



Minutes of the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting** of the  
South Wales Seniors Classic

Held at the Grove Golf Club on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

Present: List of attendees available with Secretary.

The Chairman, Mr John Davies (Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club) opened the meeting by asking all to stand for a minute silence for Departed friends.

Apologies for absence.

**Gordon Elliot, Jim Cunnick, Peter Croke, Peter Bound**

**Senior Golf Section Captains From:**

**Milford Haven, Cottrell Park, Cilgwyn, Derllys Court, Coed-y-Mwstwr, Soturtherdown**

**Newport Links, Haverfordwest**

The Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the previous AGM.

Approval was Proposed by Brian Kemp (St Pierre) and Seconded by David Williams (Woodlake Park).

The minutes were adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Chairmans report.**

The Chairman expressed how honoured and privileged he was to be involved in such an organisation as the South Wales Golf Classic. The competition continues to go from strength to strength and was delighted with the amount raised for Wales Ambulance Service again this year.

He thanked the committee for their continued unwavering hard work and praised the Treasurer Chris Bailey and the Secretary Clive Evans for their unfaltering work and commitment again over the last year.

**Treasurers Report.**

Chris Bailey outlined in detail the balance sheet that all members present had been provided. There was a year-end balance of £1,812.90. Coors who have sponsored the Claret Jug for many years withdrew this year and all the presentation glasses were purchased by ourselves.

The committee are in the process of acquiring new sponsors for next year's competition.

Chris thanked Ron Holloway for examining and auditing the accounts again this year which will be his last and we thank him for his services which he provided free of charge over the last 21 years.

The accounts were agreed unanimously by all present.

### **Secretaries Report.**

The South Wales Classic and Claret Jug Competitions are becoming one, if not the most prestigious in the Senior golfing calendar in South Wales and we as a committee are fully committed and will strive to ensure that the SWGC goes from strength to strength.

As a committee we were honoured to welcome our new President Garin Jenkins this year and also Mike Totthill and Robert Arbourne who agreed to be Vice Presidents .

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to join us on the committee you would be most welcome. As Chris mentioned Ron Holloway has decided to retire after 21 years of auditing our annual accounts free of charge so we will be looking to fill that role.

There were a number of firsts for us this year,

Between the Cup and Claret Jug competitions 1,032 players registered in 2024 which is a record.

We presented the Welsh Air Ambulance with a cheque for £10,000 at this year's presentation dinner, which was very well attended, and I know that treasurer Chris Bailey has been trying to achieve that 5-figure total for a number of years.

To everyone that took part and to all the clubs that hosted the Claret Jug qualifiers, namely Llantrisant, Tenby and Neath. Cradoc for hosting the final of the Claret Jug and Creigiau for hosting the quarter finals of the Classic and The Grove Golf Club for hosting the Semi Finals and Finals all of which gave their course and facilities free of charge,

Thank you.

Throughout the 2024 season I sought the views of many players, and the consensus was that it should remain a knockout draw.

When the competition started in 2003 there were twelve clubs that took part. The numbers of teams grew year upon year and in 2010 the number of teams were restricted to 64.

The SWGC is inclusive, and we must encourage and allow as many teams as possible the opportunity to take part.

Restricting clubs to only one team may be the solution.

Finally, a big thank you to all the competitors for supporting again this year and to the committee who work so hard behind the scenes all year and I look forward to another successful year in 2025.

Thank you

### **Election of officers:**

No new nominations received & all the present officers would be prepared to stand again.

New Committee members would be most welcome and if interested please contact the Secretary.

### **Proposals:**

1)

Peter Croke (Southerndown)

***'When a match is drawn i.e. halved, the away team will be awarded the match and go through to the next round.***

***This is only until the quarter finals because after this the matches are on neutral courses'.***

The above matter was debated at length. A suggestion of giving the away team a one-hole start was also discussed and another suggestion of whether it would be feasible to play on neutral courses.

An amendment for the proposal from Robert Arbourne (Neath) and seconded by Dai Evans (Cardigan) to keep the status quo was voted on and passed by a majority.

i.e. Rule 3(g) still applies

***'In the event that the match ends up all square, the last halving pair will play sudden death to determine the overall outcome'.***

2)

Chris Bailey (Swansea Bay)

***'That all squads for the Classic Competition be extended up to a maximum 14 members'***

Passed unanimously by those in attendance

3)

Clive Evans ( Carmarthen)

***'That we do away with the East and West qualifying rounds'.***

Passed unanimously by those in attendance

## **AOB**

The matter of practice rounds was raised by Derek Bevan (Neath).

Historically a £10 nominal fee was arranged and agreed by many clubs but after COVID many clubs thought that it was too cheap. The issue was discussed, and it was decided that it should be left to the team Captains to negotiate a fee for the practice round.

The Secretary provided dates and venues for next year's competition:

### **Classic Quarter Finals**

22nd July                      Cottrell Park Golf Club

### **Semi Final**

6th August                      Machynys Golf Club

### **Final**

September 4th                  Grove Golf Club

## **Claret Jug**

### **Qualifiers**

West                      30th June                      Cardigan Golf Club

East                      2nd July                      Cardiff Golf Club

Central                      4th July                      Mond Golf Club

### **Final**

20th August      St Pierre Golf Club

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and wished them well for next year's competition and hoped that we could raise a similar amount to the Wales Air Ambulance again next year.

Meeting closed at 12:10