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# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive /Fixtures meeting

Held at

Beeston Fields Golf Club

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022

**Present:**

<b>Richard Bonnelo</b>	<b>NUGC President, Hollinwell</b>
<b>Edgar Bramwell</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Nottingham City GC</b>
<b>Bob Ward</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Oakmere Park GC</b>
<b>Gordon Bruce</b>	<b>NUGC Hon. County Treasurer, Wollaton Park GC</b>
<b>Colin Bee</b>	<b>NUGC Hon. County Secretary, Coxmoor GC</b>
<b>Martin Hathway</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, SOTW GC</b>
<b>Peter Trotter</b>	<b>NUGC Chair of Junior Golf, The Nottinghamshire GC</b>
<b>Peter Higgins</b>	<b>NUGC Vice President, Radcliffe on Trent GC</b>
<b>David Halstead</b>	<b>NUGC Vice President, Beeston Fields GC</b>
<b>David Evans</b>	<b>NUGC Senior Secretary, Wollaton Park GC</b>
<b>Richard Jeffs</b>	<b>NUGC Past Vice President, Coxmoor GC</b>
<b>Malcolm Brown</b>	<b>NUGC County Captain, Coxmoor GC</b>
<b>Maurice Hume</b>	<b>NUGC Senior Captain, SOTW GC</b>
<b>Andrew Tuttey</b>	<b>NUGC Dinner Secretary, SOTW GC</b>
<b>Mandy Bee</b>	<b>NUGC Assistant Secretary</b>
<b>Paul Keeling</b>	<b>Stanton on the Wolds GC</b>
<b>Roy Harris</b>	<b>Sherwood Forest GC</b>
<b>Richard Kerr</b>	<b>Ruddington Grange GC</b>
<b>John Terlaway</b>	<b>Rushcliffe GC</b>
<b>Ian Robinson</b>	<b>Rufford Park GC</b>
<b>Ron Beckett</b>	<b>Norwood Park GC</b>

There were 21 members present, representing 15 Golf Clubs.

01. **Apologies for Absence.**

<b>Roger Poole</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Rushcliffe GC</b>
<b>Alan Benson</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC</b>
<b>Alec Shepperson</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Coxmoor GC</b>
<b>Roy Sallis</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Hollinwell</b>
<b>Mike Munby</b>	<b>NUGC Past President, Beeston Fields GC</b>
<b>Rob Sallis</b>	<b>NUGC Vice President, Hollinwell</b>
<b>Anthony Wain</b>	<b>NUGC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain, Sherwood Forest GC</b>
<b>Peter Benson</b>	<b>Beeston Fields GC</b>
<b>Gary Oscroft</b>	<b>Oakmere Park GC</b>
<b>Phil Dobson</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest GC</b>

The President welcomed everyone to the combined Executive/Fixtures meeting and thanks Beeston Fields GC for their hospitality.

02. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022**

The minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and posted on the website. These were a true and accurate record.

**Proposed: Bob Ward, Past President, Oakmere Park GC**  
**Seconded: Paul Keeling, Stanton on the Wolds GC**

03. **Matters Arising – (Not included on the Agenda)**

No matters arising.

04. **Correspondence**

No Correspondence

05. **England Golf & Midland Golf Union Report – Colin Bee , County Secretary**

England Golf

The report from Colin Bee, County Secretary can be found in Annex A attached to these minutes.

**There were no questions from the Executive.**

Midland Golf Union

The report from Paul Keeling can be found in Annex A attached to these minutes.

**Paul Keeling, SOTW GC congratulated Charles Banks, SOTW GC in becoming the MGU Senior Captain 2023.**

**There were no questions from the Executive.**

06. **Chair of Junior Golf Report – Peter Trotter**

The report from Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf can be found at Annex B attached to these minutes.

**There were no questions from the Executive.**

07. **County Captain's Reports – Malcolm Brown & Anthony Wain**

The reports from Malcolm Brown, County Captain & Anthony Wain Second Team Captain can be found in Annex C & D attached to these minutes.

**Malcolm Brown, County Captain thanked the Union for all their support over the last year. He confirmed in the Men's sector they have a core of players that are young enough to play in the teams for the next 10 years.**

**The County Secretary replied saying the teams have done a sensational job, the spirit, dedication and comradery is at a different level, and this is due to the hard work of Malcolm Brown and Anthony Wain.**

**There were no questions from the Executive.**

**08. County Senior's Report – Maurice Hume**

The report from Maurice Hume, Senior Captain can be found in Annex E attached to the minutes.

**There were no questions from the Executive.**

**09. County Championship's Report and Proposal ...Colin Bee.**

The report from Colin Bee, Competitions Secretary can be found in Annex F attached to these minutes.

**2023 Competition – Summary of proposed changes**

**Eddie Peters Trophy** – entry fee now £15.00. Prize structure revised

**Strokeplay Championship & Open** – entry fee now £40.00. Prize structure revised. Top 8 amateurs qualify for the Matchplay.

