

Knighton Heath Golf Club Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd will be held on Thursday 18th October, 2018 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 41st AGM held on 19th October 2017.
4. Management & Captain's Committee Resolutions – attached below Annexure A
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) President
 - b) Club Captain
 - c) Club Vice-Captain
11. Election of Directors
 - a) Club Captain
 - b) Club Vice-Captain
 - c) 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 10th October 2018) 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 3rd October 2018.

Reunert Bauser – General Manager & Company Secretary

President

Mr A Hebditch is retiring after serving a 3 year term and is available for re-election.

Board of Directors - the resigning & retiring members are:-

Messrs J Airth & C Knight will be retiring after both serving a 3 year term and are available for re-election.

The remaining Directors are:

Messrs K Harrington, B Lennon, B O'Hara & D Spencer,

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 17th October 2018.

ANNEXURE A

4. Management & Captain's Committee Resolutions

Amendments to the Articles of Association:

Delete (Italics & Bold)

Insert (Underline)

5. MEMBERS ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

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.
- 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.

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

Directors of the Club

- 6.1.6 **if elected as Directors**, will include 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.

19. GENERAL MEETINGS

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

Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting of Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd held on Thursday 19th October 2017 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), Trevor Townsend (Captain), Des Spencer (Finance Director), Reunert Bauser (General Manager) and Mark Magrath from Harrison's, the club auditors.

The President confirmed that 53 members entitled to vote were in attendance, with 8 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: J Bailey, J Bowden, B Channon, R Collis, L & J Elliott, B Fincham, J & P Graham, S Green, B Kennedy, I Potter, L Scoones, G Tyler and M Westaway.

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 Mike Howarth, Dave Turner, Dave Mitchener as well as and any other members that may have been missed.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 40th AGM held on 20th October 2016 had been circulated.

Mr D Gritt proposed that the minutes of 20th October 2016 be taken as read.
Seconded by Mr A Groom.

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.

4. Management & Captain's Committee Resolution

No resolutions tabled.

5. Members' Resolutions

No resolutions tabled.

6. Chairman's Report

A detailed report had been circulated.

Mr Airth said as his full report had been distributed he would only highlight a few points.

The club had experienced a very good year financially which allowed funds to be spent on the course and the clubhouse. The course in particular was in excellent condition.

Various course upgrades would be tackled in the winter as detailed in the report. The only change was, instead of upgrading the 6-7th path the more urgent 4th path would be done. He thanked the Committee for their support during the year.
No questions.

Mr M Randall proposed the adoption of the Chairman's Report for 2017.
Seconded by Mr P Peiro.

The President thanked Mr Airth for his work during the year on the Committee.

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.

My report is in the booklet which covers the past year, I wish to update members on our activities in this year so far which impacts on our cash balances. As I say in my report, the financial year ending 30th June 2017 was very good for the club with increases in subscription and green fee income which helped to bring about the surplus in the profit and loss account which has now been added to reserves in the balance sheet.

Unlike previous year(s) this year (2016-2017) the club purchased significant assets (£97K) this was possible due to an additional loan from Lloyds bank on a fixed interest basis over eight years. These purchases are not shown in the profit and loss account but in the balance sheet.

As at 30th June 2017 the club had four loans with Lloyds totalling £149,757 with capital repayments due in 2017-2018 of £17,512 and interest payments of £6,920, the interest payments will be recorded in the profit & loss a/c but the capital repayment will only appear in the balance sheet. (Two of the older loans finish in September 2017).

In September 2017 the club purchased new green keeping equipment as part of our five year plan for course machinery. The equipment cost £145,522 before VAT of £29,105. The machines were purchased by hire purchase on a five year fixed term. The terms of our agreement meant that the VAT had to be paid up front along with the first annual payment. (By bringing the purchase forward from December 2017 to September 2017 and paying a single annual payment the club saved over £700 in interest charges. September is a good month for club finances as the subscriptions paid in June and July gives us a healthy bank balance.)

As a members club we are exempt from charging VAT except on trading items (bar, catering etc.) but we cannot recoup all the VAT our suppliers charge us on certain items; our current recovery rate is 33% so we will not recover £20K from the VAT payment for the new equipment, this we have capitalized and added to the purchase cost of the machines and amortize it over the expected 10 year life of the asset.

So during the year we will:-

Repay Loan Capital to Lloyds	£17,500
Irrecoverable VAT on new Course machinery	£20,000
First repayment instalment on course machinery	<u>£27,500</u>
Total Balance sheet items outgoings	£65,000

The payments will be made from the current account and be countered by reductions in the liabilities section of the balance sheet.

