

Knighton Heath Golf Club Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019 in the Clubhouse, Knighton Heath Golf Club, Francis Avenue, Bournemouth, BH11 8NX at 19:30.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Approve the minutes of 42nd AGM held on 18th October 2018
4. Management & Captain's Committee Resolutions
5. Members' Resolutions
6. Chairman's Report
7. Finance Director's Report
8. Captain's Report
9. Appointment of the Auditors
10. Election of the following Office Bearers:
 - a) Club Captain
 - b) Club Vice-Captain
11. Election of KHGC Ltd Directors:
 - a) Club Captain
 - b) Club Vice-Captain (alternate to Club Captain)
 - c) Finance Director
 - d) Other Directors
12. Any Other Business
Notice must be given in writing to the General Manager, on the approved pro-forma, at least seven days (close of business Wednesday 9th October 2019) prior to the date of the Meeting.
13. Close

ALL completed resolution forms for the nomination of Office Bearers and Directors must be received by the General Manager by close of business, Wednesday 2nd October 2019.

Reunert Bauser – General Manager & Company Secretary

Board of Directors:

Mr K. Harrington is retiring after serving a 3-year term and is not available for re-election.

Messrs B. O'Hara & D. Spencer (Finance) are retiring after serving a 3-year term, both are available for re-election.

Mr B. Lennon (Director) will be retiring after serving a 6-year term and in terms of Rule 6.1.4 of the Article of Association, is not available for re-election.

Remaining Directors:

Messrs J. Airth, A. Groom, C. Knight, A. Penny & T. Townsend.

Voting

Only those who are currently playing members over the age of 18 years or are Life members will be entitled to vote at the AGM.

Except for rule changes, which require a two-thirds majority, all other resolutions shall be decided by a simple majority.

Members unable to attend

Any registered members who are unable to attend the meeting may submit a pro-forma proxy, postal or electronic voting form (members area of the website), duly completed, to the General Manager by close of business, Wednesday 16th October 2019.

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd held on Thursday 18th October 2018 at 19:30 in the Clubhouse, Francis Avenue, Bournemouth, BH11 8NX.

The President, Alan Hebditch welcomed all members and especially the new members who were attending for the first time.

He introduced the top table: Jim Airth (Chairman), Bob O'Hara (Vice-Chairman), Des Spencer (Finance Director), Reunert Bauser (General Manager) and Mark Magrath from Harrisons, the club auditors.

Before we start the published agenda, I would like to mention a couple of points of protocol. First, as Club President, one of my roles is to preside at general meetings, however, for agenda items 4 to 13, I will hand over the Chair to the Chairman of the Management Committee, Jim Airth. Secondly, may I remind all the social members present this evening that they are most welcome to take a full part in the meeting but have no vote when it comes to a show of hands.

A Hebditch

The President then confirmed that 69 members entitled to vote were in attendance, with 67 votes received from members unable to attend, constituting a quorum in terms of Rule 19.5 of the Articles of Association, he declared the meeting open.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from 69 members unable to attend.

2. In Memoriam

All those present stood in silence in memory of all long-standing and well-respected members who had passed away since the last meeting.

The President mentioned Doris Clarke (103), Reg Underwood, Eric Moore and Gwen Howe, Gilbert Pilgley, as well as and any other members that may have been missed.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 41st AGM held on 19th October 2017 had been circulated.

Mr D Gritt proposed that the minutes of 19th October 2017 be taken as read.
Seconded by Mr M Collins.

The majority of the members voted, by a show of hands, to accept the adoption of the minutes as a true record and the President was authorised to sign them.

There were no matters arising.

At this point Mr J Airth took the Chair.

4. Management & Captain's Committee Resolution

The amendments to the Articles of Association as tabled in resolutions 5.1.2, 5.1.3, & 19.5 detailed in Annexure A, are largely of a 'housekeeping' nature to clearly define the rules.

The amendments in 6.1.6 are in terms of Company Law, which stipulates that all Company Directors must be elected.

Do you have any questions about the resolutions?

Mr Pearce asked why the date was changed from 14th to 7th in 5.1.3?

Mr Bauser replied that some members would continue playing golf for 14 days before resigning. It was therefore proposed to reduce the time to 7 days.

There were no further questions.

Mr Airth therefore proposed that the meeting vote for the adoption of the amendments individually by a show of hands, seconded by Mr M Welch.

Amendments to the Articles of Association:

Delete (Italics & Bold)

Insert (Underline)

A member

5.1.2 who has not paid the amount due by the first day of the new financial year ***may will*** be banned from competing in any club competition or voting at any meeting.

Vote count (members present): For-68, Against-0 & Abstentions-1.

Vote count (postal vote): For-45, Against-3 & Absentions-19

The amendment was therefore adopted.

5.1.3 who has not paid the amount due by the 7th **14th** day thereafter, will ***shall if the Management Committee so determine*** cease to be a member but may be re-instated by the Management Committee on payment of the arrears.

Vote count (members present): For-69, Against-0 & Abstentions-0.

Vote count (postal vote): For-37, Against-5 & Absentions-25

The amendment was therefore adopted.

Directors of the Club

6.1.6 will include, if elected as Directors, the Club Captain or Club Vice-Captain (who shall serve as his alternate on Management Committee) who will ***automatically*** become directors of the club for a term which will correspond to the period of time they serve as Club Captain and/or Vice-Captain.

Vote count (members present): For-68, Against-1 & Abstentions-0.

Vote count (postal vote): For-46, Against-3 & Absentions-20

The amendment was therefore adopted.

19.5 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10% of the voting members, which shall include proxy, postal and electronic votes.

Vote count (members present): For-67, Against-2 & Abstentions-0.

Vote count (postal vote): For-48, Against-1 & Absentions-18

The amendment was therefore adopted.

5. Members' Resolutions

No resolutions tabled.

6. Chairman's Report

A detailed report had been circulated.

