

Seniors Golf Section

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CFCC SENIOR GOLF SECTION 2025

The Annual AGM was held on Monday 3rd November 2025 in the South China Suite at CFCC and attended by approximately 60 members of the Section which is greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Prior to the official start of the meeting the Captain presented £3924.75 to a representative of the Cornwall Air Ambulance, this was gratefully received and we were given a short presentation on the workings of the Air Ambulance service and how all donations were used.

Apologies were received from Doug Fletcher, Sam Potts, Dave Young, Taff Owen, Phil Marriot, Simon Harper, Dave Cuthbert, Steve Weston, Ken Topping, Nigel Hughes, Ray Ball, Mac Hooper, Peter Holland, John Anderson and Graham Street

ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the AGM held Monday 4 November 2024 were accepted unanimously as a true record of proceedings.

ITEM 2 - MATTERS ARISING

2.1 The age limit for entry into the Section was lowered to 55 as agreed, the Secretary thanked CFCC for advertising this to the members which resulted in a small number applying to join.

ITEM 3 - OUTGOING CAPTAIN'S REPORT (KEITH CHAPMAN)

3.1 I would like to formally welcome everyone to the 2025 AGM at China Fleet, and invite all to please stand up and have a minute's silence in recognition of all the fallen service men and women in all of the armed forces.

3.2 The year has flown by. We have played 25 matches out of 26. Unfortunately I had to cancel the last one away to St Austell due to storm Amy. Over the year the team has won 9, lost 11 and drawn 5 matches. 43 players were used throughout the year out of membership of around 140 players.

3.3 Many people have asked me if I have enjoyed being Captain of the seniors, my answer has been the same in that I haven't exactly enjoyed the experience but I'm sure in a couple of weeks I will look back on the year with a certain amount of pride. I need to thank a number of people; first of them is my Vice Captain for the year Phil Beech who has supported me throughout the year and filled in when I haven't been available. The next being Mike Vine who has been sat with myself most weeks greeting everyone as they turn up to play every Monday.

3.4 To Ben Waters and Matthew Tamsett, your assistant and help has very much been appreciated throughout the year. The catering staff have also done an amazing job throughout our matches, I have only heard good things from the away teams all leaving with full stomachs and big smiles. And not forgetting our green staff who have done a great job in some difficult conditions throughout the year, our greens have been in fantastic condition and after the summer and autumn maintenance the greens came back incredibly fast in around 2 weeks, amazing.

3.5 As you all know my chosen charity for the year was Cornwall Air Ambulance, with your great support we have raised around £4,000. I've hopefully kept the emails I sent out to a minimum, but ever time I asked for your support for the raffles you always came good, on Captains day nearly 40 prizes were up for grabs in the raffle. I need to say a big thank you to the Ladies who ran 2 of the raffles and raised over £1,000. I also need to say a big thank you to Trevor Down who must have supplied 30 or so sets of tools for the raffles

throughout the year. So it's with great pleasure today we have given Jenny who is the local representative for Cornwall Air Ambulance a cheque for £4,000.

ITEM 4 - SECRETARY'S REPORT (JIM JOHNSTON)

4.1 Membership has soared this year to 138 an increase of 29 (almost 20%) since last November. Only 7 members are currently under 60 so that's not the reason for the increase, so must have been the exceptional captaincy of Paul Jarvis that encouraged new members to join on the assumption that Keith would carry on the good work..... he hasn't done so badly I suppose! Historically we lose some members over the next 2 months when the Subs are due but hopefully not many. I've tweaked the joining letter to inform new members that they must pay their annual subscription to confirm their membership as the official date of joining may be relevant for entry into certain Trophy Competitions and also send them a copy of our Competition Terms & Conditions so they can't say they weren't aware of any entry requirements, unlike everyone here who is fully conversant with the document! Apparently, Rob would have been asking questions during his speech.... if he was actually here...