The impact in succeeding years will be less as the VAT payment will not re-occur and the outstanding balances will be reduced meaning our payments will be paying off more capital. Additionally the depreciation charge whilst higher will not affect the cash flow as it is a non cash item. The annual depreciation charge being written off in the profit and loss account but also in the balance sheet where it writes down the value of the asset over its expected life.

D. Spencer

No questions

Mr R Pearce proposed the adoption of the Finance Accounts for 2016/17.

Seconded by Mrs E Senior.

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.

My year of captaincy is nearly over, and to be honest I have really enjoyed it. I have not been able to dedicate as much time as I would have liked due to a challenging year at work, but maybe I can make amends for that sometime in the future.

There have been ups and downs along the way but with 500 – 600 members there will be times when things don't go to plan or people get upset but let's face it, that's life. It's more about how we deal with the situation and move on from it. We are only here once so make the most of it.

Hopefully I have been around enough for people to come and talk to me and discuss things, but if not then I can only apologise.

We are lucky to have a great course here, which has been maintained in to a very high standard throughout the year by our fantastic green staff, led by Alan Magee, and we as members should recognise the effort they put in on our behalf. I would like to think that all the new members feel the same way, and it has been a privilege playing some of you in.

Our bar and kitchen staff are great ambassadors for the club and always do us proud. My thanks go to them all.

Reunert and the office staff (Pat and Sandra) – Thanks for all the support and assistance you have offered me during my tenure. Very much appreciated, especially when trying to arrange the social events

One thing I have learnt whilst on the committee is that they are all very focussed on the success of the club, and have the interests of all of you at heart. You may not believe that to be the case but once you have been involved in the meetings you start to see how much they all care. And if something hasn't been done, it is usually for a good reason.

I would also like to thank all the Captains of the various teams that we have at the club.

- Hardy A - Jim Airth
- Hardy B - Colin Flay
- Friendlies - Alan Hebditch
- Carpet Barn "A" - Chris Knight
- Carpet Barn "B" - Mike Levens
- Dorset League - Keith Harris
- Mixed Matches - Bill Lennon
- Mail on Sunday (Men) Chris Knight

It is never an easy job and overall I think we have had very few circumstances where we have not been able to field a full team.

For my Charity, Dementia Care, we have managed to raise over £1,800, which is great and no doubt they will be pleased to receive it. I also took part in the MacMillan Longest Day golf challenge for which we raised a further £2,250.

My Captain's Day was really well supported by you; 180 players made it a long but very enjoyable day, so thanks to all of you who took part, and I know just how much you all enjoyed the pin positions on the 5th, 13th and 15th holes. I still chuckle at one of the players in front of us, walking off the 15th chuntering away saying that he could not believe that he could 11 putt !! Now that is perseverance.

Now to the club Professional and his staff, Andy has been a consummate professional and I cannot thank him enough for all the time and effort he puts into the club. We should be proud to have such a great person work so close with the club, and all its members. Andy is ably backed by Alan, Jack and now Alex, and a big thank you to them as well.

We have tried a number of different social events this year with limited success, in terms of dances, dinners, quiz nights etc. It would be great to get more people using the club so if there are social events you think might work please let us know.

My final thanks to all of you who put up with me for this year. We saw our membership grow; I have had the privilege of playing with a lot of you during the play-in rounds. It was always a pleasure.

Thank you again.

Now it's time for me to hand over the role of Captain to Andy Groom. Andy has been a member of the club for decades and I believe that he fully deserves all the support you can provide and help in making his year a very successful one.

T Townsend

Mr D Gritt thanked the club cleaners, who were members, for their service during the year. He said that Northborne Rotary had recently held a charity golf day at the club and the course received high praise as well as the catering and service in the clubhouse. Thanks to all.

Mr. D Gritt proposed the adoption of the Captain's Report for 2016/17.
Seconded by Mr S Howlett.

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

9. Appointment of Auditors

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

Mrs D Knight 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 2016/17 year and that the forecast for 2017/18 was just as good.

The club was currently in a good place.

10. Election of Office Bearers

The President proposed that voting for the Directors and Officers should be by a show of hands. Seconded by Mr D Gritt.

On a show of hands the majority of the members voted in favour of the proposal.

a) *Captain* - Mr A Groom - proposed Mr T Townsend, seconded by Mr B Lennon.

Mr Townsend was invited to introduce Mr Groom.

On a show of hands the majority of the members voted in favour of the proposal.

Mr A Groom was duly elected as Club Captain for 2017/18

Mr Groom read as follows:

"I make no apologies for reading this acceptance speech as I want to ensure that I don't forget any salient points.

