

## **The Radcliffe-on-Trent Golf Club**

Minutes of the 108th Annual General Meeting held in the Clubhouse on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2018 at 7.00 p.m.

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Peter Hopkinson</b>	<b>Captain</b>
	<b>Gilbert Barnatt</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>Simon Bacon</b>	<b>Vice Captain</b>
	<b>Neil Henfrey</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	<b>Ian Wroughton</b>	<b>H, B&amp;D Chairman</b>
	<b>Frank Radcliffe</b>	<b>Match &amp; Handicap Chairman</b>
	<b>Andrew Harrison</b>	<b>Greens Chairman</b>
	<b>Jackie Simpson</b>	<b>Ladies Captain</b>
	<b>Karl Adams</b>	<b>General Manager</b>
	<b>Mrs D Anderson</b>	<b>Minute Secretary</b>

102 Full Playing Members and 18 Non-Voting in attendance

### **108.01 Introduction by Club Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance. He stated that there would be no AOB and that queries would be dealt with during the presentation of the relevant report.

The Chairman introduced the Top Table.

### **108.02 Roll of Deceased**

The Chairman asked those present to stand and reflect on members and others with club connections that had passed away since the last AGM whilst the manager read out their names;

Mr George Allen, Mrs Pat Baulcombe, Mr David Chambers, Mr Mike Grimshaw, Mr Alan Jennings, Mr Malcolm Lane, Mrs Pamela Mason, Mr Richard O'Hara, Mr Bernard Palmer, Mr Mike Pring, Mr Michael Spurr, Mr John Wood

### **108.03 Apologies**

There were 50 apologies recorded.

### **108.04 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 27 January 2017**

It was proposed by Mr David Styles and seconded by Mrs Judith Terry that they be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Members approved unanimously.

### **108.05 Matters Arising from that Annual General Meeting**

P Higgins queried the GUR rule and asked if this had been discussed by the M&H Committee as the rule on the scorecard is different to that in the diary. FR confirmed that this issue had been discussed but agreed to look at it further.

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### **108.06 Captain's Statement**

Mr President, Lady President, Lady Captain, Ladies and gentlemen.

It doesn't seem two years since Chris Tietjen proposed me as Vice Captain, time has flown and a lot has happened in the two years.

The club has gone through a lot of change. The first changes we all see are to the course, the bunkers on 12 have been reshaped and changed, the pond on 17 enlarged somewhat, but I think you will all agree the big change is to the definition of the course and the finest 18 greens I have seen and played on this year. As we know this is the view held by the vast majority of our members and by visitors who have often spoken very positively about our club. None of this happens by chance – but hard work. A real vote of thanks must go to Luke and his team under the guidance of Karl Adams our General Manager. Karl's hard work has achieved success in attracting many new members.

We have seen changes to the office layout and a new reception area- inviting to visitors on arrival, and provides an appropriate business like and welcoming feel to the golf club. My thanks go to Karl, Bill, Dawn, Sue, Theresa and Barbara for all their help over the last two years.

The bar staff now have uniforms which helps to reinforce the professional image we want to portray. The dining room chair covers add a touch of class when we have events in the club house which continues to be matched by the fine food served by Phil and Louise. Many members continue to give up their time to serve on committees, as volunteers for our greens team and in many other ways and I would like to thank them. I would also like to thank all our employees and sub-contractors, who, I believe, are increasingly effective as a happy and committed team. Commitment to our golf club was also demonstrated by the large turnout of members to our special general meeting in July.

My congratulations go to the scratch team under the continued guidance of Robin of Radcliffe who very nearly secured promotion to the top division. My thanks to all those who have played in A, B and C team matches and I hope to see more people taking part next year.

The Seniors continue to have the enviable problem of more people signing up to matches than are required and the mixed matches have provided much enjoyment for those taking part supported by the organisation provided by Phillip and Christine Holmes.

It is great to see the enthusiasm of our junior members. The Sunday morning coaching sessions provided by Joe Grange and Simon Bacon are enjoyed by an increasing number of youngsters and I hope that many of them will take up junior membership in due course. One of my sad duties this year was to attend members funerals, far too many, my thoughts are with their families and friends.

