

**COLCHESTER GOLF CLUB**  
**101<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT BRAISWICK**  
**ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 AT 7.30PM**

The Captain, Trevor Cock, opened the meeting and welcomed the Trustees and members. He asked for those present who were not fully paid up members to leave the Clubhouse.

The Secretary Manager read the notice of the meeting.

The Captain then asked all those present to stand for a minute's silence for those members who had passed away during the year, namely, Peter Askew; Mary Baxter; Alberto Caracciolo; Joan Goldsmith; Jack Leeds; Janette Moore; Margaret Raper; Bettie Taylor; John Thorogood; Philip Warburton and any other past or present members of the Club who had passed away during the last year.

There were 75 members present.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

The Secretary Manager announced that there were 59 apologies.

**2. Minutes**

The Captain asked that the minutes of the AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009, be approved. It was proposed by Mrs M. Crosbie and seconded by M. Sutton that they be accepted. Carried unanimously.

There were no matters arising.

**3. Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

The Chairman of Finance Alan Irvine, then delivered his report to the membership.

Alan firstly thanked those who had attended the Finance Clinic and the questions that had been raised. Following on from the loss in 2008 and the decision to freeze subscriptions for 2009 the result for the year demonstrated the excellent effort made by both the spending committees and the Secretary's office. He gave his thanks to Julie and her staff in particular for their help during his Vice Captains year by taking on much of the work previously done by the Finance Chair.

In the balance sheet there had been a significant increase in creditors. This was due to Keith taking advantage of the lower rate of VAT and purchasing capital equipment in December, whereas historically it had been bought the following month.

There had been a reduction in the Boundary Protection Fund. This resulted from fees incurred with the proposed Mile End development. The Club had made representations to planning for a boundary of the Club's land on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes which would be green space. Work would continue towards protecting the boundary in the next few years and the cost for this would come out of this fund.

In the Revenue Account, course upkeep had increased due to new paths, the benefit of this would be seen in the coming months.

The Bar showed an improved profit again for 2010. Thanks to Neil and his staff and also Hilary Persent and the social team for their efforts in re-energising the social aspect of the Club.

The irrecoverable VAT figure for 2008 was lower than usual, as a provision that had been in the book for several years had been released. 2009 saw a return to the normal figure.

He then invited those present for their questions. There were none.

It was proposed by Andrew Jones and seconded by John Dornan that the Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet be accepted. Carried unanimously.

#### **4. To approve the recommended Subscription and Entrance Fees for 2010**

The Finance Chairman stated that having had a zero increase for 2009, it was unrealistic for this to continue and while costs would continue to be controlled, inflation still existed. The increase of VAT to 20% in January would add approximately £3,000 to £4,000 to the costs alone.

It was therefore proposed that a subscription increase of between 3% and 4% be applied dependent on the membership category as per the AGM notice. He stated it was key that the Club maintains its standards in order to attract new members and the Management Board felt this was the minimum increase needed to support this.

The Finance Chairman then asked if there were any questions. Roger Robertson asked if there had been any evidence to suggest the Entrance Fee, which had been frozen for 2011, had proven a deterrent to prospective new members. Alan Irvine replied that with the ability to spread the cost of the Entrance Fee over 3 or 5 years the cost per annum was similar to Proprietary clubs. It induced a loyalty and acted as an anchor to keep members.

The new levels for Subscriptions and Entrance Fees were proposed by Les Daughtrey and seconded by Adrian Livesley. Carried unanimously.

