

HAREFIELD PLACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2022

Meeting opened by club President M.Gallagher

Proposed by T.Simmons

Seconded by G.Cloke

Apologies;

A.James, S.Knollman, K.Neave, L.Morgan, M.Shaw

Presidents address

Mr Mick Gallagher opens the meeting highlighting what a torid year it had been for the club with the passing of the previous president Mr Stephen Browne. Mick explained that he had spoken with Mr Browne's family and it had been agreed that the club would like to plant a tree by the 8th Hole in memory of Stephen. Mick also announced that the club are going to re-introduce the Easter Open in his name which will now be called the Stephen Browne Easter Open.

Mick thanked all the committee members for their hard work over the past year, and also mentioned the positive comments made about the club from Middlesex County Golf and the positive steps being taken with regards to the re-instatement of the club back to its original 18 holes.

Mick also made special reference to Keith Neave for all his helps with regards to the scorecards, and to Anne James for all her hard work in supporting the club.

Mick spoke about the membership numbers and asked all members to try and promote the club to friends / family with the aim of securing new members.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report for the AGM 2022

You should all have a copy of the accounts for the year ending 31st January 2022 which have been examined and signed by Andrew Pibworth.

We began the financial year with £11,927.99 and finished the year up £1,138.45 at £13,066.44

At the moment we have 93 paid up members (exactly the same number as recorded at last year's AGM).

Income and Expenses in this set of accounts are both much higher because of COVID restrictions the previous year.

New members income is slightly down this year but green fees/club matches/trophies expenses are up because of more activity.

The Pete Smith Memorial Day raised £913 for Club Funds (not £1913 as shown in this set of accounts) as another £1,000 will be outgoing from the monies raised but will appear in the 2022/23 accounts.

The Club subsidised the Dinner and Dance 2021 event by £477.35 and the Bournemouth Golf trip 2021 by £90).

Handicap Secretary Report – Mr Zaro Matev

Zaro spoke about the the difficulties people were still having with the World Handicap System and explained that he would be happy to arrange workshops at the golf club should members require assistance

Competition Secretary's Report – Mr Gareth Reynolds

Good afternoon everyone, Its my honour to serve on this clubs committee, a club I first joined over 30 years ago. I would like to start by acknowledging the work carried

out by my predecessor, Keith Neave, it couldn't have been easy in dealing with all the challenges over the last couple of years, thank you Keith.

Since the last AGM we have held 52 competitions that have been well supported with 22 different winners, the most prolific being Robert Thomson with 9 wins and Lee Morgan with 6 respectively.

The winter knockout competitions were held up due to the wet conditions last winter and as a consequence The committee have decided therefore to compete for the KELLY-LYDON trophy, the winter doubles, only this coming winter.

The summer knockout competitions are running to the planned schedule, my thanks to all for your co-operation in completing matches on time and good luck to all still involved.

We have enjoyed a full calendar this year albeit with a heavy bias towards stableford competitions. We will therefore be amending some previous stableford competitions to be played as a strokeplay event. Which ones will be decided in due course.

The club championship was a great competition this year, to play in next years club championship members must have competed in at least 2 club competitions after the date of renewal.

Finally with it being a Ryder Cup year we will look to hold a team matchplay event on Ryder Cup Sunday, England vs The Rest Of the world based on your own preference of nationality.

Past Captains address – Mr Peter Thorpe

Peter thanked everybody for all their support during his year of captaincy, and he thanked Ray Cooper for his support as vice captain.

Peter spoke about the sad passing of two previous members Peter Smith and Keith Bott and was pleased with the support the upcoming golf day in memory of both was receiving.

Peter finally thanked Mick Gallagher and the team at 'Hole 19' for the support he received during his year as captain.

Current Captains address – Mr Ray Cooper

Ray thanked the committee members for the support he has received this year as captain of HPGC.

Special mention was also given to Anne, Will and Keith Neave.

Ray mentioned the success of the club this year in reaching the semi-final of the Top Rock competition, and also in reaching the National Semi-final of the Ballatyne Cup.

Ray thanked all the current members and explained how he was looking forward to his upcoming Captains Day, and also thanked Mr Steve Littlejohn for his help and support as Vice Captain.

Monthly Medals were then presented

January winner – Maurice Hennessey

February winner – Matt James

April winner – Robert Thomson

May winner – Stan Knollman

July winner – Matt James

A special award was also presented to Matt Osmond for being the most improved golfer this year.

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Several members raised concerns about the amount of dust HS2 was causing on the course, and also dust and debris coming over the fence by the 4th hole.

Defibrillator – Questions were asked about securing one on the golf course.

Club facilities – members questioned the state of the nets / matts and it was raised that Haste Hill Golf club had recently had new facilities installed.

Members raised the issue about the poor quality of the bunkers and the lack of sand in them.

Mr Dean Budd thanked all of the committee for their hard work and highlighted how welcome he had been made to feel as a new member.

Mick Gallagher finally thanked everybody for attending and mentioned due to the success of last years end of season awards ceremony The Bull hotel had been re booked for the same event to be held on 10th December.

Meeting closed.

