



## Mid Kent Golf Club – Veterans Section

Minutes of the “Forum 2003” held in the Clubhouse  
At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 30 September 2003

Those Present:

J.Baker	C.Butterle	H.Caulfield	R.Davies
R.Foskett	B.Gay	B.Glew	G.Hinks
D.G.Jackson	G.Jewiss	G.Lane	D.McCarthy
D.Milledge	G.Owen	D.Pascoe	S.Pascoe
D.Powell	P.Quadling	W.Ritchie	N.Tanner
I.Taylor	M.Trott	D.Wallis	R.Watts
J.Wells			

The Veterans Captain Jack Wells opened the Forum by welcoming all attendees.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from S.Cleverly, C.Dudley, P.Johnson, R.Rider and K Thompson.

### **2. The minutes of “Forum 2002”**

These were circulated before the start of the meeting.

Proposal: That the minutes of the last Forum be passed as read.

Proposed by: Roy Davies

Seconded by: Bill Ritchie

Carried.

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Captains Report.**

The Vets Captain Jack Wells reported that the teams participating in friendly matches had a very successful year winning eight matches, losing eight matches and drawing three. One match against the ladies had been won and the second halved. We had staged an excellent Vets Open.

N.Ponting, the captain of the league team, had resigned prior to the meeting and was unavailable to present his report. Those league players present reported a rather poor year although facts and figures were not available.

Jack went on to thank Ian Taylor (Treasurer) and Colin Dudley (Secretary) for their help over the year. He also thanked Ron Watkins for the many years that he had produced the Vets statistics. Ron was now retiring from that task and Claude Buttle would take it on.

He thanked everyone for the support he had received throughout the year

### **4. Treasurer’s report.**

Ian Taylor's report had been available for well in advance of the Forum and he presented it to the meeting. He said that there was little change from last year with match fees breaking even, Thorpe Hall deficit being met by the club, a small loss on the Jim Cobb competition due to unexpected engraving costs and the Turkey Trot very much the same as last year. Because of our continuing healthy finances, he proposed that our donations to charities remain as follows: -

Incoming Club Captain	£100
Kent Ambulance	£200 + income from Owen Jones Competition.
Lions Hospice	£100
Junior Championships	£50

Ian wished to record his thanks to our auditor Charles Edwards.

Don Pascoe enquired as to why the Veterans Section continued to manage Thorpe Hall finances when it was now a club event. Ian replied that it was largely for historic reasons but he would determine if his detailed records of income and expenditure for that event were necessary.

**Proposal:** That the treasurer's report and his recommendations regarding charitable gifts are accepted.

Proposed by: John Baker  
Seconded by: D.Jackson  
Carried.

#### **5. Election of Officers for 2003-2004.**

##### Election of Captain.

Proposal: That Denis McCarthy be elected Vets Captain for the coming year.

Proposed by: Ian Taylor  
Seconded by: George Jewiss  
Carried.

##### Election of Vice Captain

Les Scott had found it necessary to withdraw his offer to be Vice Captain. Before the business of electing a new vice captain was conducted, there was some discussion about the way the league team is selected and about partly meeting the costs incurred by the Vets Captain. A summary of the salient points raised by the many contributors from the floor follows: -

It was generally agreed that the league team should be more competitive. The quality of the teams in the league is high and our team lacked any strength in depth. The selection of the league team has varied over the years between an autocratic selection by the Captain and selection by a committee of three – usually the Captain and two others. Because so few players volunteer to play, the pool of players from which to choose is small; sometimes the team almost picks itself for that reason. There appeared to be a variety of reasons for this lack of volunteers; suggested reasons from the floor were that the name “Vets” had a connotation that made it unattractive to some players and the misconception that “you won't get selected anyway”. There was considerable sympathy for the autocratic captain method of team selection with Rochester and Cobham, who have won the league in four of the last six years, being quoted as a successful example of it. The Vets Captain does not have to play in the league team but has been involved in team selection and can nominate one of the players as captain for any particular match.

Dave Milledge offered to manage the league team and would seek a wider participation from the many low handicap players that we have. In addition to asking for volunteers he would seek out low handicap players over 60 years old. It was agreed without dissent that to be selected a player must be a paid up member of the Vets section.

**Proposal:** That David Milledge is appointed league team manager.

Proposed by Denis McCarthy  
Seconded by Jack Wells  
Carried.

There was some discussion as to how some of the costs incurred by the captain of the friendly matches could be offset. Several options were considered including paying for the lunchtime wine, meeting half the costs of the Captain's lunch, or granting an honorarium to the Captain. Ian Taylor confirmed that the options could comfortably be met from our funds.

**Proposal.** That the Match Captain be compensated for wine expenditure.

Proposed by: Ian Taylor  
Seconded by: Jack Wells  
Carried.

Following the outcome of the preceding discussions Brian Glew offered to be Vice Captain.

**Proposal:** That Brian Glew be elected Vice Captain for the coming year.

Proposed by: David Wallis  
Seconded by: Jack Wells  
Carried.

#### Election of the Vets Secretary.

The section wished to thank the retiring secretary, Colin Dudley, for his work over the past years.

Proposal: That Claude Buttle be elected Vet Section Secretary.

Proposed by: Colin Dudley.  
Seconded by: Ian Taylor  
Carried.

### **6. Subscriptions.**

Ian Taylor saw no reason to change the level of annual subscription.

### **7.The Vets Open**

The Vets open had again been a very successful event making a profit of £313 primarily due to the raffle. Ian confirmed that it would remain limited to 32 teams to avoid the problems that some of our vets had experienced at other club's open competitions, particularly that of congestion on the course.

### **8.Any Other Business.**

David Milledge raised the topic of running the Vets Monthly Medal more in line with other Club Competitions. He suggested that the competition be played off the white tees, open all day and be a qualifying competition. This met with general agreement but it was for consideration that such play might be from May to October only. The use of white tees has already been agreed by the club so to put this proposal into effect the competition fees needed to be collected by the club professional without commission and the prizes presented as part of the Club Captain's prize giving. The Vets Captain saw no problem with the change in the prize giving and he was asked to investigate the fee handling. The competition would continue to be played on the first Monday of each month.

The meeting closed at 11:10 with a vote of thanks to Jack Wells the outgoing captain.

T.C.Buttle  
30 September 2003