

**THE BURSTEAD SENIORS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 23rd November 2022
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Trevor Hull (TH)
Tom Dines (TD)
Andy Sadler (APS)
Des Allen (DA)
Steve Oakes (SO)
Chris Hammond (CH)

Chairman
Captain
Vice Captain
Secretary
Match Secretary
Treasurer

Plus 39 members

Meeting opened at 08.30am.

1. Apologies for absence:

Tony Smyth, Adrian Houslop, Mike Reason, Richard Pitt, John Morris, John Surridge and Dave Clark.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 23rd November 2021:

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3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.

4. Captain's Report:

See attached transcript of Tom Dine's report.

5. Match Secretary's Report:

See attached transcript of Steve Oakes' report.

6. Secretary's report:

See attached transcript of Des Allen's report.

7. Treasurers Report:

An Audited Financial Report was provided by the Treasurer, Chris Hammond showing an overall surplus of £3,173.85 as at 30th September 2022.

There were no matters arising from the Treasurers report.

Treasures Report attached:

8. Election of Officers for 2022

Position	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Tom Dines	Constitution	Constitution
Captain	Andy Sadler	Laurie Hampton	Ted Cuthbert
Vice-Captain	Bob Allen	Roger Peters	Laurie Hampton
Secretary	Des Allen	Ted Cuthbert	Laurie Hampton
Treasurer	Chris Hammond	Bob Allen	Lou Rayner
Match Secretary	Steve Oakes	Tony Henson	John Fogwill
Social Secretary			
Elected Member	Laurie Hampton	Roger Peters	Ted Cuthbert
Auditor	Des Allen	John Fogwill	Bob Allen
Men's Section Rep	Andy Sadler	Lou Rayner	Wilk McLean
Web Master	See AOB below		

All elected unanimously

Those present were informed that Tony Smyth will be stepping down as Social Secretary although he will continue to organise next year's tour. In addition, Chris Hammond stated he would step down as Treasurer within the coming year or as soon as a replacement was found. Those present were asked if anyone would like to take on either of these roles, however, nobody responded to this request.

9. Appointment of Auditor

Des Allen agreed to continue in this role.

10. Revised Constitution

Subject to amendment to the following wording "**FUNDS**: Funds of the Section will be maintained in the name of "Burstead Seniors" in an appropriate Bank Account. Any TWO of FOUR designated Committee Members are required to sign cheques drawn on such Account. Books recording financial transactions will be maintained and audited ~~annually~~ *quarterly and within one month of the quarters end* by an Auditor appointed by the Members. The revision to the constitution was agreed by those present. The final version of the revised version of the constitution to be posted on the noticeboard asap.

11. A.O.B

- a. TH recommended the introduction of the role of Web Master to be included within the members of the committee. This was agreed by those present and TH accepted the role.
- b. Following Adrian Houslop resignation as the Elected Member on the Committee, Laurie Hampton was proposed and seconded for this role.
- c. It was proposed that John Fogwill, who has held various roles within the section, should be made an Honorary Member of the Seniors with immediate effect. This proposal was unanimously agreed by all present.

- d. It was proposed that the value of vouchers given to medal winners and runners-up should be reduced to £20/£15/£10 going forward to accurately reflect the value of medals. This was agreed by those present.
- e. It was proposed that a £5 fee should be charged when players enter the summer singles and pairs and winter pairs/Winter League competition to assist in covering the cost of medals and vouchers. This would be a single payment on entry to the competition and not each round. This was agreed by those present.
- f. A Senior member has complained about the state of the mats in the driving range. It was noted that these are the responsibility of Billericay Golf and not the club. It was agreed that DA would raise this issue with Billericay Golf.
Action: DA to speak to staff in the Golf Shop.
- g. It was suggested that there should be a smoking ban on the course. This was considered not to be feasible as it would impact on other sections of the club and potentially players from other clubs during inter-club matches. However, Phil Branch (PB) agreed to raise this topic with the Men's section and provide feedback in due course.
Action: PB to liaise with Men's section.
- h. SO thanked everyone who has provided a reply to the recent questionnaire and requested anyone who hasn't responded to do so as a matter of urgency so that an analysis of the results can be completed.
Action: SO to complete review of questionnaire results.
- i. Members were requested to make every effort to attend the Xmas prize presentation lunch, especially if they are due to collect a medal or voucher. Anyone who cannot attend should advise a member of the Committee in advance of the event.
- j. It was suggested that there should be a board in the conservatory to promote the events taking place on Tuesdays and that the notice board in the changing room should be updated. It was felt that information is delivered via the weekly report and HandicapMaster but this should be introduced for major events and inter-club matches. This was agreed by those present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.48.