Firstly may I thank you all for your support tonight and thanks to all the absent members who have wished me good luck for the coming year and there have been many of them and yes I am looking forward to the honour of being your captain.

I recognise the responsibilities that come with the captain's role and in this respect I will carry out my duties for the benefit of the club and you the members.

Whilst the golfing side is enjoying an increase in playing numbers, the recent response to social events has been disappointing resulting in cancelled events which has caused an unrecoverable loss to the club.

This is a members club, and you are the members so that makes it your club, your participation, in both golfing and social events is essential for the club's continued success.

I will do my best to represent you and to be available whenever possible to meet and discuss any ideas that you may have but please be aware change does not always happen overnight.

At this juncture, I would like to thank Trevor for asking me to be his vice-captain, I believe we have worked well together as a team. Trevor, despite a very heavy work commitment, has maintained a high profile, he has been an ever present figure at committee and has undertaken tasks that will eventually help to strengthen the core elements within the club. Thank you Trevor!!

My charity for this year is SUDEP which is a very personal one, as many of you know my son died suddenly in 2006 of SUDEP (sudden unexplained death in epilepsy) and since then I have supported this charity. The charity was founded in 1996. It works with neurologists and professional researchers trying to find a link that will save lives, It also works directly with those suffering from epilepsy educating them to the risks that they may possibly face. Like all charities it relies very heavily on donations and I hope that in the next 12 months you can give generously so that KHGC can present SUDEP with a substantial donation.

Finally, as I look round and see friends and colleagues I would like to thank you all once again for the honour of being your captain."

b) *Vice-Captain* – Mr M Collins - proposed by Mr A Groom, seconded by Mr T Townsend.

Mr Groom was invited to introduce Mr Collins.

Mr Groom read as follows;

"Now I wish to introduce Martin Collins as my nominee for vice-captain. I am sure the vast majority of you know Martin well, but just a few facts as to his pedigree. He was captain of his previous club and has been a member of Knighton Heath for nearly twenty years. Since joining he has been an active supporter of all club activities, has represented the club in various teams including captaining the Hardy A team, he's served on committees, been elected to the Board, becoming a director and for three years was chairman of the Board, a position that gained him respect from club members. He is very approachable and willing to listen, will offer advice and will always give an honest answer. He has worked hard for the club and I hope that you will give Martin your full support as I know he will make a good and trustworthy vice-captain and ultimately an excellent captain."

On a show of hands the majority of the members voted in favour of the proposal.

Mr M Collins was duly elected as Club Vice-Captain for 2017/18.

11. Election of Directors

The President 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.

Mr A Groom - proposed Mr T Townsend, seconded by Mr B Lennon.

On a show of hands the majority of the members voted in favour of Mr Groom becoming a Director.

Mr M Collins - proposed by Mr A Groom, seconded by Mr T Townsend.

On a show of hands the majority of the members voted in favour of Mr Collins becoming an Alternate Director

No other nominations were received.

The current Directors are: Messrs J Airth, K Harrington, C Knight, B Lennon, B O'Hara and D Spencer,

The President congratulated the new Directors of Knighton Heath Golf Club Limited.

12. Any other business

No items had been received in terms of the club rules.

Closing of the meeting

The President thanked everyone for attending the AGM and those who had made their contribution to it by way of their reports. He thanked Mark Magrath for attending on behalf of Harrisons.

Finally he thanked Reunert Bauser; Alan Magee and his crew; David, Tom, Trish and their teams, Pat and Sandra in the office and Andy Windsor and his team.

The President thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:15.

A HEBDITCH - President

Dated

Chairman's Report – *Jim Airth*

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, it has been an interesting and on occasions challenging year and yet I have enjoyed the honour of being your Chairman.

I would like to welcome all of our new members who have joined from various clubs in the region. I hope that you now feel part of Knighton Heath and will fully integrate with existing members.

The year has been successful in a financial respect and this has allowed for further improvements to the course, which no doubt you have seen.

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.

It does not stop there and this year Alan and his team will continue with work agreed: bunkers, paths and drainage. Please be patient and give them courtesy, while they improve the course and playing conditions for all of us.

This year we have put a hold on the programme of refurbishment within the clubhouse, this is to allow us to concentrate more on the course. That **does not** mean that we will not finish the work, but merely put it on hold. The work will continue as and when the Committee feels that the club is in a financial position to do so.

I would like to thank both Reunert Bauser (General Manager) and Des Spencer (Finance Director) for their continued hard work in balancing the books and keeping the Committee within budgets.

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 through 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 you the membership.