Mr Airth said his full report had been distributed and he had nothing further to add.

He thanked the Committee for their support during the year.

No questions.

Mr M Collins proposed the adoption of the Chairman's Report for 2018.

Seconded by Mr P Peiro.

The majority of the members voted, by a show of hands, to accept the adoption of the report.

7. Financial Director's Report

A detailed report had been circulated.

Comment on last Year 30th June 2018

The Membership levels have recently increased year on year which has assisted in generating an excess of income over expenditure. These surpluses have been posted to the Club's Reserves which is in a healthy position.

The Club has a policy of not re-valuing the value of the freehold land which remains at £340,198 as shown in the accounts (the Lloyds Bank Loans are secured on the freehold property by way of a legal charge).

The Club has been able to borrow monies in order to fund large capital purchases (Kitchen and Locker Room(s) and new Greenkeeping Machinery). These projects could not have taken place without finance from others. In my report to members I advised that whilst we have now finished loans 1 and 2 from Lloyds Bank, we still have substantial amounts owing for loan No. 3 (Kitchen) and No.4 (Locker Room(s)) which will take a number of years to pay off. Additionally, the Hire Purchase Loan for the new machinery will take a further four years to pay off.

These long-term liabilities are shown in the Balance Sheet. This type of financing has to be serviced not only paying interest but also making capital repayments.

The interest charge on these borrowings is treated as an expense and shown in the Profit & Loss account; the Capital repayments however are posted to the balance sheet. Both of these items affect our cashflow.

Cashflow is a combination of Profit & Loss and payment of Balance sheet liabilities. Any business (and we are a business) which does not manage its cashflow can find itself with severe operational problems no matter how profitable.

The Club needs not only to make sufficient revenues to cover costs but manage its cashflow. The accounts for this year although showing a surplus which has been added to reserves also shows a deficit in the cashflow statement (Page 10) of £42,836 this was due to Asset purchases, repayment(s) of capital on loans and HP plus over £20K on irrecoverable VAT.

The coming year should improve the cashflow position as the capital spending will be substantially less than in recent years.

Comment on the first Quarter of this Year 30th June 2019

In March each year the Club prepares a budget which is discussed and eventually approved by Manco (Management Committee), to do this an estimate of the membership numbers and classifications is prepared and estimates of other sources of income prepared along with estimates for expenditure, these figures then enable Manco to set the subscription for the coming year and set the operating budget and approved projects for the year. A cashflow forecast is also produced.

Each month Manco receive a report on the performance of the business along with a revised cashflow report.

To the 30th September 2018 the Club has performed better than expected when timing issues are taken into consideration.

D. Spencer

Mr Magrath made the point that capital each year of around £47k would be required to cover loan repayments and achieve a positive cashflow. Membership numbers over the last 4 years had increased by some 30%, which bodes well for the future. The club is also reinvesting the profits, which is important.

Mr R Tizard asked why the club did not lease the equipment as opposed to a hire purchase contract.

Mr Spencer explained that in a lease, ownership lies with the lessor. The lessee has the right to use the equipment and does not have the option to purchase, therefore never own, whereas in hire purchase agreements the club has the option to purchase. The hirer becomes the owner of the asset/equipment immediately after the last instalment is paid. The interest rates in both instances are fixed.

No further questions

Mr T Townsend proposed the adoption of the Finance Accounts for 2017/18.

Seconded by Mr K Way.

The majority of the members voted, by a show of hands, to accept the adoption of the financial accounts.

8. Captain's Report

A detailed report had been circulated.

The Captain had apologised for not attending and Mr Airth read a note from him

Mr President, Chairman and members of KHGC. I am very sorry that for personal reasons I am unable to attend this year's AGM, but I will be thinking of you.

My report has been published, but to update you on some team performances, the Hardy B team has won its division and gained promotion, the Annodata team unfortunately lost 3/2 in Cornwall and the Seniors team were runners-up in the KHKO. Well done to all out teams and many thanks to their respective organisers and team captains.

Congratulations to Jack Baker, who is off to Dubai to take up a coaching post, I am sure we all wish him every success.

It has been a very satisfying year despite some difficult decisions, and I thank you all for your comments and support.

I would also like to thank all members of my committee for their input and support over the past year and in particular to my Vice-Captain, Martin Collins.

It's now my pleasure to ask you to give Martin your full support and confirm him as your Captain, he has served this club on various Committees and Chairman of the Management Committee for a number of years.

He is in my opinion a man worthy of the position.

A Groom

Mr. K Harrington proposed the adoption of the Captain's Report for 2017/18.

Seconded by Mr D Gritt.

The majority of the members voted, by a show of hands, to accept the adoption of the report.

9. Appointment of Auditors

The Chairman proposed that as Harrisons had been the club auditors since 1997, he saw no reason to dispense with their services.

Mr D Spencer seconded the proposal.

On a show of hands, the majority of the members voted in favour of retaining the services of Harrisons.

Mr Magrath thanked the members and said that the club had recorded a healthy surplus for the 2017/18 year and that the forecast for 2018/19 was just as good.

10. Election of Office Bearers

The Chairman said that the election of the President, Officers and Directors would take place by ballot.

a) President - There were 2 nominations for the office of President, Mr A Hebditch, proposed by J Bowden and seconded by Mr R Collis and Mr M Welch, proposed by Mr K Harrington and seconded by Mr Graham Taylor. Messrs Collis and Harrington were both invited to introduce their nominees.

A Hebditch

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-65, Against-43 & Abstentions-28.

Net: For-22 (Rule 17.4)

M Welch

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-60, Against-36 & Absentions-40

Net: For-24 (Rule 17.4)

Mr M Welch was duly elected as President for a 3-year term (Rule 17.1.2).

b) Captain – Mr M Collins - proposed by Mr A Groom, seconded by Mr J Airth.

Mr Airth introduced Mr Collins.