The first Committee meeting in 2023 will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

The Burstead Seniors

Captains AGM Report

Good morning gentlemen.

Well what a year so far. It's great to be back to normality and playing golf for a whole year after two years of Covid interruptions.

It was an honour to be elected Captain of this great section at the end of last year. In my opinion the Burstead Seniors are probably the best set of guys you could ever meet and play golf with. The camaraderie we have in our section is second to none. The section has increased over the year to around 120 members and it is my pleasure to be able to call every one of you, my friends.

The section is nothing without its members, so I would like to thank every single member of the Seniors Section for his help and support throughout this year.

Special thanks must go to Des Allen for all his help and encouragement throughout the year, he's done an absolutely amazing job even when he is away in Spain. I really don't know what this section would have done without him this year, I know my job would have been a lot harder without his support, thank you Des.

I must also give a special mention to the Committee, who all help make this probably the best run Seniors Section in our area and the envy of all the clubs we meet and interact with.

There are others who deserve special thanks, but I would like to mention just a few. Thanks to Andy Sadler my Vice Captain for all his help during the year and for standing in for me when I was unable to play when I had Covid and the couple of holidays I had (If you listen to Andy he will say I was always on holiday and never really here). Andy has plenty of ideas on maximizing our golf experience next year and with your help and support I'm sure he will be a great Captain representing our section with great Gusto.

To Tony Smyth for arranging the away days to Colne Valley and the Summer Tour to Brett Vale and Wensum Valley this year, thanks Tony and we can already look forward to next years' Tour to Shendish Manor in June.

Thanks also to Steve Oakes for arranging all the Inter-Club fixtures and supplying all the match day cards fully populated, thanks Steve.

Onto the achievements of the year, if you haven't heard Tom Dines got a hole in one on the par 3 16th at Benton Hall. Congratulations go to Phil Glester for winning the Summer Singles title this year. Phil battled through the rounds to the final, where he was victorious against Trevor Hull. In the Winter Pairs Bob Allen and John Cornwall defeated Barry Hall and Tom Dines, well done to Bob and John. In the Summer Pairs Trevor Hull and Des Allen defeated Barrie Waters and Frank Guiheen. Well done to Trevor and Des. Congratulations to Phil Glester on winning on Tour this year, against some stiff opposition, he came in with 2 great rounds of golf to win the coveted trophy, well done Phil. Finally, congratulations to Phil Wood, Tom Dines, Richard King and Phil Glester who reached the Seniors Golf Association National Plate final and won. Well done to Phil, Tom, Richard and Phil.

In the inter club matches this year we played 22 games winning 9 and losing 13. Thank you to each and every member who took the time and trouble to play in these games. I will leave it to Steve Oakes to fill in the nitty gritty details of who played the most games, scored the most points etc.

My personal highlights were being part of the National 4's winning team, getting my first hole in one, getting to the final of the winter pairs competition, reducing my WHI handicap down to 9.9 (It only lasted one week) and representing the Seniors as Captain in the inter club matches, which I love playing in. The weekly stand out item is of course my jokes and in particular the way I don't tell them.

I'm looking forward to Ladies night on Friday 2nd December. As always this is a great event and a chance for you to treat your Ladies to a night out, which they deserve of course for their loyal support in allowing us all to play the game we love.

