 2009 the Nottinghamshire County Golf Partnership was formed with, 2 No. representatives from the NUGC, the NCLGA, and the NPGA, plus representation from the English Golf Partnership, the Nottinghamshire County Council, by way of the County Development Officer, Matt Bloor, and a representative from the Golf Foundation and the County Sports Partnership. As a result of which the NCGP has successfully attracted total funding of £ 86,000 over a four year period through until 2012.

In addition Rules Schools have been organised, which is leading to the formation of the NUGC Tournament Panel which will provide Rules Officials for the County's major tournaments next year, and which will be led by Vice President, Mike Munby for the initial year

The Secretary said that the President had referred to the Player Development Pathway, which will provide structured training and coaching opportunities for players of all ages ranging from 7 years of age to the County's senior golfers. the details of which can be found on the NUGC website.

The NUGC Centenary Quaich Competition continues to grow in success, and in 2009 was won by the Sherwood Forest GC. This year Nottingham City GC will be welcomed into the Centenary club, when the event is held at the Retford GC, ... and with the possible eventual merger with the EWGA, this year will also see the introduction of teams from the ladies sections of the Centenary clubs.

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5.00. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Roy Case [Radcliffe on Trent GC] Continued]:

5.01. The Secretary thanked the Chilwell Manor GC, and its Captain, Phil Vincent, the Committee and all its members, for the kindness and generous hospitality shown to the Union during its year as the County course. He also thanked all the club secretaries for their continuing support, and all the golf clubs which gave over their course and facilities to host County events and matches during 2009, which included no fewer than:

75 No. County events - 52 no. held in Nottinghamshire  
excluding:

104 No. Interclub scratch league fixtures

77 No. Junior interclub league fixtures

49 No. Interclub mens & mixed foursomes matches

He thanked the President, Stan Yeomans, and Deputy President, Alec Shepperson, and the Officers of the Union for their unwavering support and advice, including:

Gordon Bruce, the Hon. Treasurer, who demonstrates quiet efficiency with the minimum of fuss, the Assistant Secretary, Colin Bee, in particular for his work in organising the Inter club leagues, and also as the Nottinghamshire Voting Member at the EGU and MGU Executive meetings.

Alan Benson, for his tireless & unselfish contribution on behalf of the junior golfers of our County, ably assisted by the club junior organisers, and his team of volunteers. And in addition, for his work in developing the County Membership Card Scheme, which when combined with those other counties operating a similar scheme, now gives access to almost 900 courses at discounted rates of green fee.

Mike Munby, who's commitment to the Seniors events, and the Course Assessment Teams is so valuable

The cheerful help and support of Martin Hathway, for the organisation and administration of the NUGC competitions and championships, and not forgetting Mike Shaw, for organising the Nottingham Evening Post Team Tournaments, which were successfully re-launched by the NUGC in 2008, with Oakmere Park [Admirals] GC and the Stanton on the Wolds GC emerging as winners of the finals of the mens and ladies competitions respectively. The Secretary urged clubs to continue to give these competitions their support which are a revenue stream for the NUGC and help keep annual subscriptions down.

Harry Robinson, who did such a splendid job in organising this years annual dinner.

And the Union's Official Starter, Brian Saunders [Coxmoor GC], who, in his usual efficient manner, introduced and launched competitors on their way at every Union event throughout the season, He wished him well on his recovery from knee surgery.

The team captains, Colin Bee, Richard Jeffs, Mike Briggs, and Mitchell Newton ... and all their players. The 2009 playing season got off to a rousing start with the boys team winning the Four Counties at Caldby GC in Cheshire, although the County enjoyed little success for the remainder of the year.

In closing the Secretary said that he was sure that everyone is now thoroughly rested, and looking forward to the start of the playing season and are hoping for better things to come in 2010.

He thanked Vice President, John Mitchell, and the Beeston Fields GC, for allowing the County Union the use of its clubhouse and facilities to host meetings such as this, which was always greatly appreciated.

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6.00. COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Colin Bee [Rushcliffe GC]:

- 6.01. The County Captain said that the season had got off to a poor start, with Nottinghamshire soundly beaten by a strong Leicestershire & Rutland side in the first of the pre-season friendly matches. The Nottinghamshire team was without several of its regular first team players, and Simon Booth [Ramsdale Park GC] was the only single winner on the day.  
The second match against Lincolnshire at Retford GC proved more successful, with notable debuts by Matt Hogg [Rushcliffe GC] and Mitchell Hadfield [Worksop].

The first of the Midland League matches proved a disaster, with Nottinghamshire losing the morning foursomes 3 - 2, but when heavy rain and thunderstorms came in the afternoon, play was abandoned and the foursomes result stood, which was the worst possible start we could have had.

Nottinghamshire won the second match convincingly against Derbyshire at Notts. GC, but the third match against 2008 Midland League Champions, Shropshire & Herefordshire which Nottinghamshire lost by the narrowest of margins 8 - 7.