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-114, Against-7 & Abstentions-15.

Net: For-107 (Rule 17.4)

Mr M Collins was duly elected as Club Captain for 2018/19 (Rule 17.2.2).

c) Vice-Captain – Mr C Flay - proposed by Mr M Collins, seconded by Mr B O'Hara.

Mr Collins introduced Mr Flay.

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-113, Against-4 & Abstentions-19.

Net: For-109 (Rule 17.4)

Mr C Flay was duly elected as Club Vice-Captain for 2018/19 (Rule 17.2.2).

11. Election of Directors

Mr Airth relinquished the Chair to Mr O'Hara as he was standing for re-election as a Director.

Mr O'Hara said that in terms of the Club Constitution the Club Captain would, if elected, also serve as a Director on the Management Committee. The Club Vice-Captain would, if elected, serve as an Alternate Director and would attend meetings when the Captain was unavailable. The Articles of Association allowed up to 9 Directors (excluding the Captain), two were retiring after serving for 3 years, both were available for re-election.

He also reminded the candidates that on election as Directors each would become responsible for the good management of the club and under Company Law are jointly liable for responsible financial management of the company.

Mr J Airth - proposed by Mr M Collins, seconded by Mr K Harrington.

Mr Collins introduced Mr Airth

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-106, Against-17 & Abstentions-13.

Net: For-89 (Rule 17.4)

Mr M Collins - proposed by Mr A Groom, seconded by Mr J Airth.

Mr Airth introduced Mr Collins

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-113, Against-7 & Abstentions-16.

Net: For-106 (Rule 17.4)

Mr A Groom - proposed by Mr W Richards, seconded by Mr J Airth.

Mr Airth introduced Mr Groom

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-115, Against-8 & Abstentions-13.

Net: For-107 (Rule 17.4)

Mr C Knight - proposed by Mr M Levens, seconded by Mrs L Levens.

Mr Levens introduced Mr Knight

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-87, Against-28 & Abstentions-21.

Net: For-59 (Rule 17.4)

Mr A Penny - proposed by Mr K Harrington, seconded by Mr W Richards.

Mr Harrington introduced Mr Penny

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-97, Against-13 & Abstentions-26.

Net: For-84 (Rule 17.4)

Mr T Townsend - proposed by Mr A Hebditch, seconded by Mr E Hiscock.

Mr Hebditch introduced Mr Townsend

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-102, Against-14 & Abstentions-20.

Net: For-88 (Rule 17.4)

Mr C Flay (Alternate Director) - proposed by Mr M Collins, seconded by Mr B O'Hara.

Mr Collins introduced Mr Flay

Vote count (members present & postal)

For-110, Against-6 & Abstentions-20.

Net: For-104 (Rule 17.4)

Messrs J Airth, M Collins, A Groom, C Knight, A Penny & T Townsend were duly elected as Directors of the club. They would join the current Directors Messrs K Harrington, B Lennon, B O'Hara and D Spencer.

Mr C Flay was duly elected alternated Director to Mr Collins.

Mr O'Hara congratulated the new Directors of Knighton Heath Golf Club Limited and handed the Chair back to Mr Airth.

12. Any other business

Two items were received from Mr J Shepard.

a) Speed of play

I am part of a group of seniors who are of the same opinion about the gorse on the right of the 4th and 12th fairways. One or more of us are in this gorse looking for a ball. To speed up play can this gorse be cut back.

Reply from Mr B O'Hara

The greenstaff are currently cutting back the rough and will also address the areas mentioned on the 4th & 12th fairways.

b) More sand required please in some of our bunkers

Reply from Mr B O'Hara

The bunkers are filled each year with 30 tons of sand. However, in an effort to redo some of the bunkers the club management will shortly call for volunteers to assist with a bunker management programme starting with the 4 bunkers on the 14th.

The club has also committed funds to upgrade the 16th approach bunker as part of the clubs 5-year plan. Bunkers will hopefully be upgraded each year as funds become available.

No other items had been received in terms of the club rules and Mr Airth handed the Chair back to Mr Hebditch to close the meeting.

13. Closing of the meeting

I would like to thank you all for attending this AGM and those who have made their contribution to it by way of their reports. Thank you, too, Mark Magrath, for attending on behalf of Harrisons. May I also thank the volunteers who kindly checked you in this evening and the vote counters.

I would also like to thank all those unsung heroes who help in the background as starters, reception at our opens and invitation days, referees in the knock-out finals, refreshment tents, course marshalling and ball spotting.

Thanks are due to Reunert Bauser; Alan Magee and his crew; David, Emma, Tom & Harley and Trish and her team, Pat and Sandra in the office; and our professional, Andy Windsor and his assistants. They all thoroughly deserve a round of applause.

We now have a new set of officers of the Club and a new grouping of Directors in the Management Committee. My final thanks go to those who now leave the two major committees – each has served to the best of their ability. Without their dedication and voluntary submission to the occasional complaint and frustration our Club would not have succeeded as well as it has.

I wish the incoming officers and Directors good fortune in meeting the challenges of 2018/2019.

A Hebditch

M WELCH - President

Dated

Chairman's Report

On behalf of the Management Committee I am pleased to report another positive year for Knighton Heath Golf Club in all areas of the business.

For myself, in my third year as Chairman, it has been an interesting and on occasions challenging year and yet I have enjoyed the honour immensely.

I would like to welcome all of our new members over the previous year. I hope that Knighton Heath is and will be all that you thought it would. At the same time, I wish leaving members good luck for the future.

The year has been successful from a financial prospective and I would like to thank both Des Spencer (Financial Director) and Reunert Bauser (General Manager) for keeping us within our spending budgets. The Club is in a great place with its budgeting and even with all the projects of last year has realised a small surplus, this has allowed the Committee to plan for further improvements to both course and club house.