Category	£
Full	850.00
Full Over 65*	768.00
5 Day	685.00
5 Day Over 65*	620.00
18 / 25	390.00
Junior Aged 12 to 13	57.00
Junior Aged 14 to 15	114.00
Junior Aged 16 to 17	180.00
Student	180.00
Mini Junior	16.00
Absent/Abroad	140.00
Social **	100.00
Staff	214.00

Entrance Fees	£
Member	1185.00
18/25	592.50.
18/25 Transfer	355.50
Junior Transfer	237.00

\* 10 years continuous membership

\*\* Subject to VAT

## **5. To appoint the Auditors for the coming year**

It was proposed by A. Irvine and seconded by M.Sutton that Tile & Co be appointed the auditors for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

## **6. To elect a Captain for the coming year**

Trevor Cock said that the old adage about time flying when you were having fun was particularly true in his year of Captaincy and he again thanked Mike Sutton for inviting him to be Captain. The list of those needing thanks was very long and he apologised to anyone he might miss.

Dick Procter received thanks for his help with many projects around the clubhouse and on the course. Trevor praised Clive Hebden's ongoing efforts as Press Officer for raising the profile of the Club and helping to introduce new members, although he had given Trevor's photo too much exposure in the past year!

Even with the tough and changeable weather conditions this year, the course had been in excellent condition and Keith Chinnery with his team, under the guidance of David Latta, were thanked for their hard work and dedication.

Special thanks were given to Maggie Demuth and the many enjoyable rounds of golf that they had shared in both their Captaincy years.

The juniors had continued to go from strength to strength in the past year and this was largely due to Duncan Miller and all his hard work. Ben David and Dominic Petch in particular have both excelled.

Trevor thanked Bill Hart for stepping in to run the Pro-Am again and had done a fantastic job in difficult circumstances. Trevor wished Hilary Persent luck for the 2011 edition.

The food and drink had both been excellent this year and this was down to Neil and Brenda, along with their staff, for keeping the members happy before, during and after their rounds.

Trevor said the past two years of his involvement on the Management Board had been eye opening to him as there were so many unsung heroes at the Club whose hard work often went unnoticed by most members. He thanked them all.

John Wright, whose health had suffered a blip his year, was thanked for his exceptional running of the 100 Club, and it was good to see him back to his old self. He had been missed as a starter at this year's Pro-Am.

The survey had acted as a catalyst for much of the work carried out this year. Alan Irvine and Tony Rand were singled out for praise for collating and extrapolating all the valuable information received.

Trevor thanked Richard and Corinne in the office, and Julie for organising his diary, paperwork, guiding him through his duties as Captain and making his job both easy and enjoyable.

Last but certainly not least, Trevor thanked his wife Sara for her support and understanding for all the times he was out playing golf and on official duties.

Trevor's charity for his Captaincy year had been Macmillan Cancer Support, and over £4,000 had been raised. He thanked everyone for their contributions.

Trevor then proposed Alan Irvine as Captain for 2011. He said it had been a real pleasure working with him for the last two years and he was sure that Alan would make an excellent Captain.

This proposal was seconded by Tony Rand and carried unanimously. Trevor Cock then handed Alan Irvine the Captain's badge. They exchanged ties and Alan Irvine took the chair.

In his first act as Captain, Alan Irvine asked Paul Nunny to offer a vote of thanks to Trevor Cock.

Paul said he had served on the Management Board for 25 years and each Captain had their own style and objectives for their year in office. As a successful businessman, Trevor had great drive and enthusiasm to achieve the goals he set for his year of Captaincy, many of which came to light from the members' survey. The course, practice ground, changing rooms and kitchens all saw money spent on them for the benefit of the members and Trevor used his expertise to get the work done at a fraction of the true cost. The new paths were laid with equipment that came free of charge. Trevor paid for the astro turfing of the steps himself and laid them with the help of Dick Procter. A programme of drainage was introduced, with new pipe work and ditches allowing the course to be more playable all year round. Many bunkers have also been drained. Special thanks to Glenn Sibbons for his help with these and many other projects. The new 150 yard markers look excellent and thanks must go to Roger Robertson for his help with these.

Trevor has also been instrumental in the transportation and refurbishment of the Cabbie's Shelter for a fraction of the original cost, aided again by Glenn and Dick. He renovated the pavilion on the small practice ground and, helped by Mike Withers, upgraded the mens changing rooms. The kitchen will benefit from the recently started 3 year project of improvements under Hilary Persent's guidance.