In closing I would like to wish Andy all the best and good luck in his year of captaincy and thank all the Seniors Section again for supporting my chosen charity (Essex & Herts Air Ambulance), which has raised over £2,300 to date with still a month to run.

And finally, I'll take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tom

2022 Captain

Match Secretary Report 2022

AGM 22 November 2022

It's been a very busy year, and for the first time since 2019, a full one, with a full programme of matches home and away against 11 other clubs.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow committee members for their sterling efforts during the past twelve months, but particularly to Captain Tom, Vice-Captain Andy and Secretary Des, for their support and assistance over the course of the matchplay season.

Of course, matches wouldn't be possible without players, and this year we have had 54 members of the section represent us on Match days, with 12 members having played in 10 or more of those games. Whether you have played 18 matches or 1 match, you have all been fine representatives of what is the best senior section in the County.

I have the playing stats for all those that have played this year, not by way of any comparisons or achievements, but throughout the season, there has been this bubbling of friendly competition between the Captain and Vice-Captain, and I'm pleased and somewhat relieved to tell you that their stats are pretty similar, having lost the same number of games.....7 each. Andy will remind you that he has however, played three more matches than holidaying Tom, so take from that what you will!

In our full programme of games this year, we have recorded four overall victories against some notable scalps; Stapleford Abbots, Romford, Bentley and Thorpe hall.

It's pretty obvious, however, that we prefer having Home advantage, having won 8 times at Home and only losing 3. On the road, we have only picked up 1 victory out of our 11 away fixtures, but a number of them have been very closely fought affairs. Despite all this, every one of us has enjoyed the experience of representing the section and matches have been played in great spirit, fairness, and fun.

As we continue to attract new faces to the section, can I remind you that ALL members of the section with a competition handicap are eligible for selection and I would greatly encourage everyone to refer to the Handicap Master system to keep track of upcoming matches for the 2023 season.

Next year will throw some challenges at us, with the switch to matches being played on our regular Tuesday Golf Day, and whilst this is an unavoidable situation, your committee will do everything it can to ensure that there is minimal change and focus on regular Tuesdays for ALL members. All our medals and major competitions will take place on NON-Match Day Tuesdays, and we have also arranged it so that matches are more evenly spread throughout the year, with every effort to avoid playing more than one per week.

In speaking to our opponents throughout the year, it has been clear to me, that we continue to be recognised by our peers as being a friendly, well run senior section and this is reflected in the fact that this year we have had to decline, for the time being, at least, requests from other clubs, such as Mardyke, Ballards Gore and Colchester, for fixtures.

Can I conclude by once again thanking everyone for their patience and assistance with Match day arrangements, which at times can be difficult with last minute drop outs or changes to pairings, timings, etc. May I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to a lot more new faces coming forward for team selection.

Thank you

Steve Oakes

Interclub Match Secretary 2022

Senior Secretary's Report

AGM 22nd November 2022

First of all, I would take this opportunity to thank Captain Tom for a successful year in charge and wish Andy Sadler great success during his tenure as Captain next year. I would also like to thank the other members of the committee who have helped and guided me through my first year as secretary.

However, I have to start this report on a sad note and ask everyone to take a moment to reflect on those members we sadly lost this year namely, Peter Jackson, Ricky Leaver and Jeff Pockett, who I know will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and played golf with them. Next time you have a drink please raise a glass to absent friends.

This year saw the introduction of eleven new members to the section who I am sure have been made welcome by all present and the loss of two people who have moved away.

The highlight of the year must be when our team of Captain Tom Dines, Phil Wood, Phil Glester and Richard King won the National Fours Competition. Well done.

I am not going to reiterate the results from the Inter-Club matches which match Secretary Steve Oakes has already covered in great detail within his report. However, I would personally like to thank Steve for the great organisation of these event and all the members who participated in the matches or were on standby. The general feedback from other clubs is that they are always made welcome by our members and other clubs enjoy playing here which is a great compliment to all involved, the club, the staff and you the players. As you probably know next year the majority of home matches will take place on a Tuesday and it should be noted that this has been dictated by the Management of the Club and is not a decision made by this Committee.