On a personal note, I cannot overstate the enjoyment I have had as the 2017 Captain of our golf club. Along with many past captains I have succumbed to the captain's curse and my handicap has gone up however I have had some success firstly with Nottinghamshire golf captain's society, winning the Presidents day trophy at Newark and then followed it up by securing with our Lady Captain a win in our own mixed open (Judith played very well that day).

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One of the highlights of my year was my Captains day, the sun shone on everyone, a fine time was had by all and I would like to thank all those that participated and helped to make it the great day that it was.

I have attended most of the club's social events this year and I have enjoyed them immensely. My thanks to the social committee, our caterers and bar staff who have enabled so many members and visitors to enjoy these events.

I would like to thank my vice-captain Simon Bacon, together with Lady Captain, Judith Terry and her vice-captain, Jackie Simpson for their support, I wish Simon, Mike, Jackie and Steph a very enjoyable and successful 2018.

To all those individual members and groups who have contributed to the Captains and Lady Captains charity- Nottingham Oxygen Centre, thank you. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January Judith Terry and I presented them a cheque for £6,200.

Thank you and have a great golfing 2018.

Peter Hopkinson, Captain 2017

### **108.07 Financial Report**

NH confirmed that there was a full set of financial statements and financial report to be found in the green book and that he had nothing further to add.

Robert Grund's questions were answered by NH who also offered to meet with RG to answer any further technical questions he may have.

### **108.08 Annual Reports**

The annual reports had been circulated 14 days prior to the meeting. The Chairman asked for questions of the Sub-Committee Chairmen.

#### **108.08.01 Greens**

No questions were asked of the Greens Chairman.

#### **108.08.02 House, Buildings and Development**

No questions were asked of the HB&D Chairman.

#### **108.08.03 Match & Handicap**

No questions were asked of the M&H Chairman.

#### **108.08.04 General Manager**

David Dunlop asked what was happening with regard to the security of the golf course. KA explained that changes had been made to the function of the barrier and camera's were to be installed on 10<sup>th</sup> entrance gate and the Halfway House. KA also confirmed that the installation of Verifeye had been suspended until it was financially viable.

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KA expressed his thanks to the office, Phill, Louise and their bar staff, Craig, Clair and Joe and Luke and all the green staff.

Proposer – C Cooper  
Secunder – M Brown

All reports were accepted.

**108.09 Appointment of Scrutineers**

Ady Brightman  
Richard Tyas  
Karl Adams  
Teresa Cronin  
Dawn Anderson

All scrutineers were approved.

**108.10 Election of Officers and Sub Committee Members**

The Chairman thanked those who had come to the end of their term in office - President Mike Woodhouse, Immediate Past Captain Chris Tietjen, Greens Chairman Andy Harrison, HB&D Chairman I Wroughton, M&H Chairman Frank Radcliffe and Ladies Captain Judith Terry. Thanks were also given to those who were standing down from sub-committee positions.

The President Mike Woodhouse, who was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, passed on his thanks and regards via Ian Wroughton.

**108.10.01 Election of President**

Mike Shaw      Proposed by I Wroughton      Seconded by J O'Brien

Elected unopposed.

Ian Wroughton, on behalf of Michael Woodhouse, introduced Mike Shaw.

Thank You Mr Chairman, Lady President, Captain, Lady Captain, Colleagues

You have already heard from the Chairman that Michael is unable to be with us tonight. He has however asked me to convey to you his regret at not being able to be present to introduce his successor, Mike Shaw.

In addition, he wishes the Club well for 2018 and passes on his thanks to all those who assisted him throughout his year as President. He is sure the same support will be given to Mike who he hopes has a most enjoyable 12 months.

And so on to Mike Shaw – our President Elect. The privilege of introducing Mike falls to me with the blessing, may I say, of both “Mikes”. I will make this brief which will no doubt bring a sigh of relief from some of you present tonight.