Whilst I mention decisions – the ground to the left of the 15th tee box has been under discussion and debated for most of the year. The information **has** been reflected in the minutes and I take this opportunity to remind members to read minutes from meetings and refrain from speculation and spreading unfounded rumour, then members would not get wound up. The Committee did not feel the need to post anything to the membership at the time as it did not affect them. With hindsight that might have been an error and I can only offer my apologies.

Long established members seem to think that the ground belonged to Knighton Heath Golf Club – **that is not the facts** – the ground belongs to a company called Regis Commercial Ltd. They acquired the land to build the housing estate that is currently there. Although the ground was used as a tee box many years ago, it had lain dormant for more than twenty years, when the current tee box was built.

After advice from a solicitor and reviewing the land registry documents the Committee decided to survey and mark the **true** boundary of Knighton Heath Golf Club, this has now been completed.

It was therefore deemed by the Committee to be a possible waste of £1,000s on a speculative claim for a piece of ground that we do not use and has no bearing on playing golf. It **was not** in our view the best use of members' funds.

At the same time a claim was submitted for a wedge shaped piece of ground that runs from the end of the fir trees to the end of the fencing owned by the water board on the left of the 15th. It was felt that this was of more importance to the course and currently is outside the land registry drawings and deeds that show the boundary of Golf Club.

We are at present debating the best type of fencing to erect to mark out the boundary.

One other point to quash – at **no time** did the Committee suggest spending any Club funds on a practice facility – it was a “suggestion” put forward and was to be **funded by grants**, again people not reading all the information supplied has been misinterpreted. As it is, it has been dropped.

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 and in the office Sandra and Pat – 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 Jack, Alex and Alan. Since the day Andy arrived he has thrown himself into 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 Andy Groom, has overseen a busy year and has, I think, 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 Martin Collins.

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 – another big thank you from me.

I 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.

Advertising & Membership – *Mr. B. Lennon*

This year has been one of consolidation.

Overall membership at 605 increased by 5, year on year. Overall we lost 70 members due to resignations, which is less than budget.

Within the overall numbers ‘total playing members’ increased by a net of 6 members. We attracted 69 new members joining during the year with a net loss of 17 transfers to other categories and 46 resignations within the total playing categories.

Full Members numbers increased only marginally by a net 5 as the 59 new members within this section were offset by a net loss of 33 transfers and 21 resignations.

The new category of Full members aged 31-34 attracted 10 members albeit that 9 of these were transfers from other categories.

Total 5 day membership also remained flat overall with a net increase of only 1 on the year.

Within the non-playing categories the major movement was within our social numbers which dropped by a net 1 member. Of this, a loss of 19 members was due to resignations but this was offset by 4 new members and 14 transfers from other categories.

Ladies playing increased to 72, whilst our Junior categories showed a net decrease of 3, down to just 17 in total.

Total numbers at year-end, 505 playing members and 100 other members, of which 66 are social members.

Our total membership is now the best since the year ended 2011, when we had a total membership of 629.

Whilst our club rules limit the playing numbers to a maximum of 700 the committee continue to appraise on an on-going basis whether the current level is practical.

The committee continue to review the number of categories on offer and whether they offer value for money when compared to one another. This process will continue throughout the coming year.

Course – Bob O'Hara

Executive Summary

Overall 2017/18 was a productive and successful year for the Greens Team. The good mix of skills and experience within the team has ensured that the course was well maintained and managed to a high standard. The purchase of some new, and up to date course machinery has enabled the team to operate more efficiently and provide an improved playing surface. In addition to the general day to day maintenance the team completed eight winter course improvement projects within the £12,500 budget allocated.

The main challenge for 2017/2018 was the extreme weather, from snow in March to drought conditions in the summer. Despite this, the course was open and playable on all but eight days of the year. Given the conditions this was a huge achievement and can be attributed to the hard work, professionalism and determination shown by the team.

The exceptional condition of the greens during the summer is testament to Alan and the way he managed the course throughout the year. This has been recognised by both members and visitors through the positive feedback the club has received.

Course condition is a major factor in the club's ability to retain membership and attract new members and visitors. The clubs continued investment in the course will deliver a number of further improvements and at the same time strengthen Knighton Heath's reputation as one of the most challenging and finest courses in Dorset.

The Greens Team

Course Manager Alan Magee has 24 years green keeping experience, 15 years of them in course management and has a team of 4 full time greenkeepers and 1 part time greenkeeper to support him in maintaining and improving the course. The Greens Team: Mark Diment has 35 years' experience, John Elsbury 13 years and is now working part time, Ade Heckford 4 years, Scott Sheppard 3 years, Scott has also attained his qualification in Sports Turf Management this year. The most recent addition to the team is Tom Filkins. Tom joined the team as an apprentice on the 25th of September last year and has been accepted to study at Myerscough College as part of his apprenticeship programme.