4.2 Fixtures: The fixture list, as you would expect, is remarkably similar to this year's. Main change is the addition of 2 more qualifiers and the removal of Bowood as a friendly fixture for reasons that have been fairly well vocalised in the past. In its place I am pleased to say that we have now added Tavistock to our list. I have also managed to tweak a couple of fixtures so that we don't have an abundance of home or away fixtures bunched together. I suspect the full fixture list will be available fairly soon.

4.3 Weekly Nonsense: Weekly Nonsense has had a relatively quiet year for incidents but my thanks to all those on course snitches for keeping me informed. Having said it was quiet we can always remember some moments. Taking over in grand style from the sadly missed Formula 6 Trevor, a significant contributor to my nonsense, was the buggy brigade, Dave Monk/Andy Whitby and Phil Lopez all had their moments. Dave had a Lord Lucan style mystery as his buggy 'disappeared' from the 18th fairway and reappeared after an extensive search on the 11th tee somehow missing every single tree in between. Still a mystery why his playing partners disappeared for a drink leaving Dave on his own.

Andy had some remote-control issues with his new trolley, probably caused by local interference from hearing aids and pacemakers. Fortunately, unlike Dave, there were some handy trees in the way to block the trollies escape route.

Phil's front wheel making a run for it down the path on the first was a sight to see but luckily, we had the Senior RAC team (that's a Rapidly Ageing Crew) on standby and the problems was solved akin to a Formula 1 pit stop crew and he was soon on his way. Seems a shame that Phil didn't have 5 mins free out of his busy retirement schedule to find a bolt or screw to fix this already!

I must mention Raj who's got himself a bit of a reputation for turning up early. He excelled himself at The Point playing in The Harry Champion, I turned up nice and early with Dave Young for our pre match hot drink and bacon butty only to find Raj, playing 2hrs behind us already sat in the lounge! Suspect his playing partner was still at home, feet up, thinking they've still got an hour left before they have to make a move. Maybe not so efficient planning the Cornwall Alliance as he turned up at China Fleet when he should have been at Trevoze....

4.4 Finally, This will be my 5th year as Secretary (if re-elected in about 10 mins) so look forward to vetting all the volunteers who will want to take over next year, only fair someone else has a choice of victims to pick on and absolutely nothing to do with who will be Captain that year! Ideally a volunteer by August or September would be good as this is when the fixtures are put together and it would be good to copy them into any email trails.

ITEM 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT (MIKE VINE)

5.1 The end of year balance sheet is attached to the AGM minutes.

5.2 After stripping out money held in wallets, the Captain's Charity and expected costs of trophies/vouchers the end of year balance is approximately £2700. This is excessive for a section of our size, therefore, to reduce the balance 10-15% will be added to weekly prizes which means the Section will take nothing or very little from the £4 competition fees (currently 50p per entrant). This will be reviewed when we have made substantial inroads to the balance.

ITEM 6 - COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT (ROB SMITH)

6.1 Firstly apologies for my absence, but I felt I had not been on holiday enough this year, as befitting the Doug Fletcher Competition Secretaries terms and conditions. So thought of doing a double whammy and be on holiday for the AGM!

6.2 Competitions: All competitions have gone well and the inclusion of the Summer Eclectic running parallel with qualifiers was also a success. The Winter Eclectic will now be replaced with a Winter Best overall winner type competition. There will be winners each week receiving points down to 4th place team or individual. The one with the most points at the end of winter will be deemed the winner.

6.3 There will be a slight increase in the qualifiers through the summer. Some of these may be Medal Stroke play to increase the amount of these we play, and ready you all for the Club Championship and the Anniversary trophy this year.

6.4 Trophy Competitions: To encourage all members to take part in Monday competitions, we will be requiring any entries into Trophy Competitions to have played in at least 3 Monday Competitions, The Competition terms and conditions document will be amended to reflect this change.