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There are many of you who will know Mike well and I ask you to bear with me whilst I elaborate for the benefit of the more recent members who may not be aware of the service Mike and the Shaw family has given to The Radcliffe-on-Trent Golf Club over many years Mike's family have been associated with the Club since the 1920s when his father became a caddy and was subsequently employed by the Club on a salary of 10 shillings a week. His work was to clean the men's locker rooms, toilets, footbaths and main club room, scrub the splintered pinewood floors with soft soap once a week, clean all windows and clean out the fireplaces, keeping them charged with fuel at all times. Any spare time was spent assisting the Pro, Mr George Carlin, in his duties maintaining the members golf clubs etc. In time this led to him being offered a new post at the club as Assistant Professional in 1925. He served the club in this capacity until called to His Majesty's Service in 1939 along with his brother. He met and was caddy for the Prince of Wales when visiting the area and the renowned Harry Vardon.

His Uncle, better known to many of us as "Toots", was likewise a member of the greens team for many years. Toots was best remembered for his dislike of hot drinks and only consumed bottles of ale which he secreted around the course!! Mike, like many of us, started life at the Club as a caddy earning "a few bob" for carrying clubs, his prized and regular and favourites being Mr Reg Elwin and Tom Shields who always treated him generously.

Mike had a brother Ted who in 1958 became Assistant Pro to Harold Roffe who, some of you in the room, may still remember. Ted then moved to Montreal and later to Thunderbay Ontario, Canada as a full time professional but unfortunately passed away in 1989. Mike was Captain in 2004 and I had the privilege to be his Vice Captain. He has 2 sons, both members of the Club who hopefully will carry the name of Shaw forward for many years to come. He has been married to Dot for the last 56 years. They have 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He served on M&H for over 20 years, chairing that committee on 2 occasions. He was also involved with the Nottinghamshire County Golf Union, running the Nottingham Post Competition for many years. He is a fountain of knowledge regarding the history of our Club. He helped produce the Centenary book outlining both the conception and progress of the Club throughout the years and to this day has a considerable amount of memorabilia stored. Mike was made an Honorary Member in 2012 for his services to the Club. Regarding his golfing ability - Mike considered himself to be somewhat the black sheep of the family.. Both his father, Harry, and brother Ted played off scratch whilst Mike's claim to fame was at best 9 – a handicap many of us can only dream of.

Everyone will have seen the posters promoting events at the Club such as Captains Day. These are the work of Mike who is a very talented artist with a background in the printing trade. He has, without doubt, saved the Club a considerable amount of money over the years by offering his services whenever asked. Mike is a local lad. Born in the village in 1940 and lives here to this day. He became a member of the Club in 1970 – some 48 years ago and I now ask you to put your hands together and welcome your 2018 President, Mike Shaw.

Mike Shaw responded.

Lady President, Captain, Lady Captain and Fellow Members

Firstly, I would like to thank Ian for the introduction and for stepping in for our friend and Past President Michael Woodhouse who, along with Lynda, are in our thoughts.

I must also thank Ian for proposing me and Jon O'Brien for seconding that proposal and you, the members, for accepting me to this appointment as your President.

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I would also like to express my most grateful thanks and appreciation to the many members, past and present who, over many years, have befriended, encouraged and supported me through my time at the Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club.

I am only too aware through my years at the golf club of this great honour bestowed on me as your President and I sincerely pledge myself to promote and uphold all the high standards of my predecessors of which I am truly accustomed.

And finally, as President my first and pleasant duty is to make this presentation and wish a most enjoyable year to our new Lady President Stephanie Harrison.

In conclusion and, on a lighter note, I have to confess that the Shaw family have a condition called TOPOPHILIA, a word coined by the writer W H Auden meaning 'for the relishing of familiar places' and the survey reveals that we can feel deep well being and contentment when visiting places associated with happy memories.

Hoping Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club does the same for you.