**Seniors Strokeplay Championship** – entry fee now £30.00. Prize structure revised. Top 8 players qualify for the Seniors Matchplay.

**Mixed Pairs Championship** – entry fee now £30.00. Prize structure revised based on level of entries.

**Presidents AM AM** – entry fee now £140.00. Prizes to 4<sup>th</sup> place. Best front & back 9 removed. Best mixed team prize removed. Proceeds to President's Club Charity.

**Men's Pairs Championship** – entry fee now £40.00. Prize structure revised based on level of entries.

**County Handicap Championship** – Men's & Ladies comp running since 2017 at a cost of £3,000 to NUGC. Huge amount of work to arrange with little support from Clubs who have to be pushed to enter players. No support from NCLGA. Proposal to stop this competition.

**Jack Prescott Trophy** – entry fee now £12.00. Prize structure revised. Entries limited to Under 18 years. Max handicap for the trophy removed.

**Cyril Sellick Trophy** – entry fee now £12.00. Prize structure revised.

**Boys Championship** – entry fee remains £15.00 & £10.00. Top 8 boys qualify for Boys Matchplay.

**The Henderson Trophies (formerly Henderson & Carlisle)** – trophies for Wollaton members removed as they have no juniors. Entry fee now £12.00. Prize structure revised. Entries limited to Under 18 years.

**The Nottinghamshire 3, 2, 1 Team Challenge (incorporating The Lamplugh Trophy, The Wardman & Carr Trophy, and a new Stan Yeomans Singles Stableford Challenge).** Wardman & Carr changed to aggregate stableford. Entry fee is £10.00 per player. Clubs can enter a maximum of 3 any combination teams which gives 3 entries to Lamplugh, 4 pairs in Wardman & Carr and 9 entries to the Stan Yeomans Challenge.

**Nottinghamshire Nippers Tour** – free entry to remain. 6 competitions

The Secretary explained the main changes of the proposed competition changes were the cancellation of the Club Handicap Competition. The main reason was due to lack of communication and support from clubs, the Union had to do all the running in getting information, it was felt we could put our resources to better use.

The Matchplay will also just have 8 players qualify as it is a struggle to get 16 in both the Men's and Seniors sections.

There will be a new competition called the The Nottinghamshire 3,2,1, Team Challenge which will amalgamate the Lamplugh, Wardman & Carr and a new competition called the Stan Yeomans Singles Stableford

**The Executive agreed unanimously upon the changes.**

**There were no questions from the Executive**

**10. County Secretary's Report – Colin Bee, County Secretary**

The County Secretary's report can be found in Annex G attached to the minutes.

**There were no questions from the Executive**

**11. Annual Dinner Update – Andrew Tuttey, Annual Dinner Secretary.**

Andrew Tuttey, Annual Dinner Secretary confirmed all posters had been sent to clubs, all invites had been sent to Presidents, Past Presidents, Vice Presidents. Ian Irving had been booked as the speaker, we have had him before and he was a great success. Ticket price is £38.00 and he asked if clubs would support the dinner and encourage members to come along and celebrate Nottinghamshire's successes of 2022.

**12 Discuss Affiliation Update ..... Gordon Bruce.. County Treasurer**

The County Treasurer Gordon Bruce confirmed the agreed affiliation fee for 2023 was £9.40 the same as this year and England Golf is £9.50 also the same as this year.

**The Executive agreed unanimously.**

**13 Proposal for Lifetime Vice President..... Martin Hathway Past President**

Mr President, Officers of the Nottinghamshire Union, Mandy, Gentlemen.

Thank you for inviting me to the Executive meeting this evening in order to propose Richard Jeffs, Past Vice President, for the honorary position of Lifetime Vice President of the Union.

Richard is an avid golfer who is steeped in the best traditions, values and behaviours of golf being a long serving (suffering) member of Coxmoor Golf Club,

and a member of the British Golf Collectors Society.

Richard, has also enjoyed a long association with the Nottinghamshire Golf Union through his friendships and support for a number of distinguished Post County players. Martin Scothern in particular.

With this background (CV) Richard was invited to become county Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain in 2009 and consequently become County Mens Captain in 2011.

He led his teams with tremendous enthusiasm, by personal example and empathy and with a determination to succeed. it was with this passion for doing well that he had the distinction of winning the Midland County Mens League title with his Nottinghamshire 1st team at the first time of trying in 2011.

But Richard's involvement was much wider than County 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain.

During Alec Shepperson's Presidency in 2011 and 2012 Richard was an 'ever present' of most County events... of County Championship events here in Nottingham, and Boys and Mens Midland league events Home and Away wherever that might take him. His passion for Nottinghamshire golf was infectious and his commitment unsurpassed.

