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#### Secretaries Report

#### Oct 19 to Sept 20

#### Well what a 12 months that was.

The year started with Peter Holiday in the Secretaries role, however he quickly relinquished the position and I took over in mid- November. Everything seemed normal. The diaries and 2020 fixtures were being progressed and coming together nicely. Visiting parties were being booked in. I had a long holiday booked to Australia and New Zealand for Feb and Mar and arranged for Peter Holiday and Caz Smith to cover me whilst I was away. Little did I know of the future ahead. I eventually got back into the country in mid -April and by the time I had isolated it was into May. Caz Smith indicated that she wished to continue as secretary so I stood down and waited for the course to re -open and enjoy some golf. However in Mid- June Caz decided that the NHS needed her more that the Golf Club and I therefore came back into post. By this time a lot had happened.

The Covid 19 pandemic had struck the UK at the beginning of February and had gradually got worse. A National lockdown was declared on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the Golf Club went into immediate lockdown.

An emergency Covid Committee was formed from the Management team consisting of, Sue Blaeford, Caz Smith and Alastair Dinwiddie.

They set about securing the future of the Golf Club. Greens Staff were furloughed, Unnecessary expenditure stopped. Available support grants were applied for. The Catering contact was not renewed when it came to an end. The caterers had continued to use the Club House facilities during lock down to serve weekend take away meals.

A re negotiation of Darren's contact was undertake. During these discussions Darren decided that he was going to take time out and subsequently resigned before the negotiations could be completed.

A number of committee members resigned during this period and one was voted off the committee for Breech of Covid rules.

The Captain also decided to stand down.

All meetings moved onto to Zoom platform.

The Covid committee operated with the knowledge and support of the Management Committee until it was felt that its work was complete.

I would like at this point to Thank Mac for all the time and effort he had put in over the years as House Chairman.

Whilst in Lockdown an electrical survey was carried out and this showed that there were critical wiring faults that needed correcting before the kitchen could re-open.

Unfortunately the work could not be done until after lockdown and this resulted in the Kitchen remaining closed until mid -August.

Lock down eventually ended on the 18<sup>th</sup> May when the course only was allowed to re -open. It was in great condition and thanks must go to Mike and the Greens staff for their efforts.

The Club house and facilities remained closed.

In an attempt to provide some form of catering a Burger Van and Beer trailer were organised for the weekends until the Clubhouse could re-open.

Having come back into role in mid- June the first task was to sort out the electricals. It was decided that the whole kitchen should be tackled.

A Kitchen refurbishment was carried out and completed in mid-August.

At this point in time (July) the club were without caterers and Darren was scheduled to leave at the end of August. The management team commenced on filling these roles.

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Adverts were placed for Caterers and a new Professional.

Both of these positions attracted candidates of high quality and eventually Ian and Karen Needham and Martyn Stubbings were appointed to the respective roles.

Ian and Karen opened for Business on the 18<sup>th</sup> August and Martyn took up his position from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

At this point I must say thank you to Darren for the long and valuable service he has given to the club over 26 years, First as Assistant Professional and then as Professional. As a mark of appreciation Darren was made a Honorary Life Member of the Club.

It has become apparent during this period that the current Club Rules require updating. This has been undertaken and an amended set of Rules written. Advice is being sought as to their compliance with CASC requirements. It is expected that these new Rules will be put to the Club for approval at the 2021 AGM in December.

Alastair Dinwiddie decided to stand aside as Vice-Captain in the Autumn and in compliance with Club rules a Sub Committee of past Captains was convened to elect a Captain for 2021. Colin McLeod being the chosen one.

Since 2018 the club had embarked on initiatives to increase membership after a number of years where membership had fallen and was now at a critical level. Although the initiatives seemed to have stabilised the membership it was not particularly increasing. However post lockdown 1 there has been a steady increase in membership and the course has been busier than for several years.

All major Trophy Competitions that had been cancelled during lockdown were rescheduled and all managed to be completed.

As we come to the end of September the course is still in super condition, everyone is enjoying their golf and some form of normality seems to be back and we are looking forward to a better 2020/21.

On a sad note Shirley has given notice on health grounds that she will leave her Admin role as of he end of October. We wish her well and a speedy recovery back to full health. Like Darren she has been the life blood of the club for many many years and will be missed around the office.

Finally a bag thank you to all our members who have stuck with the club throughout. Without you we would not have survived

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Footnote

As we now all know things went downhill from here and we entered a second and even a third lockdown from which we are only just emerging.

