



Lincoln Golf Club Seniors

Captain and Secretary's End of Year Report 2020

When I accepted and took on the role of LGC Seniors Section Captain for 2020, I thought that everything that 61 years of association and involvement in golf both as a youngster living at a Club and doing odd jobs in the clubhouse and on the course, then as a player and having held a number of various roles on RAF golf club committees; that I would have an enjoyable year doing the things that I knew needed to be done. Little did I know then the challenges that 2020 would bring to test my resolve.

At the beginning of the year it became clear that Coronavirus 19 would have an impact upon all our lives as well as its impact on golf. Against the odds, we managed to play all our qualifying competitions albeit that we had to employ a number of iterations of tee booking systems along the way (more of this later). The winners of the Competitions played in 2020 can be viewed on the Seniors Website. As there was no Trophy Night held in November this year, Attachment 1 lists the complete 2019/2020 Competition winners. Unfortunately, like other Clubs, we were unable to play our scheduled Inter Club friendly matches and all were cancelled for 2020.

At the end of 2019 we managed to arrange a “Berni Inn” themed evening which was well supported and received. We were not to know at the time that this was to be our final meal under the then in place catering team who were initially furloughed under Covid arrangements. Our section organised a charitable game (SF4SS) with 70% of entrance fees being donated to the catering and front of house bar staff. The donation, which also included charitable donations from many Seniors Section members who were not playing in the SF4SS, was gratefully received by the staff. As it became more apparent that Covid was going to limit the Club’s ability to fully open the Clubhouse to catering, the Club had to part company with the catering and front of house bar staff.

Government lockdown rules in regards to gatherings, prevented us from holding an Annual General Meeting on 11th November. In order to ensure that we were clear in regard to the way forward, the Seniors Committee held a meeting (outdoors while playing a fourball), and agreed aspects of spending for 2021. The Treasurer's report (published along with this document) shows any changes that were agreed. It was also agreed that the elected Committee Members would continue in post for 2021. Should there be felt that there is a need to have these decisions ratified, as soon as any form of normality returns and Lockdown restrictions lifted, an EGM may be called.





Early in the year it was being mooted that the allocation and match quotas were going to be subject to review with no allowance for the tees to operate as they had in support of Seniors Roll Ups, and matches being reviewed with an aim of reducing them by up to 50%. A series of communications and meetings with the Manager and finally the Chairman of the Board of Directors took place. The final outcome was that we were able to retain all our 'home' matches, provided we moved our first tee times forward to 08:10 am, and for each match that we reduced from 8 games to 6. This has now been communicated to the Clubs we play against; there has been quite a mixed response that may need to be addressed in the New Year. While we were able to achieve agreement for blocked tee times for our summer qualifying competitions, our Winter League and Laverack (winter competitions) would not be recognised by the Club Management as competitions, and therefore no tee block bookings were authorised for them. This prevented us from employing Intelligent Golf to book our tee slots and achieve our Section aim of having random draws. As a result we have had to devise a manual system to secure the tee slots on our winter competition days. This system is heavily dependent on administration and I would question its long term sustainability. In 2021 we may need to review this again with the Club, particularly as the current system has shown that with only small exceptions the Seniors Section secure tee slots between 08:00 and 09:20 anyway, and consequently there is no particular benefit to the rest of the Club membership through not having an agreed Seniors block booking between 8 and 9:20am on a Monday and Wednesday

The Seniors bring many benefits to the Club, as a Section, in addition to supporting the Pro Shop through payment of all our competition prize money through their books, we have supported Sue as she has taken on the catering roll for the Club (she provided the mince pies at the halfway house on the Winter League prior to Christmas in appreciation of our support to her). We presented the Club with table and bar menu holders, provided continued sponsorship of the 12th tee, and presented the Ground Staff with their annual Xmas Box. The only donation that we did not make was that to the Seniors Captains charity. As we were unable to collect money for the 'Frog' after each of our competitions, there was very little to donate, so I decided we would carry forward what was there to next year. I will look at how to get the 'Frog' back into use and perhaps look to have a charity game on one of our non-competition Mondays during the year.

So as I look back at 2020, we have done most of what we planned to do (except for matches, VC Awayday, AGM and Annual Dinner). We have become accomplished at booking tee times and paying Seniors fees online, and I thank you all for your efforts in supporting this. I would particularly like to thank the other members of the Seniors Section Committee for all





their help and support and encouragement over the course of the year, my job would have been far more difficult without them.

As we are about to embark on 2021, I hope that a vaccine will help to move us back to what will be the new norm. I trust that in regard to this it will not be too far removed from what we have come to expect over the years as the norm for Seniors Golf. I am sure that you are all aware that as with the other Club Captains', I will continue in post for 2021 and hope that our Section continues to be a thriving body within Lincoln Golf Club.

Derek Yelland
LGC Seniors Secretary
29 December 2020

Enclosure:

1. Competition Winners - November 2019/2020





ENCLOSURE 1

Competition Winners - November 2019/2020

Competition	Winner
Winter League 'A'	Bob Sansom
Winter League 'B'	Don Leonard
Winter League Overall	John Goldsbrough
Laverack Trophy	Trevor Griffiths
Barrell Foursomes	Mike Hook/John Shaw
Seniors Furlough 4 Score Series*	Terry Riley
Seniors Cup (QC)	Trevor Cutmore
Adams Tankard (QC)	Peter Stern
Mike Wood Trophy (QC)	Charlie Ip
Pip's Pot (QC)	Geoff Arrand
Gordon Walker Cup (QC)	Ray Collins
Centenary Cup (QC)	Geoff Turner
Mitch's Mug (QC)	Michael West
Derek Croucher Cup (QC)	Gary Cheshire
Thimbleby Trophy (QC)	Kevin Hardy
Jackson Tankard (QC)	Greg Rigby
Wally Evans Cup (QC)	Geoff Middleton
Eclectic	Trevor Cutmore
Order of Merit	Terry Riley
Savill Rose Bowl	Bob Sansom
Pickering Cup	Mike Hook/Bob Sansom

* No Trophy

Note - While there was no Trophy Night held in November, all the associated trophies have been engraved.