### **108.10.02 Election of Club Captain**

Peter Hopkinson introduced Simon Bacon

Mr President, Lady President, Lady captain, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to stand here to introduce Simon Bacon as Captain for 2018. Although Simon rarely needs an introduction – having been a member here since 1973 joining as a junior. Sport is a main part of Simon`s life, he was a keen cross country runner & still manages the odd half marathon dressed as Scooby Doo raising money for various charities ( although I have it on good authority Scooby is destined for the great marathon in the sky) Simon also played cricket to county schoolboy standard, excelling as a leg spin bowler. Simons working life started in 1979 with Pearsons Departmental store and he remained in retail progressing to Management with the Superfi group.

He met Fiona in 1985, they married in 1988 and moved to Saxondale in 2002.

As a level 2 coach Simon helps out at Wollaton Cricket club & at level 1 PGA he assists Joe with our juniors classes here on a Sunday morning. He is also one of the many volunteers who help the greens team and gets involved painting, raking leaves roping off etc.

Mixed golf also features for Simon as Fiona joined the club in 2011.

Simon is one of life`s true gentlemen. It now gives me enormous pleasure to present to you your Captain for 2018, Simon Bacon.

Simon Bacon replied.

Mr President, Lady President, Lady Captain, Ladies and Gentleman

I hope all members have a much fun in 2018 with Lady Captain and myself as we have had in 2017 with Peter and Judith.

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I would like to thank Peter for having the faith to propose me and Chris for seconding the nomination.

I offer my sincere thanks for all the guidance and support received last year from the professional club staff, who do a great job for us, plus I must acknowledge the hardworking committee members and volunteers who give their time so freely

I have hugely benefited from the efficiency & organisational skills of Jackie, who's been a great support & good company throughout the year and I'm proud to say she hit's a far straighter ball than I.

The course is in as good a condition as I've known it since joining 45 years ago, now is that due the El Nino phenomenon? that is the refreshing warm breeze swirling around Dewberry Lane on a daily basis, vape or non vape

Currently Karl is only giving the course 6.8 out of 10, so who knows what Luke & the Greens team can achieve in the next few years

Thanks to Karl's hardwork we are now in pole position to ensure the structure & systems of our committees are streamlined to be of greater benefit to all members

I am so proud of the junior section and all the team who've been instrumental in getting this important section of the Club into it's present healthy position.

I really look forward to supporting Joe on a Sunday morning with the future development of this young squad & I am sure the club will reap benefits as there is some real talent there

Now there are many exciting ways to represent your golf club, with the mens, ladies, mixed, scratch and interleague teams all looking for players, whatever your ability. It's a fun social and economical way to play other courses so please try and support them. Big thank you to those that played in 2017 & thanks to the people organising the teams and finally good luck to those that play - may all your putts drop!

As Charity begins at home Jackie and I have opted to support our own Junior Foundation Academy - we recognise the need for vital equipment to bring the Academy Course up to the high standard of the main course, this will benefit our junior section plus any member looking to improve their short game.

We are also looking to support a local charity based at the QMC called PASIC .

They offer practical aid to parents of chronically sick children, it is our intention to host some events using our marvellous facilities, as you all must agree we really do have a fantastic set up here particularly with the new swing room, undercover driving range, rejuvenated & welcoming reception area & excellent bar & catering services.

Jackie & I will be letting you know more about PASIC very soon.

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Hopefully you will have spotted some events in the diary that are to your liking, this year we are keen to trial new ideas & link more golf to a social finish back in the clubhouse with families welcome.

Finally, I look forward to playing and meeting all members of the Club and wish you a happy and healthy golfing year.

### **108.10.03 Election of Vice Captain**

Simon Bacon introduced Darren Bicknell.

Darren was born in 1967 in Guildford, Surrey. He attended the Robert Haining County Secondary School & completed his education at Guildford County College of Technology. His life is very much centred around sport, he is a keen West Ham fan - well some one has to be.

Previously been a member at Puttenham Golf Club in Surrey before joining Radcliffe in 2001 and currently holding on to a 6 handicap.

He loves the outdoor life as he owns 2 dogs: Trent & Jenson and dog walking duties are shared with his wife Claire.

He is kept very busy keeping a watchful eye on his 3 children : Lauren Samuel & Emily.