This year we had a great three-day tour to Brett Vale and Wensum Valley as well as two away days at Colne Valley organised by our Tour Secretary, Tony Smythe. Once again, an awful lot of work goes in to organising these events behind the scenes requiring the sacrifice of his personal time liaising with the clubs concerned and other members of the committee, organising prizes for the competitions and the raffle etc. On behalf of everyone who attended, thank you Tony for all your hard work in this regard.

As far as general points this year, to date we have lost nine Tuesdays due to either bad weather closing the course or the demise of Queen Elizabeth. Although last Tuesday was a close run thing as well!

The highest combined attendance took place for the Mid-Summer Competition when 62 players took to the course. This event attracted the highest number of 18-holers during the year, being 50. The total number of people attending on that day equated to over 52% of the Senior membership at that time. The highest number of 9-holers attending on a Tuesday was 14 in the June Medal and Scratch Competition. The average attendance throughout the year up until last week equated to 37.60% of the Sections membership which also includes non-playing members. Bearing in mind that Covid also impacted people's ability to attend throughout the year, I believe the overall attendance has been very good.

There have been a number of highlights throughout the year in addition to winning the National 4's already mentioned, and although a couple of holes in one were scored, I am sure Captain Tom will be happy to tell you about his one in the match away at Benton Hall, only one occurred on our

Tuesday competition days. Congratulations to Ian Raper who achieved this feat during the Captain's Charity Morning in early July.

There have been a few note-worthy scores/results throughout the year which include Ray Sutton and Captain Tom Dines who both hit net 65 in the July and August Medals respectively being the lowest net medal scores of the year. Nett 66 hit by Tony Fossey, Lachlan Munn and Roger Peters in the March, June and September medals. Congratulations go to John Cornwall and Bob Allen who won the 2021/2022 Winter Pairs competition. Phil Glester who won the Summer Singles Competition. Trevor Hull and his partner, me, for winning the Summer Pairs and Paul Gallagher for the best net score of the year, being net 60 in the John Collins Memorial Cup. Congratulations to all the winners of this year's various competitions which are too numerous to detail within this report.

Finally, I hope everyone has enjoyed the golfing year and that I did not make too many errors.

It just leaves for me to wish you all a Merry Xmas and hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year. Have a great 2023.

Des

Secretary

Seniors Financial Year Report 2022

End of September 2022				End of September 2021			
	Income	Expenditure	Total		Income	Expenditure	Total
Total in account at 30.09.22	£6,420.08			Total in account at 30.09.21	£6,865.18		
Carried Forward	£4,265.19			Carried Forward	£3,452.26		
Kitties	£2,105.71			Kitties	£1,437.00		
Subs	£1,050.00			Subs	£1,020.00		
Expenses		-£1,268.66		Expenses		-£670.59	
Awayday	£300.57			Awayday	£129.29		
Charity	£2,180.51			Charity	£2,113.15		
Trophies and prizes		-£2,481.26		Trophies and prizes		-£401.80	
Jumpers and shirts		-£794.14		Jumpers and shirts		-£664.13	
2023 tour deposits	£1,062.16			2022 tour deposits	£450.00		
Total in account	£10,964.14	-£4,544.06	£6,420.08	Total in account	£8,601.70	-£1,736.52	£6,865.18
Deduct Captain's charity			-£2,180.51	Deduct Captain's charity			-£2,113.15
Deduct Awayday			-£300.57	Deduct Awayday			-£129.29
Deduct tour deposits 2023			-£1,062.16	Deduct tour deposits 2022			-£450.00
Deduct Shirts and jumpers			-£794.14	Deduct Shirts and jumpers			-£664.13
Total			£2,082.70	Total			£3,508.61
Money on Loyalty card			£1,091.15	Money on Loyalty card			£1,220.87
Overall surplus			£3,173.85	Overall surplus			£4,729.48