The team has a wealth of experience and are fully qualified and authorised to carry out all aspects of their duties, including spraying and chainsaw work.

The wide array of skills enables them to deliver the highest standard of course management to the club.

2017/2018 Objectives

The overall objectives for the Greens Team 2017/18 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.

In addition to day to day course maintenance, eight winter course improvement projects were identified, budgeted and approved by the Management Committee for 2017/2018. These are detailed in Section 5.

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 eliminate any additional expense associated with the use of outside contractors
- The value they would add to the course and the membership
- To utilise the allocated budget to deliver best value for money for the members.

Challenges

The biggest challenge for the Greens Team this year was the weather, balancing safety, play and members' satisfaction against the potential damage to the course and its longer-term recovery. From November 2017 until March 2018 there were storms, floods, freezing conditions and snow closing the course for 6 days in March. It was the wettest March recorded in a decade. Despite these challenges the team still managed to complete the vast amount of work planned for course maintenance week in March.

The wet and freezing conditions during the winter months made it difficult to keep the main greens in play and temporary greens were brought into play more often than the club would have wished. The course was also closed for 8 days and the use of trolleys was prohibited for 35 days between January and April and buggies for 54 days in the same period. It is recognised that this impacted some members, limiting the amount of golf they could play. For this reason, these restrictions are only imposed as a last resort.

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Achievements

The following eight course improvement projects were completed during the year and within budget:

- Winter mats were installed on the 3rd and 9th tees, to complete the objective of having winter mats on all tees. All 18 winter mats will be thoroughly cleaned before being brought into operation again this winter
- The trees at the rear of the 9th green had a root system that stretched into the green. These roots seriously impacted the quality of the grass on the green to an extent that the grass was dying in the worst affected areas. Some of the trees have been removed and the remaining roots broken and blocked with sheets of wood, to stop them encroaching into the green. This has proven a success; the green has recovered and the turf which was taken from the 13th tee to cover the new run off has taken very well
- The 13th tee has been redesigned to increase the size of the teeing area and give a different viewing perspective to the hole. Removal of the trees before the ditch has made the fairway more open and visible, giving the golfer the opportunity to see his ball if it drifts off to the right of the fairway and into the rough
- To improve the water dispersal on the putting green, chipping area and 7th and 8th greens, deep aeration and drainage materials have been injected into these areas. Initial indications, following excessive rainfall this year, is that this work has achieved its objective
- A further trial of a new green application called Biochar was applied to the practice green and chipping area. The product claims to eliminate fungicides completely and reduce the amount of chemical fertilizers required to feed the greens. So far, the tests have not been conclusive, and Alan is monitoring the progress closely
- New steps have been installed on the 3rd, 13th and 14th tees to improve access to the tees and to enhance appearance.
- Changes have been made to the 2nd hole to improve safety and to speed up play. The dead pine trees on the left of the fairway which had been struck by lightning making them unsafe were removed by outside contractors. The pine and silver birch trees on the carry from the 2nd tee were removed by the Greens Team.

This has opened up the fairway and now allows the golfer to see if the fairway is clear before teeing off. It also ensures anyone unfortunate enough not to make the carry, is more likely to find their ball more quickly

- The final budgeted winter project was the replacement of the 18th path to improve safety. The old mat was very uneven and was treacherous when frozen. This has been removed and replaced with white compacted stone.

These projects were all completed on time and within the £12,500 allocated by the Management Committee.

The club also committed to invest £153,723 of funds in new machinery for the course, which has given the greens staff the ability to work more efficiently and improve the playability of the course. The new machinery includes:

- Toro Greensmaster 1000 pedestrian hand mowers. These mowers have allowed the greens to be cut over the winter period when it would not have been possible to do so with a ride on mower. Using the pedestrian hand mowers also reduces compaction on the greens
- Toro Pro trailers. These trailers are used to transport the pedestrian hand mowers around the greens saving valuable time
- Toro Greensmaster TriFlex 3420-D. This item replaced the old machinery, it produces a finer cut improving the green surface
- Toro PorPass 200 Spreader. This new top dresser allows more accurate spreading of top dressings, reducing waste and saving time
- Toro workman HDX-D Utility Vehicle. General workhorse and used with the new top dresser
- TYM Tractor. This was a second-hand purchase and is used for light work on the greens
- Weidenmann GXi8 Terra Spike. This replaced 2 small Verti drainers and has reduced the time to Verti drain the greens by a third
- Weidenmann Whisper Twister. This is a tractor mounted blower used to clear the fairways. This has reduced the amount of labour and time taken to clear the fairways from 4 with backpack blowers to 1 with the tractor blower
- John Deere 4066R Tractor. This replaced an old tractor and is more efficient and reliable
- Sod cutter. This item has already saved £1,500 in new turf by taking the turf from the old 13th tee and using it on the 9th run off.