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Club House	Refurb Upstairs lounge	New Carpet		1 High	£7,600.00	In progress	
Club House	Repair Club house exterior	Repair rendering and re Paint exterior of clubhouse		1 High		Quotations being sought	
Practice Facilities	Practice Net	Renew mats and nets for warm up area		1 High		In progress	
Practice Facilities	Improve short game Practice area	Artificial teeing area and Green at 90 yards. Practice Bunker.		1 High			
Course	Hole 11	Drainage to 3rd pond, starting from the 8th		1 High		Tree removal required to both sides of 11th fairway	
Course	Drainage	Improve drainage where necessary, Plan required		1 High		Plan currently being defined	
Course	Buggy Paths	Extend Buggy paths on Holes 8, 9 and 11. dependant on above		1 High			
Equipment	Equipment	Rough Cutter & Greens Iron		1 High		Quotations currently being sought	
Equipment	Equipment	Verti Tyner		1 High	£7K	Quotations currently being sought	
Club House	Refurb Upstairs lounge	New Furniture		1 Medium			
Practice Facilities	Teaching Bays	Build 2 or 3 Teaching bays at West End of Main Practice area		1 Medium			
Course	Tees	Level and increase size of Tees where necessary(Ladies and Gents), Have a 5 year plan to improve tees (Approx 6 tees per year). Plan to be defined		1 Medium			
Club House	Patio area	Create Patio area at West end of putting green.		1 Low			
Car Park.	Re Furb Car Park	Fill pot holes		1 Low			
Car Park.	New Signage	Erect new sign at carpark entrance . Modern and attractive		1 Low			
Course	Hole 1	Remove Plastic fence, Place Bench(s) on far side of Tee.		1 Low			
Course	Hole 3	Create drop zone (from hedge)		1 Low			
General	General	Sponsor the holes?		1 Low			
General	General	New pins and flags. (white with club crest?). CoVid compliant		1 Low	£350.00	Done Mar 21	
General	General	General Tree Planting Plan to be defined		1 Low			
General	General	Sponsor buggies		1 Low			

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Build Swing Studio	Build swing studio adjacent to Pro Shop	2	High				
Equipment	Greens Cutter	2	High		£30K, 2022?		
Refurb Gents Changing rooms	New Ceiling, Lighting, Carpet, Showers, Addition of an entrance area.	2	Medium				
EV points	Install Electric Vehicle Charge points.	2	Medium		Grant? Follow up EV charging ltd. No Capital option		
Ladies Locker Room	Improve locker sizes, by converting 2 into one	2	Low				
Re Furb Car Park	refurb perimeter Fence	2	Low				
Re Furb Car Park	Tidy perimeter fence trees and shrubbery	2	Low		Complete Mar 21		
	Re-instate old 10th tee for 14th hole (major comps only)	2	Low				
General	Remove all plastic and metal signage and replace with wood and stone. Locally source? - simple design	2	Low				
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Club House	Install viewing Balcony	Install viewing balcony on side of Dining area, possibly extend round corner.		3 High			
Club House	Build Trolley store	Build a Trolley Store		3 High			
Club House	ReLocate Clubhouse	Build new Clubhouse behind 9th Green. Sell existing clubhouse and carpark. Very long term project.		3 High			
Car Park.	Re Furb Car Park	Re surface		3 High			
Course	Hole 2	Build a Champinship Tee on Short game practice area, adds 70 yds . Issues possible with footpath and tree maintainance, Plant more trees between 2nd and 9th for safety. Cut back Fairway down Right hand Side to reduce carry		3			
Course	Hole 3	Extend and improve water hazard to encourage wildlife. Remove hedge from behind the green and plant indigenous trees and shrubs to create similar backdrop feel.		3			
Course	Hole 4	Move white tee marker 20 yards back.		3			
Course	Hole 8	Move White Tee marker 20 yards back.		3			
Course	Hole 9	Move white tee marker to old 3rd tee (+60-70 yards). Remove trees to allow tee shot. Plant trees to fully surround 10th green if needed for safety. (Attention needed regarding safety on the path from 2nd green to 3rd tee. Smart cutting of the trees and addition of sign?)		3			
Course	Hole 10	Move white tee marker 40 yards back. (there is already an old tee 25 yards         back that could be mowed and the stone moved for immediate measurement increase)         Addition of trees on right hand side for safety blocking errant shots         towards 17 tee and 3 green. (I understand this is already a long hole,         into the prevailing wind, and it would then measure ≈460y but this is not         excessive by modern standards and would most likely remain stroke index 1.         I would recommend most competitions be played from current place) •         Extending the green to accommodate for the increase in length         is probably appropriate. Move the green side bunker 5 yards right         and extend the green out.         Maintain the Character of the green as much as possible.         i.e front left pin almost behind tree still remains.		3			