There was no one prouder than Richard to wear the NUGC blazer and tie. Richard was so much in attendance of County events that he was as well- known and well respected amongst the officers and players of other Midland Unions as he was here in his home County. The name Richard Jeffs become synonymous with that of the Nottinghamshire Golf Union. At the end of 2011 the legendary Roy Case, who had played such an

important and extensive role in the administration of Nottinghamshire Golf and its' development over the years, decided to retire as County Secretary.

Simultaneously the activities of the Union were expanding significantly and his appointed replacement Colin had the challenge of accommodating this expansion as well as undertaking his day job as Club manager at Rushcliffe Golf Club.

Ageing Past Presidents of the day agreed that it was no longer viable for them to take on the extra workload and responsibilities, (most were ready to reduce involvement rather than take on more), and so it was decided in the June of 2012 to henceforth appoint five new Vice Presidents annually to bring fresh blood and perspectives to the management of the Union and to assist in carrying out this extra workload.

Richard was a 'shoo in' for the role, and was the first of five to be considered and appointed

No one would undertake that role with greater intensity, enthusiasm and passion than Richard Jeffs and when I succeeded to the Presidency in 2013 that desire to do his absolute best for Nottinghamshire Golf continued.

He wore his badge of office with pride, he represented our county with distinction and dignity. He was always affable and highly regarded wherever we went..... whether that be supporting Men's, Junior or Senior Golf.

That passion for Nottinghamshire golf and golf in the round still continues to this day. He is currently involved in the development of Junior Golfers at Coxmoor and if he can do anything to help the union he will. He only speaks with affection of county golf and county players and where Colin looks for help and support then invariably he tries to provide it.

I submit that Richard is truly deserving of the title of 'Lifetime Vice President' of our union and I hope you will find it possible to support my proposal tonight.

Thank you

Stan Yeomans, Past President, seconded everything Martin Hathway had said about Richard Jeffs. They go back along way and he is delighted for him to become a Lifetime Vice President of Nottinghamshire Union.

**The President congratulated Richard and presented him his badge of office.**

**Response**

**Richard Jeffs, Lifetime Vice President, Coxmoor GC , thanked everyone for their kind words.**

14 **Health & Safety – Colin Bee, County Secretary**

No matters to report

**There were no questions from the Executive.**

15. **Any Other Business**

**No matters from the Executive.**

**Fixture's Meeting**

16. **Minutes of the previous meeting held at Beeston Fields GC  
On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

The minutes from the previous year's meeting had been circulated and posted on the website. These were considered to be a true and accurate record.

**Proposed: Paul Keeling, MGU Voting member, Stanton on the Wolds GC**

**Seconded: Martin Hathway, Past President, Stanton on the Wolds GC.**

Voted upon and agreed unanimously.

17. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

18. **NUGC Inter-Club Scratch League Fixtures 2023**

The County Secretary reported that all Clubs had been circulated with a copy of the Scratch league Fixtures prior to the meeting. All fixtures were also on the website under 2023 Interclub.

20. **NUGC Mens & Mixed Inter- Club Knockout – 2023**

**Mens Interclub Foursomes Matches**

The County Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that there were 25 teams entered in the draw. This will result in 9 first round matches, with **Rushcliffe Golf Club** and **Ramsdale Park Golf Club** receiving automatic byes by virtue of being winners and runners up in 2022. There will be a further 5 byes.



The outcome of the draw was:

**Byes:**

Rushcliffe  
Ramsdale Park  
Brierley Forest  
Stanton on the Wolds  
Trent Lock  
Sherwood Forest  
Bulwell Forest

**1<sup>st</sup> Round matches:**

College Pines	v	Coxmoor	at	Oakmere Park
Southwell	v	Ruddington Grange	at	Ramsdale Park
Newark	v	Norwood Park	at	Southwell
Chilwell Manor	v	Wollaton Park	at	Beeston Fields
Radcliffe on Trent	v	The Nottinghamshire	at	Stanton
Rufford Park	v	Serlby Park	at	Worksop
Worksop	v	Mapperley	at	Sherwood Forest
Oakmere Park	v	Beeston Fields	at	Wollaton Park
Hollinwell	v	Retford	at	Rufford Park

**First Round matches are to be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

Subsequent rounds will be played on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 (Semi Finals) and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (Final at WOLLATON PARK GC).

**Mixed Inter- Club Foursomes Matches**

The County Secretary, Coln Bee informed the Executive that there were 21 teams entered into the draw. This will result in 6 first round matches, with **Serlby Park Golf Club** and **The Nottinghamshire Golf Club** receiving byes by virtue of being winners and runners up respectively in 2022. There will be a further 9 byes.

**Byes:**

Serlby Park  
The Nottinghamshire  
Chilwell Manor  
Retford  
Sherwood Forest  
Ruddington Grange  
Stanton on the Wolds  
Hollinwell  
Rufford Park

### **1st Round Matches.**

Rushcliffe	v	Radcliffe on Trent	at Stanton
Wollaton Park	v	Worksop	at Coxmoor
Oakmere Park	v	College Pines	at Rufford Park
Norwood Park	v	Mapperley	at Sherwood Forest
Beeston Fields	v	Newark	at Norwood Park
Southwell	v	Coxmoor	at Hollinwell

**First Round Matches are to be played on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023,** Subsequent rounds will be played on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 (Semi Finals) and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 (Final at WOLLATON PARK GC).