6.5 Speed of Play: Yes, I will bring up that old chestnut! This remains in the main appalling. With this in mind all qualifiers and Trophy Competitions will be monitored, with finish times being taken from the PSI entry time. Any cards entered post 4.5 hours (which will allow for 4.25 round and time to enter card) will receive an email from the Committee requesting a response, and explaining why they were over the 4.25 hr acceptable time for a round of golf. If there is no suitable excuse then they will be informed of later tee times for forthcoming qualifiers and Trophy Comps. If they are in the winner's circle the Committee will reserve the right to introduce a score change via a 1 shot penalty per 5 mins over the recommended time.

ITEM 7 - 2025 AWARDS PRESENTATION

The following awards were presented at the AGM:

- Club Champion James Parry
- Handicap Champion Roger Curtis (not present)
- Singles Knockout John McConnell (runner up Geoff Pugh)
- Pairs Knockout Paul Youngman and Phil Dickson (runners-up John McConnell and Rob Knapman)
- Peter Gill Trophy Phil Beech
- Captain's Matchplay Award Phil Lopez*

*Captain's match play Award - 2 players ended up with the same points. Jim Johnston won 9 games and Phil Lopez won 8 but Phil also got 2 halves, so the prize was awarded to Phil.

Other Competition winners were acknowledged and vouchers presented, they are included as an attachment to this report.

ITEM 8 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE COMMITTEE

The following officers have been elected to the Committee for the period Nov 2025 - Nov 26, all were elected unanimously by those present:

- Captain: Phil Beech
- Vice Captain: Ian Fraser
- Competition Secretary: Rob Smith (re-elected)
- Honorary Secretary: Jim Johnston (re-elected)
- Treasurer: Mike Vine (re-elected)
 - Keith Chapman will remain on the Committee as past-Captain
 - Doug Fletcher will retain the role of Handicap Secretary in an ex-officio role

On completion of the election outgoing Captain Keith Chapman presented Phil Beech with his Captain's jacket.

ITEM 9 - INCOMING CAPTAIN'S REPORT (PHIL BEECH)

9.1 I would like to thank Keith for all of his hard work over the last year and wish him a well-deserved rest.

9.2 My Charity for this year will be Prostate Cancer UK to help raise funds for improved and more efficient screening and diagnosis. Also my charity hole for this season is "Any Hazard" on the 14th hole, Donations of £10 can be made in advance to cover the year!

9.3 Following Mike Vines announcement with reference to his superb accounting I would like to request that £200 be donated to our newly formed Junior section to assist them to buy team shirts for any upcoming events and matches. (This was not only unanimously agreed by those present but generously matched by James Parry, the men's Captain who also thanked the Seniors for the support given to the Juniors).

9.4 I have purchased a new Laptop for use this year and I will donate it to the section on completion for the Seniors captains use in future. This will also have a dedicated e-mail account for future use, :- CFCCseniorscaptain@outlook.com. I ask that members be patient for the first couple of weeks as I need to populate this account with some 140 e-mail account details.

9.5 Please be aware that HowDidiDo booking closes on the Tuesday at 1800 the week before an event, after this the un-booked Tee slots are returned the club for general play. Also, if cancelling late please do this by txt message as the request could be missed trawling through e-mails. Also Please give your name and start time. My mobile No is 07845 463680.

9.6 I will look to start a What's App group so we can inform anyone of last-minute programme changes as this will be easier than sending out a block e-mail.

9.7 Dates of Matches will be promulgated shortly and lists will be placed on the noticeboard in the new year.

9.8 Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their (almost) secret donations for Captain Keith's leaving gift. We raised in excess of £400 with some change left to buy him his favourite match meal dessert, profiteroles!

ITEM 10 - MOTIONS (SECRETARY)

10.1 That the Singles Knockout revert back to a single division: Despite the Committee being divided on this subject at their last meeting, only 5 members present voted for the change and, therefore, it will remain in its current format.

10.2 That the Plate Knockout be discontinued: Due to the number of Matches not being played in this competition the motion was passed unanimously.

DATE OF NEXT AGM

The 2026 AGM will be held on Monday 2 November 2026.

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