The visitor numbers even with the period of bad weather this year have been healthy, and this in turn places a lot of demand on the green staff. How they are able to present the course in the best possible condition is remarkable, many thanks Alan and to your team.

The work does not stop there, this year Alan and his team will continue with approved work on the fairways (seeding), bunkers, paths and drainage.

The Committee along with Alan are very mindful of some of the areas within the course that have suffered last and this year. To that end we are looking at a seeding programme over the coming years to repair and in some areas replace grass with a more drought resistant type. It will take time, so please give the team time and space to achieve this goal. Some of you might have already seen them at work with machines over the summer period.

The weather reminded us of how frail some of the trees around the course are. With that in mind the Committee approved a survey to be conducted on the trees along the left side of the 15th hole, which boundaries on private houses. That has been completed and the results were better than expected. Some trees will have to be felled but not as many as feared. There is also tree work to continue around the course – it is done because it has to, not because we want to.

This year we have refurbished areas around the Clubhouse, primarily the patio area, to finish off that area with the work completed earlier around the practice green. Not everyone agrees with the work done – but judging by the amount of people that now use it, I would say they are in the minority. We have to offer facilities both on and off the course for members and visitors alike.

Fact: The Brewery funded the vast majority of the cost of the awnings, not the club.

I would also like to thank my fellow Directors for their support this year and for their honesty in the discussions and decisions that have been made throughout the year – not always easy or to the liking of some members. Please do remember that the Committee is made up of members, who give up their time freely, to run the golf club on behalf of the membership.

Fact: The ground to the left of the 15th tee box has been sold by Regis Commercial Ltd. the owner – to private homeowners, please do not cross the blue rope that marks the boundary with the course – it is now private land!

A golf club is often measured by the atmosphere people feel when they come in through the front door and that is created by the staff that welcome them. In the bar David, Tom and team, in the kitchen Trish and her team – a big thank you from me. The feedback we get from visitors speaks volumes for their work.

I would also like to thank our professional Andy and his team of Max and Alan. Andy continues to throw himself in to everything Knighton Heath – attending meetings and working long hours to ensure all is well. Whilst away from the course he promotes the standing of Knighton Heath Golf Club, for this and much more I thank you on behalf of the membership.

The Club Captain, Martin Collins, has overseen a busy year and has, I think, just about attended every meeting and golf function home and away, whilst maintaining his humour – no easy feat – well done. He has been ably supported by his Vice Captain Colin Flay.

The various club teams have again done well this year, with some punching well above their weight. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them all on behalf of the membership.

Finally, I would like to thank the members for all of their continued support and input as to how the Club can and should improve – not always an easy feat but we try.

I again look forward to another year of debate around a table, with a diverse collection of people looking to the future with one goal – to make Knighton Heath Golf Club as good as it can be.

Jim Airth

Course

Executive Summary

Overall it has been another successful year for the Greens Team. There is no question that the biggest challenge for both the members and the Team has been the impact of the extreme weather on the condition of the course.

That said, the Team have worked exceptionally hard during the year to maintain the course in good playing condition. The greens have been excellent throughout the year and this has been appreciated and acknowledged by a great number of members and visitors.

All of the planned course improvement projects were completed during the winter within the budget. The main benefits of the winter projects are:

- Reduction in the use of temporary greens
- Reduction in the number of restricted days for use of trolleys and buggies compared to the previous year
- Improved safety
- Improvement in general course condition and aesthetics.

A significant amount of essential tree work has also been undertaken this year, the majority of which has been completed in house, keeping the expense of external tree surgeons to a minimum.

The Greens Team

There have been no changes to the Greens Team this year. The Course Manager Alan Magee has a team of 4 full time green keepers and 1 part time greenkeeper to support him in maintaining and improving the course. The Team is made up of: Mark Diment, 36 years' experience, John Elsbury - 14 years' experience (now part time), Ade Heckford - 5 years' experience, Scott Sheppard - 4 years' experience, and Tom Filkin who joined the team 2 years ago as an apprentice and is studying at Myerscough College as part of his apprenticeship programme.

The stability within the Greens Team is a testament to the Course Manager, and a substantial benefit to the club. Retaining team members and building specific knowledge and experience is important for the future development of the course and will enable them to deliver the highest standard of course maintenance.

2018/2019 Objectives

The objectives for the Greens Team in 2018/19 were:

- To maintain the course in the best condition possible, providing members and visitors with a safe playing environment and a challenging and enjoyable experience
- To comply with all health and safety requirements
- To manage work in line with budget allocations
- To manage all contractors and ensure that they comply with health and safety policies and deliver value for money services
- To maintain and service equipment and vehicles, ensuring that each item is serviceable and safe for use.
- To complete the winter course improvement projects identified, budgeted and approved by the Management Committee for 2018/2019. These are detailed below.

Overall the course was managed in line with these high-level objectives, managing expenditure with budget, delivering value for money and ensuring safety of the team and members at all times.

Challenges

The biggest challenge for the Greens Team again this year was the effects of the extreme weather.

Of most concern to the members and Alan was the slower than anticipated growth recovery of the grass in the spring. This resulted in the lift and place rule being extended and an increased number of areas marked as GUR to try and balance fair play as much as practicable.

The damaged areas of grass and bare patches have shown little sign of recovery during the summer and without intervention this autumn will not recover sufficiently to meet with the members expectations. Alan has investigated a number of options to rectify the problem, which have included re-turfing, re-seeding and additional watering. He has also provided details of the level of investment required to achieve a successful outcome. After careful consideration the Management Committee has authorised the purchase of a disc-seeder which will initially be used to apply seed to the worst affected areas.

This piece of equipment uses sharp discs to create a channel 10/15mm deep into the soil, which enables the seed to be sewn into the soil rather than being laid on top. It is estimated that 90% of the seed will germinate using this method, compared to only 10% if scattered on top.