### **20. Entry Forms 2023.**

The County Secretary reported that all Entry forms for 2023 competitions were now available on the NUGC website. Please encourage members to enter.

### **22. County Course 2023**

The County Secretary, Colin Bee informed the Executive that **Wollaton Park Golf Club** is the County Course for 2023 the Union are very much looking forward to welcoming the player's next season. The Secretary reminded all Clubs to be generous in granting courtesy rounds to Wollaton Park members, on the days of County events. Courtesy forms will be sent out to each Club in the New Year.

### **23. Any other Business**

The President thanked everyone and asked if they would like a drink at the bar.

Meeting closed at 20.00pm.

### **24. Date of next meeting – Executive Meeting at Beeston Fields Golf Club on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 at 7.30pm prompt.**

### **Annex A**

**England Golf & Midland Golf Union – Colin Bee County Secretary**

## **England Golf**

I attended the general meeting this month, the main thrust of the meeting was around the development of the national golf centre at a cost of £10m. I was required to vote on 2 elements:

The first one being for any development to go ahead in the corporate structure and the proposed re-structure of it. Woodhall Spa land holding would still control and retain the freehold. But all parties would be protected by what is called "The Corporate Veil". I was not entirely sure about this but on advice took the decision to abstain. The vote went through to allow any development to proceed.

The 2nd vote was to allow England Golf the ability to pursue the £10m development of the National Golf centre, this is still in early stages and many hurdles will need to be overcome to proceed. However, the vote went through. Other matters raised:

1. Affiliation fee to remain at £9.50 for 2023.
2. I Golfers – so far England Golf has received around £1m in revenue from I Golfers. A percentage of those golfers have now joined clubs. Monies due to the counties from this scheme will come through next year. However, the monies must be targeted for Juniors, Ladies etc to grow the game.

## **Midland Golf Union**

MGU meeting date; Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at Kilworth Springs GC

### **ENGLAND GOLF**

Jeremy Tomlinson (CEO) and Phil Harvey (EG Director) attended the meeting to promote the proposed developments at the National Golf Centre Woodhall Spa. While the MGU minutes state that 'there was a good exchange of views and opinions from both sides', Mr Tomlinson did not fare well when answering points raised by Nick Weaver (Staffordshire). I forwarded to the NUGC Council the specific discussion points raised by Mr Weaver as they might be of interest to the NUGC voting member at EG .

### **FIXTURES**

MGU events confirmed to date for 2023 are:

Midland Senior Spring at Coxmoor Golf Club on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Midland Mid-Amateur Open Championship at Burton-on-Trent on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Midland Youths Open Championship at Stoke Rochford on 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

EG Men's County Championships (Midland Qualifying) at Belton Park on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Midland Open Championship at The Worcestershire G&CC on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 2023  
Midland U14 Boys County Championships - Stanton-on-the-Wolds on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
September 2023  
Midland U16 Boys County Cup at Burton-on-Trent on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023  
EG Boys County Championships (Midland Qualifying) – Kirby Muxloe  
Midland Closed Amateur Championship – Shrewsbury  
Midland Junior Champion of Champions – Trentham Park

Counties were also asked to consider the age group of the players when selecting a course for MGU events in future years. Whilst quality of course is important, topography should also be a consideration for suitability for the players involved, particularly important for senior events.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Entry levels to some competitions were lower than expected this year and a review on the championships will be carried out at the end of the season.

### **JUNIORS**

At the Junior meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May delegates considered potential league changes for 2023. Consideration was given to reducing the team size to 8 players or to changing the match format to 9 holes foursomes (a.m) and 18 holes singles (p.m), as both would reduce the need for early travel for matches and in certain cases an overnight accommodation requirement. It is hoped that a proposal will be tabled for ratification at the next executive meeting.

The MGU AGM & Executive meeting is at Harborne Golf Club on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022. I will report back verbally on any relevant matters from this meeting.

Paul Keeling  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## **Annex B**

### **Chair of Junior Golf Report – Peter Trotter**

It has been an interesting season since taking over from Stan Yeomans – issues with the Midland League fixtures, County competitions and the Junior League have all added to the daily email traffic.

### **Midland League**

Once again the difficulty in organising fixtures took up far more time than was necessary – the main problem being the match V Cambridgeshire who would simply not agree to any alternative dates despite being offered 17 choices. In the end I took the decision with the County Secretary to forfeit the match this year.

On the positive side, at a meeting prior to the 10 Counties tournament, the East Region counties agreed a revised structure for the League matches and fixed days for our fixtures in future years was agreed – so hopefully no more unhelpful debate.

