

Ferndown Forest Senior's Section AGM followed by Presentations

Forest Inn, Garden room on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 18:30hrs

Minutes

- In attendance

- Ian Newman (Captain), Allan Bentley (Secretary/Interim Treasurer), Larry Austin (Vice Captain), Graham Chadwick and Steve Kitney (Committee Members)
- Steve Pockneall (Proprietor) and John Mitchell (Club Secretary)
- Over 35 senior members

- Apologies

- Apologies were received from, Derek Charlton, Colin Warburg and Tadge Jarmolkiewicz.

- Matters Arising – Secretary

- Treasurer Resignation
 - Keith Broom decided to resign as treasurer after six years, where he combined secretary and treasurer positions on the committee. Captain thanked and presented Keith with a Spirit Decanter as a gesture of appreciation.
- Appointment of Treasurer
 - Paul Fee has put himself forward to replace Keith, which was seconded by Allan Bentley and agreed by the Committee. The appointment was put to the members and agreed unanimously.
- Appointment of Committee Members
 - The committee members wish to continue for another season and put themselves forward to serve. There were no objections from the floor.

- Report – Treasurer

- Participation in the Monday competitions continued to grow throughout the season, with a good number of new members participating. Gross Income £4850.
- Prize money paid out during the season to winners/runners up and two's was over £3850.
- A highly successful Captain's Day enabled a donation of £1000 to the local Alzheimer's society.
- Our 2024 funds of £750 were largely spent on our wonderful Christmas Golf event and lunch, engraving costs and additional prizes for the Turkey Trot plus raffle along with providing wine for the lunch.
- There was a low turnout for the singles and pairs Matchplay competition. We hope to do better for the 2025 Season.
- Net Cash at year end - £142.94

- Report - Captain

- Captain, highlighted the key events during the 2024 Season. The highly successful captains day along with the marvellous Christmas event stood out as testament to the ongoing strength and success of the senior section.

- The 'Inter-club' matches were a highlight and a disappointment, with 3 wins and a draw from the 15 matches played. All of the teams visiting the club, commended the food from the Forest Inn supplied by our proprietor Steve.
- The ongoing investment on the course and facilities were mentioned and a thanks to Steve for the continued investment in the club.
- The singles and pairs Matchplay entry and administration will be easier in the 2025 season with the hope that greater participation will result.
- Captain, thanked the committee for supporting him during his first term and a particular mention of Graham and Steve for their tireless support managing the weekly roll-up on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

● Proprietor Update - Steve P

- An update on the key aspects on the golf complex was undertaken by Steve with a Q and A to follow. Noteworthy points:
- Over £400k of investment over the 12-months was undertaken across all areas of the Golf complex.
- The investments will continue in 2025, with the addition of 2 padel courts and 1 pickle ball court, where the work will commence in February. Planning was eventually agreed for 4 electric charging points across 8 bays.
- The drainage projects will continue in 2025 with additional greens selected along with a general update on the course drainage together with additional tree planting to enhance the course further,
- The Pro shop will extension will significantly enhance the customer experience with two tills and a larger area to book in for competitions and enter scores.
- Tee times will now be 8 minutes between each other (previously 7.5 minutes). This should reduce slow play. In addition, three earlier tee times will be added 16 minutes before sunrise during the summer season.
- As a result of the budget and additional costs to the Forest Inn, in particular, price rises were inevitable. However, on a positive note, the annual golf fees will remain the same as last year at £695 for full 7-day membership, along with the usual offer in February.

● Points of Issue

The following points have been raised by the senior members via email to the Senior's Secretary.

- It has been talked about leaving the weekend tees for the senior competitions on a Monday can we see if this is a possibility. YES, THIS WILL BE DONE
- The recent icy conditions made the 17th tee a bit dangerous to negotiate from the path. With it being enclosed giving it a permanent feature could a couple of steps be put in like on 18? YES, STEPS ARE TO BE INSTALLED
- As you may well be aware on a Wednesday and Friday when I join the rollup, I always put in a general scoring card. Is there any reason why Monday seniors comps shouldn't count towards handicap adjustment ? It doesn't make sense to me when you can play a general card using the mats, but you can't on a Monday. AS THE WINTER MATS ENABLE AN EASIER ROUND OF GOLF WHEN USING THEM IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED TO USE THESE SCORES AS QUALIFYING.

● Meeting Concluded

Trophies Presentation

The captain presented the annual trophy awards to the following:

<u>SENIORS SECTION</u>			
<u>TROPHY WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP</u>			
<u>2024</u>			
<u>No.</u>	<u>TROPHY</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNERS UP</u>
1	LEIGH CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY	TERRY PEARCY 49 points	PAUL FEE 45 points
2	SINGLES K/O CUP	COLIN WARBURG (Won 6 & 4)	KEN HANN
3	PAIRS K/O SHIELD	PETER CONNELL & PAUL PEARSON (Won 1 up on 19th)	COLIN WARBURG & KEITH BROOM
4	ERNIE WALKER CUP	KEN COLMER 59 (net)	ANDREW TILLING 63 (net)
5	W.W.1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE TROPHY	GRAHAM LANE 59 (net)	TERRY PEARCY 63 (net)
6	SENIOR'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (GROSS)	HANS De BOORDER 143 (gross)	STEVE KITNEY 148 (gross)
7	SENIOR'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (NET)	IAN STEVENSON 130 (net)	TERRY PEARCY 134 (net)
8	JOHN MOORE CHALLENGE CUP	HAROLD BAGWELL 42 points	PETE GOVER 41 points
9	SUMMER ORDER OF MERIT	TERRY PEARCY 92 points	COLIN McMILLAN 69 points
10	SUMMER ECLECTIC LEAGUE	STEVE KITNEY 51 (gross)	RUSSELL BARTLETT 53 (gross)
11	WINTER 23/24 ORDER OF MERIT	TERRY PEARCY 66 points	TADGE JARMOLKIEWICZ 47 points
12	WINTER 23/24 ECLECTIC LEAGUE	HANS de BOORDER 58 (gross) Countback last 3 holes	STEVE KITNEY 58 (gross)

The 2024 Roll-Up season was celebrated with the following trophies presented by Graham Chadwick, supported by Steve Kitney. With over 60 games played in the season, allocation points for the Front nine, back nine and overall, the 2024 results are:

1st Place Ian Newman, 2nd Place Ken Hann and 3rd Place George Holdgate

Best Score, Barry Webb – 46 Points

Best Front Nine Ian Shepherd and Tadge Jarmolkiewicz – 25 Points

Best Back Nine Colin Warburg – 25 Points

Allan Bentley

Senior's Section Secretary