The advantages of purchasing this machine, over purchasing turf, is that:

- By having the equipment on hand, the greens, approaches, fairways, tees and rough can re-seeded when the course conditions are at their optimal for success
- Seed type can be mixed in any proportion to suit the different requirements of the greens, tees, approaches, fairways and rough
- Seed type can be chosen to fit the specific soil conditions of any area of the course
- By matching seeds that best suit the soil it is possible to develop a more drought tolerant course
- The cost of seed is much less than cultivated turf.

There is a large number of aged trees throughout the course, some of which are in close proximity to neighbouring gardens and houses. There have been instances this year where trees have fallen over or very large branches have fallen off, mainly due to storm damage, high winds or disease.

For example, the tree on the 2nd which fell into the greenside bunker and the one between the 16th and 18th tees. It is the club's responsibility to maintain the trees to ensure they do not present a danger to the members and public.

Fortunately, the Greens Team have the skills and qualifications to manage most of the tree work, however, the larger trees require professional tree surgeons to carry out works.

Regular inspections are undertaken by Alan and when necessary by a suitably qualified arboriculturalist to ensure that the club's obligations are fulfilled.

Achievements

Approved Projects

The following course improvement projects were completed during the year within the £14,000 budget:

Project	Benefits	Comments
Install a drain to the front of the 8 th green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved drainageReduced flooding to the front of the greenReduction in the use of temporary greens.	Completed by: Greens Team
Reshape the back slope of the 8 th green and re-turf.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved playabilityImproved safety by reducing slip hazard.	Completed by: Greens Team
Install a level stone path between the 14 th and 15 th tees up to the winter mat at the rear of the 14 th tee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved safety for the winter monthsImproved protection of the 14th teeImproved appearance.	Requested by members Completed by: Greens Team
Inject the 15 th and 17 th greens with the deep aeration and drainage materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved drainageReduction in the use of temporary greens.	Completed by: Subcontractor as specialist equipment required.
Remove old AstroTurf path from around the 6 th green and construct a new stone path from the 6 th green to the 7 th tee, in line with the other path improvements. Finish with new topsoil and turf.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved safety by removing tree rootsImproved buggy and trolley access to and from the 7th teeImproved general course appearance.	Completed by: Greens Team
Putting Green and Patio improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Remove retaining wallLift patio slabs on the raised portion of the putting greenRemove trees and shrubs from between the practice nets and the putting greenLevel out and re-turf the area as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved safety by removing unstable wallSaved cost by reusing slabs on Patio extensionImproved access to the practice netsImproved overall putting green appearance.	Completed by: Greens Team
Reshape and reline the 16 th approach bunker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved playability to the greenAddressed members concerns about the number of stones in bunkers.	Completed by: Greens Team
Remove trees blocking the right side on the approach to the 5 th green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved shot play from the right side of the fairway to the green.	Completed by: Greens Team

The projects were agreed based on the following criteria:

- Health and safety assessments to mitigate any risk to players or staff on the course
- The ability of the Greens Staff to complete the tasks in house to limit as much as possible any additional expense associated with the use of outside contractors
- The value they would add to the course and the membership
- Utilisation of the allocated budget to deliver best value for money for the members.

Additional Projects

An additional project to the Greens Team winter programme was the application of Nutrizorb to the greens structure. Nutrizorb supports soil biology by providing a “protective matrix” and a source of nutrients, improving drainage, firming up soft surfaces and slowly releasing nutrients to suit turf growth.

The benefits of the application of the Nutrizorb were evident on the 8th May when severe frosts were followed by 17.5mm of rain, resulting in the course being closed. Within 2 hours of the rain stopping the greens had drained and the course was reopened. As the application of Nutrizorb has been successful in improving the drainage of the greens it will now be included as part of general maintenance programme going forward. The next application will be made during the October maintenance week, with the overall objective of reducing the need to switch to temporary greens during the winter.

A further achievement was the number of days trolleys and buggies were restricted over the winter compared to the previous year, reduced from 35 days to 20 days and from 54 days to 39 days respectively.

The commitment of the Management Team to invest in new equipment combined with the forward-thinking approach of Alan and the team to recommend and use new innovative materials and products is making a huge contribution to the sustainability of the course for the future.

Approved Course Improvements 2019/2020

The Management Committee have agreed to invest a further £15,000 in improvements to the course in the 2019/20 financial year. These include:

- 12th tee; remove AstroTurf path, level and replace with stone in line with current path improvements
- 6th greenside bunker; rebuild to new standard with rubber crumb layer and revetting
- 16th fairway bunker; rebuild to new standard with rubber crumb layer and revetting
- 16th Greenside bunker; fill in making a runoff area
- Course in general; apply grass seed to worn areas, in line with the approved plan and budget.

In addition to the above projects, the practice bunker will also be rebuilt to the new standard with rubber crumb layer and revetting if funds become available.

These projects will be completed by April 2020 unless there is an emergency, or some currently unknown work takes priority on the course.

Bob O'Hara

Finance

Financial Period Ending 30th June 2019

Audited Accounts

The Club operations during the year produced a profit of £3,232 after a Corporation Tax charge of £226. This figure includes Senior Section loss of £2,316 and a profit for the Ladies Section of £538.

Assets

During the period the Club purchased assets:

Green Keeping Equipment

Topper Mower	£ 950
Pallet Handler	£ 948

Fixtures & Fittings

7 sets of Patio Table & Chairs	£2,377
Bar Till	£1,499

Total Asset Purchase	£5,774
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Bank Loans & HP

During the year the Club made repayments on Loans Nos 3 (kitchen refurbishment) and 4 (Locker Room refurbishment) however these still have a number of years to run; the total owed is £109,037. Additionally, during the year, a "loan" from the Brewery was agreed for £10,000, the loan will be discharged over a number of years dependent upon our purchases on an agreed basis.

The Course Machinery, purchased previously on hire purchase on annual HP payments was made in September 2018 (a further payment will be made in September 2019).