MGU agreed to reduce the team size in matches from 10 to 8 but have stuck with the format of 18 holes foursomes matchplay followed by 18 holes singles matchplay.

## **County Competitions**

Once again there was a mixed bag of support for the competitions – Cyril Sellick and Jack Prescott had reasonable support of about 40 players and the Henderson & Carlisle had over 50 players. The boys Championship was ok with 22 in the Boys Amateur Championship and 21 in the Handicap Championship. However, only 15 boys signed up for the matchplay which was reduced to 14 after late call offs.

The real problems were the Lamplugh Trophy and the Wardman & Carr Trophy. The Lamplugh had 9 teams from 7 Clubs (3 from Worksop) and this was reduce to 7 teams on the day due to late call offs. The cost to the County was £750.

The Wardman & Carr had about 12 players when the decision to cancel it was taken – It was felt that we need to be fair to the Clubs who support the County by giving up their courses.

A proposal to try a new format for these competitions in 2023 has been put forward but if this does not get significant support then my view is that both competitions are removed from the diary.

## **Junior League**

This was a difficult year after losing Graham Wilkes as league manager – Martin Richardson took over, but fixture problems, handicap issues etc all created a less than satisfactory year for the League.

I have put forward some proposals for changes to the League regarding team size, handicap limits etc and these should be discussed at the Junior Exec – however, given the external opportunities for the boys to play in events like the Robert Rock tour, it may be the case that that League is no longer viable and should be scrapped – it would be a shame but sometimes things like this have a natural end.

## **Four Counties Tournament**

The 50th Anniversary of this prestigious tournament took place at Holinwell in early April. We had an excellent team and benefited from home advantage and practice. However, strong opponents came from the other 3 Counties, and we ended up in a very creditable 2nd place. Onwards and upwards to the 2023 tournament which will be played on 11-13 April 2023 at Bridgnorth GC near Telford.

## **England Boys County Championships – Midland Qualifier (10 Counties)**

The 2022 tournament was played at Wollaton Park GC and the feeling was that home advantage would play to our strengths. However, the depth of talent at U18 level throughout the region is incredible and despite some excellent golf from our players we ended in 8th place. The winners from Leicestershire went on to be English Champions.

The 2023 tournament is at Kirby Muxloe GC and we hope for a better outcome next year.

## **County Coaching Squads**

The Junior Coaching squads have been restructured for 2023 based on ability as per the advice from EG. The Junior 1st Team squad has 12 players, the Intermediate Squad has 14, the Development Squad has 15 and the Futures Squad has 18. The Nippers will run separately and be managed by Pete Lockley.

## **County Junior Manager**

With immediate effect, Gary has been appointed as County Junior Manager. He has been outstanding in his support this year. He will continue to manage the U12, U14 and U16 groups.

## **County Junior Captain**

The 2023 County Junior Captain will be Lennon Albans from The Nottinghamshire and Vice-Captain will be Jacob Mitchell also The Nottinghamshire.

Finally, I would like to thank those County Juniors who leave us this year – 8 in total. Particular thanks go to County Junior Captain, George Cordall and his Vice-Captain Matt Fox.

Pete Trotter  
NUGC Chair of Junior Golf  
Nov 2022.

## **Annex C & D**

### **County Captains Report's – Malcolm Brown, County Captain & Anthony Wain, Second Team Captain**

#### **County Captain, Malcolm Brown**

The season started for me when I decided to take the first team county captain position, phone calls were made to all current first team players to get their perspective on where the team was at, and for them to be honest with me about what they thought was needed to move this very talented group forward. I had some really good feedback and this gave me a clear picture where this team needed to improve, not just on the course but off it.

I asked the council if it was possible to send the boys on an away weekend to get both groups of players closer together, I must personally thank the council for their backing and allowing me to organise this, this along with a well-structured pre-season, in which I changed a few things and concentrated on our real Achilles heel the foursomes! After this it really set the season up beautifully for both teams.

The first game was against Worcestershire the reigning champions at Coxmoor, we went into the game full of confidence and with a real organised structure and a game plan to which the boys really responded to, now it was down to them to prove to themselves that they could compete and move forward by beating the previous year's champions. We won this fixture 8 1/2 6 1/2.

Lots of positives from this result for me, most of all it was the confidence and trust amongst each other as a team that really impressed me the most, it was also really nice to see 3 new faces in this team and all of them contributing as well.

Next up was Derbyshire again at Coxmoor, local rivalry bragging rights you name it, was up for grabs here. there were some changes to the team, I brought two new faces and changed a few foursomes' pairings. What I witnessed that day was total dominance, a team all pulling in the right direction together and playing to their ability, morning foursomes we won 5-0 no looking back we won the match 13-2, the two matches we lost were on the 18th, both losing the last to lose 1 down but the result was fantastic. Communication a game plan, trust and belief won this fixture and maybe a little bit of good golf in there I would say!!