Approved Course Improvements 2018/2019

The Management Committee have agreed to invest a further £12,500 in improvements to the course in the 2018/19 financial year. These include:

- Installing a drain at the front of the 8th green and reshaping the back slope similar to the 9th green. This will improve drainage and reduce flooding to the front of the green, enabling longer use of the green throughout the winter months
- Installing a level stone path between the 14th and 15th tees up to the winter mat at the rear of the 14th tee to improve safety during the winter months
- Injecting the 15th and 17th greens with the deep aeration and drainage materials similar to the putting area and the 7th and 8th greens to improve drainage and reduce the dependency on the temporary greens
- Removing the old AstroTurf path from around the 6th green and constructing a new stone path from the 6th green to the 7th tee, in line with the other path improvements. Top soil, new turf and grass seed will also be applied to the carry from the 7th tee to the fairway where appropriate
- Improving the putting area by removing the small retaining wall from the putting green, removing some of the heathers and plants bordering the path and patio, lifting the patio slabs on the raised portion, removing the trees and shrubs from between the practise nets and the putting green, levelling out and re-turfing the area as required.

In addition to this, the patio area will be renovated, and the patio furniture replaced in spring of 2019, subject to funds being available

- Reshaping and relining the 16th approach bunker to improve playability to the green and to address the members' concerns about the number of stones in bunkers. This work will give the Greens Team the opportunity to trial a new system using a rubber resin layer which is permeable to water. The edges will be faced with a product called Duraface which is an artificial turf which will stop stones getting into the sand from the faces. The lifespan of this product is 20 years. If successful this will be rolled out across the course as part of an annual bunker improvement project, subject to funds being available
- Removing the trees blocking the right side on the approach to the 5th green. The hole is stroke index 13 with a difficult green to negotiate; removing the trees will enable all golfers on the right-hand side of the fairway the opportunity to make the green without having to go over the trees.

These seven projects will be completed by April 2019 unless there is an emergency, or some currently unknown work takes priority on the course.

Finance Report – Des Spencer

Financial Period Ending 30th June 2018

Audited Accounts

The Club operations during the year produced a profit of £14,382 after a Corporation Tax charge of £207. This figure includes "Senior Section" profit of £2,381 and a loss of £321 for the Ladies Section, the balance added to the Club's Reserves was £11,822. This was a good result given the winter conditions which lasted until nearly April with heavy rain, frosts and even snow when the "Beast of the East" struck. These conditions severely affected the income of the Club with reduction in Green Fees, reduced turnover for the Bar and Catering and more or less break even for the buggy income.

Assets

During the period the Club purchased various assets:

Green Keeping Equipment	£153,723
Fixtures & Fittings	<u>£7,048</u>
Total Asset Purchase	<u>£160,771</u>

Certain items of Green Keeping equipment were disposed of as part of this purchase to the value of £46,301. These items having already been written down to nil value in previous periods so there was no effect on the Balance sheet. A tractor disposed of as part of this package did realise a "paper books only" profit of £5,000.

In purchasing these assets the costs quoted are net of VAT, as a Members Club (VAT is not paid on subscriptions) we can only make a partial recovery of the VAT charged which is generally around 30-33%, our asset purchases only recovered around £12,000 of the VAT charged leading to a substantial increase in the Irrecoverable VAT charge for this year.

Bank Loans & HP

During the year the Club completed paying off Loans No. 1 and No. 2 from Lloyds Bank; payments on Loans Nos 3 and 4 will continue for a number of years the total owed is £127,453. These loans were taken out to complete the Kitchen and Locker Room(s) refurbishment.

The HP payments for the new equipment will last for a further 4 years at a cost of £31,645 per annum.

It is unlikely that any major expenditure will be made in the next 2-3 years whilst we reduce the balances owed.

Whilst 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.

Expenses

Staffing

Once again changes to the Minimum Wage and Statutory Pensions have 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. The changes in the greenkeeping staff led to one staff member semi retiring, the Apprenticeship was successfully completed and a new member of staff employed.

Expenses

Expenses were generally as budgeted for; with the Managers ensuring the club was run efficiently.

The finance expenses were much higher due to HP Interest on the new equipment and a substantial rise in Irrecoverable VAT. The Depreciation charge was higher due to the purchase of the new machinery and fixtures and fittings.