The interest charged on the Loans and HP is charged to the Profit and Loss Account, the Capital repayments are in the Balance Sheet and affect the cashflow.

There is no interest payable on the brewery loan.

Income

The income for the year was £601,026 which was nearly twenty thousand pounds better than last year due to increased membership. Other income sources were much the same as previous years.

Expenses

Staffing

Again, changes to the Minimum Wage and Statutory Pensions adversely affected the Club. Wage costs for the Bar and Catering Staff were increased as opening hours were extended to meet the needs of the members.

Expenses

During the year MANCO approved additional expenditure, which was not included in the original budget. The club spent a total of £24,171 on various course improvements (see Greens Report) as well as the club's old infrastructure necessitated upgrades:

Data Cabling	£2,600
CCTV	£3,233
Door Access System	£3,867

The club also:

Upgraded the Patio Enclosure	£ 950
Provided a Smoking Shelter	£ 673

In addition, the Profit and Loss account was debited with the costs of the Awnings (£11,760) and Club Website (£2,609). This will save future years depreciation charges as these items are of a unique nature with little or no resale value. The website had originally been funded by a "loan" advanced from the Brewery (the advance has now been recognised as a long-term loan and posted to the balance sheet). The loan was increased to £10,000 which assisted in financing the awnings.

The loan carries no interest and the capital is offset against the "composite barrels" achieved over an agreed number of years. In the event of change of Brewer, the balance of the loan is to be repaid immediately.

If you have any queries on the accounts I will try and answer them at the AGM; advance notification of the question would guarantee a response at the meeting.

Des Spencer

Captain's Report

It goes without saying that as Captain you rely on the help and support from many people and departments within the club.

To the following:

- The General Manager, Reunert Bauser and his staff, Denise and Pat. The office staff have been amazing this year in organising events and functions. They have always been well run and have received many positive comments from members and visitors.
Reunert in particular needs a special mention as he has been a valuable source of information and a highly professional sounding board for my ideas and plans. He has kept me in line on more than one occasion.
- The Team Captains and their helpers who have volunteered their time this year, I thank you on behalf of all your players. You have represented the club to the highest standard again and in many cases achieved notable success in a variety of formats. Your dedication and sense of fair play has not gone unnoticed.
- The Bar Staff, Dave, Tom, Emma & Harley. Your friendly welcoming manner and hard work is a credit to you. Starting early and finishing late on special functions, making sure we are all served as quickly as possible and helping around the clubhouse. Well done to you all.
- Trish and the kitchen staff have for many years not let us down. We have been served a fantastic variety of food for an ever-increasing number of functions, events, matches etc. The feedback especially from visitors has been great and like the bar staff they do more behind the scenes than they get credit for.
- Alan Magee and his green staff have again, under great pressure and with little help from mother nature, given us a course to be proud of. They have presented the course excellently, especially when large numbers turn up and play on countless organised competitions. Letters received from visitors have always been complimentary as to the condition of the course. Well done lads, keep it up.
- The Pro Shop run by Andy Windsor and his team is an absolute asset to the club. On an almost daily basis the guys prepare our competitions, scorecards, results, nearest the pins, and much more. Andy is always on hand to answer any questions and helps out in so many ways. Prize tables are organised and set up and he is always there for presentations. Please pop into the shop from time to time even if it's not to buy anything. At least say "hello" and "thank you". A big thank you to Andy from the Juniors whom he looks after so well.
- To all the starters as well as the ladies who assisted with the registration of players at the various open competitions, thank you for giving up your time, it is much appreciated.

My Captains Day was a wonderful occasion due in no small way to the hard work from our staff and you the members.

Every month the Captains Committee sits to discuss all things golf-related at the club. This year representatives from the various sections have given their time and input into making sure the members interests are paramount. Some decisions may seem on the face of it unfair or harsh, but they are made with one thing in mind, is it right for the majority. The Seniors were represented by Russ Tizard (Captain) and Richard Collis (Vice-Captain), the Ladies by Jackie Wilson (Captain) and Cicely Welch (Vice-Captain) and the others were Andy Windsor, for his expertise in the rules of golf and as Junior Organiser, Jim Airth (Chairman) representing the Management Committee and Mike Welch (President) acted as our level headed voice of reason when we got ahead of ourselves and I thank him for his support of the club both home and away. Reunert Bauser also attends as General Manager.

Last but not least my Vice-Captain, Colin Flay possibly the best wing man a Captain could wish for. I will talk about Colin a little more later, but for now a big thank you to all the Captains Committee members, you can all be proud of your service this year and I consider myself very lucky to have had you sat at the same table as me.

The Future

For many years now the club has gone from strength to strength. Like-minded, forward thinking members have had an enormous input in the way things have been done. Course and Clubhouse improvements don't just happen, they are planned, budgeted for and implemented when the time is right.

My time on both the Captains & Management Committees have given me an insight into how much hard work is been done by those individuals, in particular I would like to mention, Jim Airth, our Chairman. Jim is a determined, but fair man who has led the Management Committee so well over the years, much of what is good about Knighton Heath is down to him and his fellow Directors.

Having said that, I would urge the membership to seriously reconsider combining the two Committees sometime in the near future. Having had the honour to serve on both Committees as Chairman, Captain and Director I can honestly say that a combined table would be so much easier. It would reduce the number of meetings and repetition; decisions would be made in some cases much quicker. As a modern forward-thinking business which the club is, it would make so much sense.

My Vice-Captain

I have to say how fortunate I was when Colin Flay agreed to be my Vice-Captain. Colin was my first choice for the role and saved me days of deliberation, thinking of who would be a suitable candidate?