Now for Warwickshire away at Harborne,  
Some might say this is the big one, but for who? I would say Warwickshire. I don't think they have seen a team like ours for a long time, we were quietly confident, game plans in place, organised, prepared and ready to do battle. Morning foursomes we lost 3-2 this was a setback but we stayed calm, I had a couple of plans for the afternoon set up and we went out unfazed and focused. My boys are winners, a well bonded team by now and a

togetherness to win for each other. The afternoon session, we won 5 1/2 1/2 so we drew the match 7 1-2 7 1/2.

Disappointed wasn't the word! we actually should have won this fixture 9 1-2 5 1/2 if I'm being honest, we lost 2 going down the 18th 1 down after being up in both and another we were up going down the 18th 1 up and halved, but that said credit to Warwickshire for hanging on and battling hard. After we had a debrief about the day's efforts and as a group, we turned round that disappointment into a massive positive, which would bode well in the coming matches.

Shropshire & Herefordshire @ Hollinwell

Going into this game there was a bit of talk about winning the league amongst the boys, I quickly had to stamp on this, the last thing you can do is look beyond what is in front of you, again to the boy's credit they listened this is, one thing I must give these guys a huge amount of respect for is they listen. I wanted them to go hard, get up early and stamp our authority on this match, again they didn't disappoint me winning the morning foursomes 4-1. The afternoon was pretty much the same focused, wanting to win their point for the team and a 8-2 singles win meant that we won our match 12-3, now we were in a fantastic position going into the last match.

Staffordshire away @ little Aston

Let's just say from the start this was eventful,

Fire alarms in middle of the night evacuating the hotel was a great start, stood outside for over an hour at 3am in waiting for the fire brigade to say it safe to go back in!!

The forecast wasn't great, thunder storms possible with torrential rain brilliant! As a group we have great banter between us but, I felt before we went out for the foursomes there was a nervy feel about us, the team talk was good, all focused and ready as we have been all year but, the guys went a bit quiet. I think they now realised what they had been working hard for all season and it was now down to this.

We weren't ourselves in the morning foursomes we lost 3-2, the last group came off the 18th in the foursomes and managed to get a half, we all were stood there together and we started celebrating that half like a win. We had a reset chat and had our lunch, the boys were back on it laughing, joking ready to go, we got 7 matches out on the course then yes, you got it torrential rain hit us, no thunder or lightning thank goodness, but the course was flooded in minutes, we were down in 5 of the 7 matches at that time, and if we were called off the morning result stood which would mean a defeat then, in turn probably lose the league.

My buggy did overtime I'm surprised it didn't burn out, I managed to get to their captain and come up with a plan to keep us on the course, revise a set of rules to play to, when the rain eventually stopped, and then relay the message to everyone, stress is not the word!!

That said we eventually got back playing and I made sure the guys who were already out early know what they had to do to turn the match around and get the team a point as quickly as possible, so if we had to come off the course as long as we were in front, we would win the match and have a chance of still winning the league.



These guys do not disappoint they played some stunning golf in tough conditions to turn those matches round and eventually we came off winning the match 9 1/2 - 5 1/2, which in the end was easily good enough to win the league.

The 6-man team was a great event, played at Overstone Park Northamptonshire, we finished 3rd on +4, the eventual winners Derbyshire won on -2, disappointing result to be honest, the boys were not happy with the result, but that said we were always in the hunt but, came up short right at the very end.

I and the team learned a lot from the day, I know we can improve and we are hoping next year to go two spots higher.

We should be so proud of these guys as a union, they have represented all of us with distinction, played great golf in the right way and shown respect to everyone, wherever we have played, the guys who have played for me this year have contributed in lots of different ways not just winning the points. We have a group throughout the county that, if we continue to support, will give the union a lot of success, they are a group that by definition of age, could stay together for a long time.

Thanks for listening and supporting me and the boys this year.

### **Second team Captain- Anthony Wain**

This was my first season as the County Men's 2nd Team Captain, so it was always going to be a learning curve as to what was needed from me, and how I'd get the best out of the team. I'd love to say that I was instrumental in us being successful this season, however from my initial conversations with the players, it was blatantly obvious that the winning mentality, togetherness, and their application meant that I had an incredibly easy role to fulfil.

### **Worcestershire Away**

Our league title defence started with an away match against Worcestershire at Stourbridge Golf Club. Before teeing off we had a brief discussion about our success in 2021, and how this would give the opposition the added incentive of claiming victory. The aim for us was simply to show why we were the champions, and why we would again be the team to beat in 2022.

The morning foursomes saw a cagey opening, however as we entered the back nine our strength showed, and we prevailed in 4 of the 5 matches.

The target for the afternoon singles matches was to maintain our momentum and to press home our advantage. The lads all played great golf, and again our strength shone through, ensuring a resounding 10.5 - 4.5 victory.