Captain's Report – *Andy Groom*

It's here already, my year of captaincy is over, thank goodness I hear some of you say, but I have really enjoyed the honour of representing you and Knighton Heath GC.

Last season was one of very mixed weather, rain for three months, late snow and then a heatwave for several weeks. Given the inconsistency of the weather, and the demand for delivery of a high quality golf course, we should note and record our appreciation to the greens committee and in particular to course manager Alan Magee and his team, I realise that producing a course of our quality is like painting the Forth Bridge, a never ending task.

Once again the cherry on top of the cake [within the clubhouse] is the consistently great reports from members and visitors regarding our catering and bar staff, they are great ambassadors for the club, a big thank-you to all of you.

My thanks also go to Reunert, Sandra and Pat, not only for all the support and assistance they have given me over the past two years, but also for the efficient way they deal with the every-day running of the club.

As a club we are lucky to have Andy Windsor as our professional and I thank him and his staff for all the time and effort they put into the club.

Whilst thanking people I would like to thank the ladies section for their support and help, and in particular Debbie Lennon for taking on a second year as ladies captain in what has proved to be a difficult year for her.

Turning to golf it has been a successful year, entries for competitions have increased, club teams have performed well, the Annodata men's team has reached the national finals (next-step Spain), the seniors team has reached the finals of the Knighton Heath Knockout.

Membership has increased and, as we are nearing our maximum number, the club is looking to be on a firm financial base.

The one thing I have gained from being on various committees is that all concerned are focussed on providing the best possible environment for all the members. There are ups and downs but with nearly 700 members it is virtually impossible to please everyone, but whatever decisions are made there are always good reasons for them.

Finally I would like to thank all members for their support and encouragement over the last year, the club has developed and grown and is progressing smoothly in the 21st century.

Now it's time to hand the reins to Martin Collins, I thank him for his support, and request you all to support him and ensure that he has a successful year.

Ladies Section – *Debbie Lennon*

My second year as Ladies Captain has flown by. The Ladies Committee has again worked very hard to provide an enjoyable and varied golfing diary for the Ladies section.

This year has had its challenges. One of these being the Captain's and Management Committees' request to play all Ladies Trophies over both Sundays and Tuesdays (where possible) which resulted in much discussion amongst the lady members. The main rationale behind this was to be as inclusive as possible for all our lady members allowing 7 day working members to participate in the full range of competitions available to our 5 day members. All of our competitions will be played in accordance with the England Golf guidance for Alternate Day competitions.

The ladies section now has 74 playing members with up to 50 ladies taking part each week in competitions. This has meant that the tee times in many competitions this year have been fully booked.

We continued to play Interclub, Beales and Friendly matches throughout the summer with mixed results. We also entered teams into the Parkin Cup, Humphries Bowl and the Legg Bowl. Thank you to the team captains and all those who played in our matches this year.

We were extremely lucky again this year in that we had good weather for the Ladies Open in May, Lady Captain's Day in June, Ladies Invitation day in July and the coffee morning in September. Many thanks to everyone who played in these events or helped with the day to ensure they ran smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Ladies committee, the office staff and Andy Windsor and his team for their support this year.

I wish Jackie Wilson our incoming Ladies Captain for 2017-18 every success for next year.

Senior Section – *Maurice Randall*

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

Q4 2017 saw the end of Seniors club annual friendly matches but this was replaced by a Winter League competition organised and run very successfully by Mike Whittingham. Eight teams participated on a four team east and west league. The winners were Weymouth GC.

Seniors Monday competitions continued in Q4 2017 culminating with the very popular and well supported Xmas Bottles shotgun start followed by a social meal and presentation.

Our 2018 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 "beast from the east" either snowing off or water logging 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 the charity Julia's House will be made.

Throughout the 2018 season a full and varied programme of Seniors competitions has been run on Mondays. These have been efficiently and smoothly run by Russ Tizard along with Andy Windsor and his staff in the Pro Shop.

Andy Groom organised the KHKO singles matchplay which is now in its 22nd 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, the latter which KHGC Seniors made it to the final! Finals are played at KHGC followed by a formal dinner and presentation.

On the Social events calendar Seniors captain supported by Richard Collis and Sandra ran a Quiz Night at the club which was well attended.

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

Juniors – *Andy Windsor*

The Junior Section has seen a slight decline over the year with 16 Juniors currently attached at the club, which is just down from the previous year and something that we aim to address in the future.

We have recruited 2 new juniors this year with the latest additions being Max Cooper (brother of existing member Ben) and Evan Guite (brother of existing member Callum) who join us in the under 14s section.