I chose Colin for the following reasons. He has proven over the years to be a great organiser in his capacity as Winter League Runner and as Hardy B Captain (another fantastic year for the B team). At the time of writing this the Hardy B team should be promoted to Division 1. It has been great fun playing for the team and Colin has picked a winning formula with a mix of experienced players and given the opportunity for new players to make their mark this year. Colin is Knighton Heath through and through. He supports the club at almost all functions and events, volunteers to help out and is always rattling the raffle ticket tin under everyone's nose. He has great ideas that will promote the club and raise money for projects outside the club budget, i.e. the 100 club.

I have absolutely no doubt that he will make an excellent Club Captain. He is strong minded, but totally fair. Colin is approachable and will listen to anyone on matters about the club. So, I call on the members to support my nomination of Colin as Captain and hope that you also support him in his forthcoming year. Colin, once again thank you.

The Captains Charity

This year I have been raising money for the Forest Home Hospice. A local charity who many of you may know. The hospice does incredible work for both those affected by illness and their loved ones.

I am overwhelmed by the amount of money raised by the members and thank you all for your generosity. At the time of going to press, the total raised so far stands at over £ 2 000. I will of course let you all know when the final tally comes in.

Finally, I would like to thank the members for entrusting me with the honour of Club Captain. I would like to think that I have done what any Captain should do, promote the club, uphold its traditions, represent you the members in all the decision making, listen to all of your comments and ideas (some of which either frustrate me or make me laugh out loud), and defend the club rules without bias.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, it's been fun. Thank you very much.

Martin Collins

Bridport Bowl A

The team reached the quarter finals of the plate competition where we lost to Parkstone 6/4 over 2 leg.

Chris Knight

Bridport Bowl B

The team has had a successful year reaching the West Dorset Jug Final where they were narrowly beaten by Parkstone.

A total of 18 players were used in negotiating 7 rounds of the competition, and a real strong team spirit has developed.

My thanks go to all who participated.

Andy Groom

Dorset League

The team played 12 matches against fellow Dorset Clubs, with 10 points up for each match (2 for a win, 1 for a half). The matches were played in a spirit of friendliness and camaraderie, whilst being closely fought.

We struggled to raise enough players for much of the season due to diary clashes with Seniors and friendlies. Consequently, we gave away 18 points by having incomplete teams. Nevertheless, all those who played enjoyed the competition (and the excellent catering laid on after each match!).

The Knighton team finished in the bottom two (Weymouth and Bridport still to play one match as I write). Bulbury Woods were worthy winners.

Rick Hanford

Friendlies

I would like to thank all the members who have played in the Knighton Heath Friendly Matches in 2019.

We have done very well this year, losing only 1 number match at West Wilts Waggles, away. Having 2 number matches cancelled due to weather and lack of opposition from Blandford Garrison. 5 number wins.

I believe these matches are very good for the Club and hope they can continue next year with your help.

I hope you all enjoyed playing and will play next year.

Alan Hebditch

Hardy A

The season started with the Hardy A Division Cup. In the first round we played at home and beat Queens Park convincingly. The second round took us to Dorset Golf and CC, where we played in four balls instead of the traditional singles, we met a strong team on the day and failed to progress.

The season proper has seen us finish in 3rd place at time of writing with two matches still to play, the possibility of being pushed to 4th out of 7 teams exists, but we will remain in Division 1.

Weymouth, Broadstone, Knighton Heath, Dudsbury, Isle of Purbeck, Sherborne and Yeovil.

It is still unclear who will be relegated from Dudsbury, Sherborne and Yeovil. Parkstone and Ferndown look like the 2 teams to be promoted to Division 1, which you will agree makes a savoury prospect for next season.

This has been a good season against strong teams. The new structure of home and away matches next season will see a more balanced approach, with a true result at the end of the season.

I would like to thank all the members who have represented Knighton Heath GC in the Hardy A League during 2019. I look forward to the 2020 season as Hardy A Captain.

Jim Airth

Hardy B

I am happy to report the Hardy B team has had a fantastic season and have been promoted to Division 1.

However, due to being club captain I will be standing down as Captain next year.

I would like to thank every player for their support over my years as Captain and would like to wish the team good luck for next season.

Colin Flay

Mixed

We now have friendly mixed matches against Salisbury, Hamptworth and Weymouth along with the usual others, next year we have also got Romsey and there will hopefully, be another.

The support has been great and so nice to see some members that have not played before. The new members are very keen, all hopefully enjoying themselves.

As for results, out of five matches we have only lost one and that was away to Weymouth, a great result and all played in good spirit.

We are currently trying to arrange matches for 2020. At the moment we already have, Romsey, Salisbury, Came Down, Hamptworth and Weymouth. Unfortunately, Meyrick Park, Queens Park and Canford School may have to wait until 2021.

We would like to thank everyone for their support in 2019 and hopefully it will continue next year.

Paul and Jayne King.

Seniors Section

The Seniors section had a very successful year. Membership continued to grow with new members coming from neighbouring clubs and from golfers retiring to this, the Poole area.

Our 2019 golfing season had a full schedule of team matches against other clubs in the region which got off to a slow start due to the weather for our early fixtures. However, by April we were in full swing and during the season will have played more than 30 matches. Thanks to Rod Baggott for organising these matches.

We had two big showcase events in the form of Seniors Opens. In May it was a Wine Scramble with 164 golfers competing. In July it was a Bowmaker with 132 golfers. Thanks go to George Davies and Richard Collis respectively for organising these successful events. Both events were supported by our Ladies section in the registration process and raffle which raised a healthy profit from which a formal donation to a local charity will be made.

One area of concern is the numbers of players that make themselves available for our friendly matches, answers I have been given range from the time away from home as there is normally a meal after the match, cost of these meals plus drinks for the opponents and the I'm not good enough to play in these, come on guys, they are friendly 4balls at the end of the day and new players are more than welcome, we have also discussed at committee level the possibility of reducing the age limit to 55 for these friendly games in an effort to recruit more players, but this will need to be done on a game by game basis, so if you are in this age bracket, and fancy playing in a 4BBB friendly match, keep an eye on the Seniors Notice board in the changing room.