## **Derbyshire Away**

The match at Cavendish Golf Club against our local rivals was always going to be a difficult fixture.

The morning foursomes saw some great golf from our pairings, which culminated in a 4 - 1 lead going into the singles matches. As expected, the singles saw several tight encounters, with the lead swinging back and forth in many of the games. Again, as in the match against Worcestershire, our determination and fighting spirit ensured we halved the singles and therefore won the match by a margin of 9 - 6.

My thanks go to Mandy for arranging the practice round which enabled us to learn more about the course and the test it would provide. This opportunity certainly gave us the platform from which we built our victory.

## **Warwickshire Home**

Our first home match of the season saw us compete against the league's other unbeaten team Warwickshire. Wollaton Park hosted the fixture, and as always it was immaculately presented.

The foundation for our early season wins had been built on our foursomes displays, and again our established pairings came out on top in several close matches, ensuring we entered the afternoon singles leading 3.5 - 1.5.

We are very fortunate at the moment to have an abundance of talent available, which the afternoon singles highlighted. Despite Warwickshire's best efforts to try to wrestle back the initiative, our experience and strength shone through. The afternoon saw us win 6 of the 10 matches, which delivered a 9.5 - 5.5 result, and consolidated our place at the top of the league.

## **Shropshire & Herefordshire Away**

Our last away match saw us travel to Bridgnorth Golf Club to compete against Shropshire and Herefordshire. This proved to be a tricky fixture for two reasons, one being that course knowledge at Bridgnorth is imperative, and the second being that 5 of Shropshire and Herefordshire's 10 players are members of Bridgnorth Golf Club.

With the aforementioned in mind, we knew that we'd have to play our best golf to claim the win that could potentially deliver the league title. The morning's foursomes saw us uncharacteristically on the back foot for large periods, so much so that we ended the session 3 - 2 behind.

From speaking with the players at lunch, it was clear that they were all determined to avenge the morning's losses and win the match. Our play in the

afternoon was exceptional, we never gave our opponents any opportunities to press home their morning advantage, which ensured we won 7 of the 10 matches and claim an overall match victory of 9 - 6.

As results elsewhere went our way, it was confirmed that with one game still to play, we were the league champions for 2022. An unbelievable effort!

### **Staffordshire Home**

You'd have thought with the league won that we might relax and just enjoy a day out at Radcliffe on Trent GC. However, the lads didn't agree and decided before the morning's matches that this was now our most important game of the season and we had to make it 5 wins out of 5.

The morning foursomes were a pretty even affair for the first 9 holes, with the lead changing hands in several of the matches, however, as has happened in a number of our matches this season, the back 9 saw us assert control to ensure we ended the session 5-0 ahead.

The afternoon singles were always going to see a Staffordshire fight back, and they put in some great performances to try to get back into the match. Unfortunately, they again came up against some great golf from our boys which ensured we won 6 of the 10 points on offer to deliver an 11 - 4 victory.

### **My thanks**

20 players represented the second team this season, and every one of them contributed to what was an incredibly successful season. It's been a pleasure to play alongside them and captain the side, and their respective clubs and all the members of the union should be very proud of their achievements!

My thanks also go to Edgar, Colin, and Mandy Bee for their ongoing guidance and support, it's very much appreciated by me and the team.

As much as we can enjoy this title triumph, we will now look forward to next season, where I know we will come back stronger to retain our league title.

### **Annex E**

#### **County Senior's Report – Maurice Hume Senior Captain**

COUNTY SENIOR CAPTAINS REPORT 2022 – Maurice Hume (Stanton-on-the Wolds GC)

I have to start by saying that my second season as Senior Captain has had it's moments, good, bad and indifferent.

The good – the Senior's Strokeplay championship was played at Oakmere Park GC on the 10th June. Charles Banks from Stanton-on-the-Wolds GC won the main event with a gross score of 74, with Andy Cook (Hollinwell) second with a 75 and Stuart Pond (Worksop GC) third, with a score of 75. In the Nett winner's category, first was Chris Singleton from Brierley Forest GC with 70 Nett, followed by Graeme Macdonald (Wollaton Park GC) and Ian Lindley (Retford GC), with 72 & 73 Nett, respectively.

Steve Fretwell (Serlby Park GC) won the Senior's Matchplay event held at Oakmere Park over the weekend of 25th and 26th June, beating Charles Banks 2/1 in the final.

The Senior's Order of Merit was won by Charles Banks, with Andy Cook in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. My congratulations go to you both.

The MGU requested Nottinghamshire to provide a player to represent NUGC in their annual senior's match against UKSGA. Charles Banks was selected. Charles has also been elected the next MGU Senior Captain. A great honour for both Charles and Notts. Enjoy your two years!

The Bad – The four Midland League Matches.

We got off to a bad start by losing to Leicestershire and Rutland (away), a close match.

Sadly, we lost to Northamptonshire (home) also a very close match.

Cambridge (home) a win. Lincolnshire (away), a draw. Consequently, it meant that we did not qualify to move forward in the competition.