The junior section has had a good year with some notable individual achievements.

Junior Captain: Cameron Laird

Vice-Captain: John Ahern

Dorset Junior Knock-Out Shield:

This year the competition changed to a league format and we were drawn against Sturminster Marshall and Broadstone. Knighton Heath drew with Sturminster Marshall, but lost to Broadstone and so didn't make it to this year's Finals.

Triangular:

This year saw the withdrawal of the Shanklin & Sandown/Isle of Wight Junior Team due to too few junior players on the Island to make a team. Knighton Heath hosted the first leg, which was hotly contested, however two superb scores from Bramshaw players meant they took a lead back to Bramshaw for the final leg. The 2nd leg at Bramshaw was again hard fought but Bramshaw used their home advantage well and won the day to retain the Three Club Challenge Shield.

The Bramshaw organiser Nev and myself will look to organise another club to join us later in the year to return the competition to a Triangular series, with Rushmore looking favourite at present. This would mean we have a club from Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire competing next year.

Junior Open results:

This year's Junior Open had a fantastic turnout of 37 juniors with Sam Trott from Weymouth winning the Gross with 69, Archie Tolman winning the Nett with 66.

Lauren Purchase won the girls 1st gross prize with 77 and Charlotte Brook won the girls net prize with 67.

Achievements:

Club Champion 36 Hole (Scratch): Cameron Laird

Club Championship (18 Hole Stableford): Alex Johnson

Club Champion 36 Hole (Nett): Cameron Laird

Order of Merit: Cameron Laird (leading currently)

Short Course Junior Champion: Ben Cooper

Andy Su: had a superb performance in the Men's Club Championships, shooting net 70 and net 58 to win the Godfrey Elliott Bowl for Net Club Champion on countback from Simon Baker. Andy has also been selected to represent Dorset County Under 12s team matches throughout the year and has reduced his handicap from 15 to 11.

Andy had a great score in our Junior Open, finishing tied 2nd in the Net competition with 67. Andy also represented Knighton Heath in the Hardy B team winning all of his matches so far.

Cameron Laird: has had a fantastic year as Captain, Cameron has won the Junior Club Championships, reduced his handicap from 9 to 6. Cameron qualified for the European Junior Championships at Alcaidesa, Malaga, Spain to be played later in September. Cameron also competed in the U18 West of England Championships finishing a fantastic 3rd in the Net competition with rounds of 68, 69 and 75 at Burnham & Berrow GC, Somerset. Cameron also represents Dorset Under 16's and also Knighton Heath in the Hardy A team with great success.

Konstantinos Parthenis: won the Spring Cup Summer Knock-Out beating Simon Pollitt in the final. Deano, as he's known, also represented Knighton Heath for the Hardy A and scratch sides with brilliant performances in both teams.

Colin Chataway Trophy:

Sadly this year we were unable to field a full team due to illness, however Jack Johnson and John Ahern did compete for Knighton Heath. Jack Johnson had a superb round of 39 points and John Ahern also scored well with 36 points. Hopefully next year and with a full team we have a chance to challenge for this Trophy.

Next year we hope to boost the section as much as we can, improve the coaching pathway.

Dorset Ladies County Golf Association – *President: Grace Burke*

I started 2018 with such high hopes, Jackie Stoodley came 9th Gross out of 120 in the Seniors Championship at Moors Valley and also came 7th in the Silver Spring Challenge at Dudsbury GC. Jayne King was our only entry in the Johnstone Cup for the 13-20 handicap player, also at Dudsbury, and got through to the last 16 but lost in the quarter finals on the 20th an excellent match, well done Jayne.

Pam Chard, Pat Steer and Sylvia Kent have supported all the Bronze events and the Veterans matches and have been middle of the field in the Spring and Autumn meetings, thank you for always playing. Please ladies we need more silver and bronze to enter our competitions next year to have any hope of winning the aggregate trophies which are dominated by Broadstone, Parkstone, Ferndown and Dudsbury.

Unfortunately we no longer have any junior girls, so if you have granddaughters who might like to try golf they can come along and also if they show any aptitude they can be looked at for County Academy training.

I hope we can generate some enthusiasm for 2019, my final year, the County Championship, Johnstone Cup and Silver Spring Challenge will be played at Knighton Heath. I would like to see a good entry from KH ladies for these events, we should do well. These competitions will also need volunteer starters and spotters so I hope you will be generous with your time ladies and gentlemen. The year has gone so fast with lots of work but enjoyable times on the golf course.

Thank you to the stalwarts who supported County events this year and I look forward to 2019 and the final year of my four year tenure.