Trevor has donated the Mersea Rose Bowl for the Mens' Order of Merit competition and organised the introduction of Sky TV and purchased new televisions at a large discount.

Paul gave thanks to Trevor's family for lending him to us for the year and for all their support. Trevor was the driving force behind the massive improvements the Club has seen this year and has comfortably exceeded all our expectations by passing on the Club in such a good condition. Our thanks to him for everything he has done.

The Captain thanked Paul and also Trevor for an excellent year of Captaincy.

He said that when Trevor had asked him over a year ago to be his Vice Captain, little did he know what to expect! With the survey as guidance and Trevor at the helm, so much had been achieved to benefit the Club not just today but for many years to come and had laid foundations for future Captains.

Alan introduced himself as a member for over 12 years and said that he had sat at previous AGMs listening to Captains confirming the honour and responsibility placed on them for the next year. He was no different and wished to thank everyone who had prepared him for the coming year, in particular the office.

His plan for the year ahead was to consolidate and continue the good work that had been started and to maintain and enhance the high standards that have been achieved. He highlighted the importance of attention to detail in attracting new members and securing the Club's future.

In response to the survey, a working group has been set up under the Chairmanship of Adrian Livesley to look at the long term development and location of the clubhouse and its facilities. This would be reported back as appropriate.

He thanked the Cabbie Shelter fundraising committee for their ongoing hard work and asked for any members wishing to make a donation, to do so through the office.

He believe golf to be a great game that he had enjoyed for over 40 years and encouraged everyone to enjoy it in the spirit of friendship and understanding.

The Captain then introduced the Junior Captain for 2011, Ben David. Ben is well known to most members as an excellent and model golfer and was a very good choice to lead the Junior section.

**7. To elect a Vice Captain for the coming year**

The Captain then proposed Dick Bokenham as the Vice Captain for 2011. This was seconded by Les Daughtrey and carried unanimously.

**8. To elect a Ladies Captain for the coming year**

Mrs Maggie Demuth, as the outgoing Ladies Captain, congratulated Trevor on his enthusiasm and hard work; resulting in an excellent year of Captaincy. She also wished Alan Irvine well for the year ahead. Mandy Rix was then introduced as the Ladies Captain for 2011.

Mandy Rix thanked the Ladies Section for nominating her to be their Captain and promised to work hard to promote and uphold the values and traditions for the Club. She looked forward to working with the Captain and Secretary Manager. Mrs Rix then introduced her Vice Captain for 2011, Judith Robertson, a long standing member who has represented the Club for many years and was always a willing supporter of the Club.

**9. To elect four members to the Management Board**

As there had been four nominees to fill the four vacancies, no ballot was needed. The Captain announced that David Latta, Roger Moore and Michael Withers had been re-elected and then welcomed Jacob Farson to the Management Board.

The Captain then announced that he and the Ladies Captain would be driving in on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and then invited those present to join him for a drink afterwards.

The meeting closed at 8.11pm.

Minutes compiled by  
Julie Ruscoe  
Secretary Manager

Approved.....  
Trevor Cock  
Captain

## Addendum to AGM Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010

The Membership Numbers at the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 are as follows:

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
Full	416	86
5 day	81	34
18-25	16	1
<b><i>Total Adult Playing Member</i></b>	<b><i>513</i></b>	<b><i>121</i></b>
Junior	32 – Male	5 – Female
Mini Juniors	18 – Male	1 – Female
Students	17 - Male	3 Female
Staff	1	1
<b><i>Total Playing Members</i></b>	<b><i>581</i></b>	<b><i>130</i></b>
Social	68 – Male	22 – Female
Absent	12 – Male	1 – Female
<b><i>Total Non-Playing Members</i></b>	<b><i>80</i></b>	<b><i>23</i></b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b><i>814</i></b>	