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		Move white tee marker 10 yards back.				
		Remove hedge and plant new trees and shrubs to replace. (Possibly only plant trees to				
		protect from 3rd tee and not the pond side so you can see it)				
Course	Hole 12	Move the green to the right to incorporate beck more on approach shot.				
		(Similar design to 1 or 17) (Can the left half of green be moved to the right?				
		Can the ridge at the front be removed and the green lowered to ground level				
		or is it built like this for drainage reasons?)		3		
		Change to a par 4. Possible new stroke index 2.				
		Remove tee shot bunker on hill				
		Remove bunker short left of green (This way the ball can be played along the ground				
Course		the full length of the hole. Making the hole play easier for shorter hitters				
Course	Hole 14	but no easier for longer hitters) (The hole usually plays downwind)				
		Addition of trees on left hand side starting around 300yds from white tee to tighten				
		hole for longer hitters and force them to keep right and away from new 15th tee.				
		(Most competitions could be played from current yellow stone)		3		
		Move white tee marker 40 yards back.				
		(Most competitions could be played from current white stone)				
		Remove hedge around current tee.				
		Remove as few of the silver birch as possible behind the current tee				
Course	Hole 15	for the new tee.				
		Plant new trees and shrubs to surround tees and protect from 14th hole play.				
		(I think the new tee could be of reasonable length (20y) to allow for varied lengths of hole)				
		(At this new length the hole really plays as it should for the better golfer,				
		bunkers now at 260y from tee)		3		
Course		Replace two previous trees in hedge next to green.				
		Fix Fence.				
		New trees added on far side of 18th tee to create backdrop				
	Hole 17	and amphitheatre for 17 green and 18 tee area.				
		(Restores hole to its full beauty)				
		(road and overhead cable issues? (Green growth issues? shade?)		3		
Course		Restore the green back to the original size.				
		(Cut the green up the front slope to just short of the crest)				
	Hole 18	(Looks better from clubhouse, improves playability, restores original design)				
		(Does this actually shorten the hole? New centre of green5yds?		3		

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# All staff were furloughed with the exception of the head greenkeeper – this was in line with the guidance given by England Golf.



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To attract / compete for younger member age groups... this has been in place for a number of years in norder to support growth. The committee reviewed and collectively agreed on pricing categories in advance of 2021 season. This is an annual activity.



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Bunkers are raked frequently (early morning) and determined by availability of green staff. Members can bring their own rake (or attachment) and rake bunkers as appropriate. Remember, local rule is club length (follows R&A guidelines)



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- Future whilst looking more positive, remains somewhat uncertain.
- Loss of green fees during lockdown were significant.
- Investment required both to the course and the clubhouse following a number of years of underinvestment, due in the main to reduced membership subscriptions and consequential lack of funding. (ref: Project List)



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This is a provision for non payment of subscriptions. Accounting procedures require bad debt to be written off at the end of a financial year - it cannot be carried over.

Over accrual of the provision is released back to the accounts at end of year as part of normal accounting practices.



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• Explain how much money has been raised for the stair lift to date?

£1,200, B. Henderson; £200 P. Bell; £529, Mrs D. Brathwaite; £275 from Burns Supper; £205 from Seniors; £25 from Miss. B. Yorke

• As a stair lift hasn't been installed, is it still a priority for the Committee?

#### No

• If the stair lift isn't now a priority requiring continued fundraising, when was that decision taken

On 11-Jan-21, the committee met to agree projects for 2021 and how the club would invest its money for the year ahead. This project was not deemed a priority activity for the upcoming year, with significant funding being required from the club.

- Who took it and has or will all monies been reimbursed to individual donors where practicable?
- The majority of all monies received were returned to their donors with the remainder being written to offering re-imbursement or requesting how they would like their donations used.
- If monies donated to the stair lift have not been reimbursed, where is the money currently sitting within the club accounts and if it isn't held in the accounts, what club projects has it been used for?

#### N/A.

• If monies have been redirected to other expenditure items, were donors, where they could be identified informed and their expressed permission sought? N/A



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- £410 carpet, £331 to door (under repairs, post Year-end accounts)... not in AGM accounts
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- Labour given free by members.



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- 4. Secretary's report.
- 5. Treasurer's report.
  - a) Result of vote to accept accounts
- 6. Captains presentation
  - a) Future Developments
  - b) Answers to pre submitted questions
- 7. Election of Committee

a) Result of Motion that the Committee remain in place until 2021 AGM scheduled for December 2021

8. Competition Secretary

a) Result of vote for Competition Secretary Alan Coulthard: 47 / Phil Clarke: 80

# Thank-You