EG Senior Championship (Team of Six) at Birstall Priory GC in August.

The team comprised: C Banks, T Clarke, A Cook, D McJanett, I Newlove, C Powell, with S. Hogg on standby.

Sadly, I report again that we did not qualify to the later stages of the competition. Scoring was high throughout the 2 days of the competition.

The Indifferent -

Friendly Matches x 5

Won 3, Lost 2.

Only 5 matches as Beeston Fields cancelled due to a full diary Retford could not raise a team and Staffordshire away, had to be cancelled due to the 33degree heat wave. It was re arranged but we could not get 12 players!!!!!!!!!!

Again, selection problems became an issue later in the season, this due to lack of availability for one thing or another but needs to change.

Finally, I would like to thank all concerned in the running and work you do in your individual positions at NUGC to date.

We could not do it without you.

Maurice Hume

NUGC Senior's County Captain.

## **Annex G**

### **County Championship's Report – Colin Bee Competitions Secretary.**

#### **REVIEW OF SEASONS COMPETITIONS**

<b><u>EDDIE PETERS TROPHY -</u></b>	Cancelled twice due to course not ready and lack of entries
<b><u>CYRIL SELLICK - Springwater GC</u></b>	36 entered event
<b><u>JACK PRESCOTT OPEN – Chilwell Manor GC</u></b>	43 entered event
<b><u>MEN' STROKEPLAY &amp; OPEN –</u></b>	45 entered down on entries
<b><u>SENIOR STROKEPLAY -</u></b>	33 entered, had at least 10 players drop out
<b><u>LAMPLUGH TROPHY – Newark GC</u></b>	7 teams played on the day, very disappointing
<b><u>MIXED PAIRS – Radcliffe on Trent GC</u></b>	26 pairs entered down on entries.
<b><u>PRESIDENT'S AM/AM –</u></b>	15 teams entered, slightly down,
<b><u>WARDMAN &amp; CARR -</u></b>	Cancelled due to lack of entries
<b><u>MEN'S PAIRS -</u></b>	26 pairs entered
<b><u>BOY'S STROKEPLAY -</u></b>	22 entered, very low entries
<b><u>BOYS HANDICAP -</u></b>	21 entered event.
<b><u>HENDERSON &amp; CARLISLE -</u></b>	54 entered, successful day

## **Wollaton Park GC**

### **CLUB HANDICAP -**

21 clubs entered, had to do lots of pushing for clubs to give information required.

Overall biggest majority of competitions were down on entries, which is disappointing for all the work that is involved for everyone, not only for the club hosting the event but the work involved with the admin.

Oakmere Park GC were great hosts as county course, very helpful and all the staff went above and beyond their duty to help us.

Moving on we look forward to the 2023 season which will be at Wollaton Park GC and hope to see fully subscribed entries for all the competitions.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who help us in events, those being:

Gary Quibell – U12/14/16 Manager

Joe Stocker - Starter

Pete Trotter – desk helper /Handicap advisor

Roger Poole and his referee's

Rob Sallis – Desk helper

Pete Higgins – Desk helper

Pete Lockley – Nippers manager

Dee and Bob Gladden – Desk and general helper with Nippers

All Junior Coaches

We look forward to 2023 Competitions with the new changes implemented.

Colin Bee

Competition Secretary

## **Annex H**

### **County Secretary's report – Colin Bee**

I start my report by thanking Oakmere Park Golf Club for being excellent hosts for all the County Events this year, the course was presented in excellent condition throughout the year and the club could not have been more helpful.

Congratulations to Mark Porter in winning the Amateur Championship and Jordan Boulton in winning the Men's Matchplay, Charles Banks excelled in winning the Seniors Strokeplay Championship, with Senior's newbie Steve Fretwell winning the Seniors Matchplay.

The County 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> teams had outstanding seasons in both winning their respective Midland League titles, both teams were unbeaten all season, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team winning all their games and the 1<sup>st</sup> team being unlucky not to be beat Warwickshire away.

Huge congratulations to the players and to both Captains Malcolm Brown and Anthony Wain.

Thanks must go to Senior's Captain Maurice Hume, who retires from the role this year.

To all the officials of the union, President Richard who has completed a very successful first year in office, Vice Presidents Rob Sallis, Pete Trotter, Pete Higgins and newbie David Halstead, Past Presidents Stan Yeomans, Bob Ward, Edgar Bramwell & Roger Poole a massive thank you to you all, without your endeavours the Union would not function anywhere near as well as it does.

And finally, to Mandy Bee, who does all the administration work on behalf of the county, your work is very much appreciated by all.

We look forward to 2023 and Wollaton Park the county course, who I am sure will prove excellent hosts.

I also thank all the courses in the county that continue to support the union in hosting fixtures throughout the year, we are indebted to them and their members in allowing us to visit and play our events.

Colin Bee  
County Secretary