Once these Seniors club annual friendly matches end, they are replaced by a Winter League competition (over 60's) organised and run very successfully by Mike Whittingham. Eight teams participated on a four-team east and west league. The winners were Weymouth GC.

This coming winter all 8 will play each other once, if home this year they will be away the following year.

Throughout the 2019 season a full and varied programme of Seniors competitions has been run on Mondays. These have been efficiently and smoothly run by me along with Andy Windsor and his staff in the Pro Shop.

The Season will finish with the very popular and well supported Christmas Bottles Competition followed by a social meal and presentation.

Andy Groom organised the KHKO singles matchplay, which is now in its 23rd year. This attracts participation from over 30 clubs within a 50-mile radius of KHGC and is run as a main trophy and plate (first round losers) competition. KHGC Seniors qualified for the Plate semi-final and were beaten by the eventual winners, Weymouth 6-4. Finals were played at KHGC followed by a formal dinner and presentation.

We also made the final of the Bridport Bowl jug, playing against a strong Parkstone Golf Club side at Bridport and again were narrowly beaten going down to the last putt on the last green by the final pairing.

On the Social events calendar Seniors Vice captain Richard Collis and Maurice Randall ran a Quiz Night at the club which was well attended.

Finally, KHGC Seniors Section would like to thank all the greenkeeping, bar, catering, pro shop and office staff for their contributions and support in making golf at KHGC an enjoyable year for us all.

*Russ Tizard
Seniors Captain*

Ladies Section

What a lovely year I have had as Knighton Heath's Ladies Captain. The year has flown by.

I have been very lucky in having an extremely hardworking Ladies committee and for this I thank each of them for their help and support throughout the year.

We have introduced a monthly 9-hole stableford or Medal competition for those ladies who feel they cannot play in 18-hole competitions, either short term or long term. This enables them to retain their handicaps and join in with the ladies' section.

We have continued to play in Interclub, Beales and Friendly matches with mixed results. Our Interclub team only missing out on going to the County's Finals day on Countback. We also entered teams into the Humphries Bowl, Parkin Cup and Legg Bowl unfortunately being knocked out at various stages of these competitions. I would like to thank all the team Captains for their sometimes, onerous job in getting teams together and also to all those ladies who played in these matches.

In County competitions we had some success, Janice Webster won Dorset's Johnstone Cup here at Knighton Heath, first qualifying for the Match play rounds and eventually winning the final. Well played Janice.

Jenny Airth and Linda Levens also had success in qualifying for Dorset's County Foursomes, Bronze match play rounds at Ferndown and then went on to become Runners up in the final. Well played both of you.

We were very lucky with the weather for our Ladies Open in May, Lady Captain's Day in June, Ladies Invitation in July and the Coffee Morning in September. All were really good days with entries increasing in all events. At each we had some spectacular displays of food in our refreshment tent.

These days do not organise or run themselves, this is a team effort and I would like to thank all those involved and who contributed in some way, including Trish Clement, David Horner, Tamo Kalashyan and their teams, also to Alan Magee and his team for preparing the course for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Reunert Bauser, the Office Staff, Pat Walters and Denise Bennett and Andy Windsor and his team for their support this year.

I wish Cicely Welch, the incoming Ladies Captain for 2019-20 every success next year and I hope she enjoys it as much as I have.

*Jackie Wilson
Ladies Captain*

Dorset Ladies County Golf Association

Well, where have those four years gone! My final year started in earnest in April at Knighton Heath with the Championship and Johnstone Cup. We had two players in the Championship 0-12 handicap, Linda Holden and Jayne King. Linda progressed to the last 16 of the matchplay, losing to a first team player Hermione Christie-Clover 3/1, well done Linda. The eventual winner of the Championship was Mel McMahon (LR) 0 handicap who beat Harriet Teversham (Y) 1 on the 18th in a thrilling final which many of you came out to watch and enjoyed. The Johnstone Cup 13-20 handicaps will be the highlight of this year. Janice Webster and Penny Parkes from Knighton Heath made the last 16 in the match play, Penny lost to Angela Peel from Sherborne and Janice went on to a very fine win, beating Charlotte Monson from Yeovil 5/4 in the final. Excellent play by Janice to be the Johnstone Cup winner. The weather especially the first day was horrendous, the green staff, ball spotters and starters all went above and beyond their duties, keeping the course open also staying out in the pouring rain to keep the event going, a brilliant job Knighton Heath.

We had no success at the Seniors Championship at Yeovil on another dreadful day weather wise, but I am sure lots of us will try again at Bridport next year.

The Bronze Spring Meeting at Queens Park followed with high hopes, we were rewarded, Glo Greenwood won the Helen Edwards Cup r/up Gross, well played Glo.

We had no entries in the Bowmaker or the over 70s obviously our ladies are far too young!

Ferndown was the venue for the Interclub Foursomes. We arrived to find the usual rain we had come to expect, although it did improve and was much better for the match play on the Wednesday. Our Scratch and Silver teams did not progress beyond the stroke play round, but our Bronze pair of Linda Levens and Jenny Airth did, they beat Queens Park 5/3 in the semi-finals, but unfortunately lost to Dudsbury 3/1 in the final. Well done Linda and Jenny.

The Inter-club Mixed Foursomes competition was held at Lyme Regis on the 10th August and would you believe it the weather was awful again, torrential rain and gale force winds. Our scratch pair of Simon Bellamy and Jayne King came 3rd, considering the weather and the fact they had never played together before was excellent.

Although we had entries in the Autumn Silver and Bronze meetings, we had no success, thank you to everyone who played in the meetings and I hope you will continue to support the County Competitions in the future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President of the Dorset Ladies County Golf Association, and I am looking forward to playing some more golf and going on holiday.

*Grace Burke
President*