A re-arranged match against Warwickshire did not work in our favours, and we were soundly beaten, but Matt Hogg won his singles to maintain a 100 % singles record of wins.

Notts. won easily against Staffordshire in the final match of the season, to finish in third place overall.

The EGU County Finals Midland Regional Qualifying event at Sandwell Park GC was disappointing, but Ross Overton was magnificent, winning the best individual gross score on the day.

The Captain thanked all the players for their commitment and attitude, but wished to emphasise the performances of three players:

Ross Overton [Coxmoor GC], who is the NUGC Amateur Strokeplay Champion, the Foursomes Champion, the Order of Merit winner, Runner-up in the Notts. Matchplay Championship, and remains unbeaten in 29 No. consecutive County singles matches, and still shows the same degree of commitment to County golf as the first match he ever played.

David Elliott [Chilwell Manor GC], the Notts. Open Champion, Foursomes Champions, and also shows total commitment to the Nottinghamshire team, despite not always enjoying the best of health.

Matt Hogg [Rushcliffe GC] in his first year as a first team player won all his singles matches and finished the season at the top of the list of first team players for points scored.

In closing the Captain said, it has been an honour to serve as Captain of the County, and if re-elected will do my best to bring success to the County this year.

7.00. ELECTION OF OFFICER FOR 2010:

- 7.01. To re-elect the President and Deputy President to serve for the period 2010.

President	Stan Yeomans	[Beeston Fields GC]
Deputy President	Alec Shepperson	[Coxmoor GC]
Proposed	Harry Robinson	Vice-President [Stanton on the Wolds GC]
Seconded	Mike Munby	Vice President [Beeston Fields GC]

Carried unanimously.

- 7.02. To elect the Hon. Secretary, Hon Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, County Captain, the County Second Team Captain, and the County Seniors' Captain to serve for the period 2010:

Hon. Secretary	Roy Case	Vice President [Radcliffe on Trent GC]
Hon. Assistant Secretary	Colin Bee	[Rushcliffe GC]
Hon. Treasurer	Gordon Bruce	[Wollaton Park GC]
County Captain	Colin Bee	[Rushcliffe GC]

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7.00. ELECTION OF OFFICER FOR 2010 [Continued]:

7.02.	County Second Team Captain	Richard Jeffs	[Coxmoor GC]
	County Seniors' Captain	Mike Briggs	[Retford GC]
	Proposed	Stan Yeomans	President [Beeston Fields GC]
	Seconded	Alec Shepperson	Deputy President [Coxmoor GC]

Carried unanimously.

7.03. To elect the Seniors' Secretary, Chairman of Junior Golf, Competitions Secretary, Inter-club League Secretary, Nottingham Evening Post Tournament Organiser, Course Assessment Lead Officer, Dinner Secretary, EGU Voting Member, and MGU Voting Member to serve for the period 2010:

Seniors' Secretary	Mike Munby	Vice President [Beeston Fields GC]
Chairman of Junior Golf	Alan Benson	Vice President [Beeston Fields GC]
Competitions Secretary	Martin Hathway	[Stanton on the Wolds GC]
Inter-club League Secretary	Colin Bee	[Rushcliffe GC]
Nottingham Evening Post Tournament Organiser	Mike Shaw	[Radcliffe on Trent GC]
Course Assessment Lead Officer	Mike Munby	Vice President [Beeston Fields GC]
Dinner Secretary	Harry Robinson	Vice President [Stanton on the Wolds GC]
EGU Voting Member	Colin Bee	[Rushcliffe GC]
MGU Voting Member	Colin Bee	[Rushcliffe GC]
Proposed	Mike Briggs	Seniors' Captain [Retford GC]
Seconded	Richard Jeffs	Second Team Captain [Coxmoor GC]

Carried unanimously.

8.00. TO ELECTION OF THE HON. AUDITOR FOR 2010:

8.01. There being no other nomination K. Kirk were re-elected for a further term in office.

Proposed	Gordon Bruce	Hon. Treasurer [Wollaton Park GC]
Seconded	Roy Case	Vice President. Hon. Secretary [Radcliffe on Trent GC]

Carried unanimously.

9.00. RESOLUTIONS:

9.01. There were no resolutions to consider.

10.00. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

10.01 Vice President, Harry Robinson, raised the subject of ordering a further supply of NUGC lapel badges, and offered his assistance in promoting the sale of such badges. The President thanked him for raising the matter and referred it to the next meeting of the NUGC Executive Committee.

11.00. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

11.01. The 112th Annual General Meeting would be held on Wednesday, the 9th March, 2011.

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There being no further business the President closed the meeting by proposing a vote of thanks to Beeston Fields Golf Club for the use of the clubhouse and facilities. he thanked those present for their support and invited everyone to join him for a drink at the bar.

The meeting closed at 20.15 hours.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_