His present occupation is Chief Executive of the Belvoir Countryside Trust. This is a charity based at Belvoir Castle, providing outdoor nature activities for primary school children from disadvantaged & special needs backgrounds.

The aim of the Trust is to encourage participation in sport and rural activities, this will not come easily to children from these backgrounds as most will have not even seen a blade of grass before.

He is also a governor at Redmile Primary School.

Previous employment has been with Warson Sporting Trust, as Commercial Director.

He has been a member of the MCC since 2002.

sorry, did I mention Cricket.....

Darren played professional cricket in an impressive career spanning 20 years scoring just shy of 20000 first class runs.

He started with Surrey in 1987 then joined Notts in 2000 before finally retiring in 2006.

Just some of his achievements are as follows;

Surrey Batsman of the year 4 times



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Scored over 1000 runs in 6 consecutive seasons

First English cricketer to be in more than one 400 plus stand

Captained Notts in 2001 when he achieved the rare feat of 1000 championship runs & 1000 one day runs in a season

Awarded Notts player of the year in 2001

Represented England A on tours in 1989,90 and 91

It is unfortunate that Darren cannot be with us tonight due to a business commitment.

I am delighted to say his nomination is unopposed and I really look forward to working & playing some golf with him this year.

Andy Harrison responded on behalf of Darren Bicknell.

Mr President, Lady President, Mr Captain, Lady Captain, Mr Chairman, members of Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club.

Apologies for not being there tonight but due to a long standing commitment I am currently away in Portugal. May I start by sending my best wishes to our new Captain Simon Bacon and to our Lady Captain, Jackie Simpson. I am sure they will be fantastic Captains and ambassadors for our golf club. I was slightly surprised when, back in the summer, I was approached by Simon to see if I would be interested in the role of becoming Captain. If honest, I was a little unsure at first due to perceived amount of commitment required but, then having reflected, I thought what a privilege and an honour and I was very happy to accept. There is no doubt that this club and the landscape of golf clubs is changing. I fully intend to embrace the role and to ensure that this club remains one of the best in the county and continues to grow and develop. There is a great team in place here at RoT headed by Karl and the senior management team and it's right that we support them and ensure we can all continue our golf and our time here at the club. Certainly, since I joined in 2001, I can never remember a time when the course is in better condition. I can never remember a time when there was such a positive buzz around the place. We must continue to spread the word. Simon will be a fantastic Captain I have no doubt and it would be a pleasure to serve as his Vice Captain. I look forward to helping him enjoy his time and to doing my best to be a good ambassador for RoT GC. Best wishes to all.

### **108.10.04 Election of Main Committee Nominees**

Each of the following candidates made a short presentation to the members present.

D Rich  
L Whiteman  
J O'Neil  
C Cooper

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### **108.10.05 Election of Sub Committee Nominees**

#### **108.10.05.01 Election of Greens**

J O'Brien – Chair  
P Higgins  
K Danby

Elected unopposed.

#### **108.10.05.02 Election of Match & Handicap**

F Radcliffe - Chair  
A Christie  
R Woollacott

Elected unopposed.

#### **108.10.05.03 House, Buildings & Development**

A Brightman - Chair  
R Terry  
R Tyas  
M Johnson

Elected unopposed.

### **108.11 Ballots**

The results of the ballot were confirmed by the Chairman.

Those listed below were voted on to the Main Committee for the duration of time stated:

L Whiteman	3 years
J O'Neil	2 years
C Cooper	1 year

### **108.12 Appointment of Accountants**

The appointment of Atkinson Evans as accountants was proposed by Mr Neil Henfrey and seconded by Mr Jonathan O'Neil. This was put to the vote and carried overwhelmingly.

### **108.13 Closing the Meeting**

Mike Glover proposed, on behalf of all the membership, a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee members. He also thanked the catering staff, the professionals, the bar staff, the office and the green staff. The incoming new committee were wished every success for the future and appreciation was shown by those present for committees past, present and future.

Simon Bacon thanked the Chairman, reminded everyone about the joint Captains' Drive in on Sunday and officially closed the meeting.