



LINCOLN GOLF CLUB(Inc)

SEVENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2023

NOTICE OF THE SEVENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 77th Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Golf Club (Inc) shall be held in the Clubhouse, Boundary Road Lincoln at 7:30pm on Wednesday 25th October 2023.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Notification of General Business
3. Confirmation of AGM Minutes of Meeting 26th October 2022.
4. Annual Reports
 - President
 - Finance
 - Women
 - Men
 - Handicapping
 - House
 - Greens/Development
 - Membership
5. Accounts and Balance Sheet
6. Appointment of Patron
7. Election of Officers and Appointment of Auditor
8. Notices of Motion

2. General Business - please notify items of General Business to the Secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Please Note: Members are reminded that resignations must be in the hands of the Secretary 24 hours prior to the Annual General Meeting. To receive notices by e-mail please send an e-mail to lincoln@golf.co.nz

**MINUTES OF THE 76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN GOLF CLUB HELD
IN THE CLUBHOUSE 7.30 PM WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2022**

ATTENDANCE

The Patron and forty five members were in attendance.
President Darryl Moore as Chair welcomed those present to the 76^h AGM of the Lincoln Golf Club.

APOLOGIES

Moved G Henshaw/Seconded R McLaren that “That the 11 apologies be accepted.”
CARRIED

The Chair asked for any items of General Business not notified.
See the section entitled General Business

CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS AGM’S MINUTES

Moved J Latham/Seconded R Fussey “That the minutes of the AGM 13th October 2021 be taken as read.”
CARRIED

Moved R McLaren/Seconded J Prendergast “That the minutes of the AGM 13th October 2021 are a true and correct record.”
CARRIED

No matters arising from Minutes.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Moved L Foulds/Seconded B Small “That the Annual Reports be taken as read”

Moved A Fowler/Seconded J Latham “That the Annual Reports be accepted and approved.”

ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Moved A Fowler/L McAuley “That the Financial Report Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2022 be taken as read.”
CARRIED

Moved J Latham/R McLaren “That the Financial Report Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2022 be accepted and approved.”
CARRIED

RESIGNATION OF PATRON

Pam Hutchinson has decided to step down as our Club Patron. The Chair thanked Pam for her contribution and presented her with a Boutique of Flowers.
Pam’s words are attached at the end of these minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PATRON

The Committee asked Morrie Henderson if he would like to become our New Patron and he has agreed saying it would be an Honour.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for 2022/2023

President	Steve Harrold
Vice President	Ross Pamment
Secretary	Angela Fowler
Treasurer	Tony Davey / Brent Small
Men's Captain	Scott Saunders
Men's Vice Captain	Mark Gleave
Ladies' Captain	Janice Rolls
Ladies' Vice Captain	Heather Templeton
Club Captain	Scott Saunders
Immediate Past President	Darryl Moore

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mike Bond, Warwick Butler, Dale Pamment, Brent Small, Mike Boshoff, Graham Henshaw

The Chair congratulated the new Management Committee and thanked all those who have been on the Committee over the past two years.

AUDITOR

The Chair thanked Murray Mowat for his efforts as auditor and advised that he was willing to continue.

Moved L McAuley/Seconded J Latham "That Murray Mowat be appointed as Club Auditor for 2022/2023 year." CARRIED

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND HONORARIA

The management Committee has recommended that the 2023 subscription rates should be as follows:

MOVED S Harrold SECONDED B Small that the subscription rates for 2023 will be:

- **Men Full** - \$490 with a reduced subscription of \$465, if paid in full by 31 January 2023.
- **Women Full** - \$490 with a reduced subscription of \$465, if paid in full by 31 January 2023.
- **Husband and Wife Full** - \$955 with a reduced subscription of \$905, if paid in full by 31 January 2023.

- **Midweek** - \$445 with a reduced subscription to \$420, if paid in full by 31 January 2023.

- **9 Hole** - \$300 with a reduced subscription if paid in full by 31 January 2023

- **Students 19-26 years** - \$305 if paid in full by 31 January 2023

- **Summer members** - \$430 if paid in full by 31 January 2023

- **Juniors under 19** - \$80 (Selwyn Hub)

- **Non-Playing Social Membership** - \$37 per annum

- **Entrance Fee** - \$45

The honoraria were unchanged.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 The Committee are seeking quotes and funding for a replacement Tractor. This will be brought to a “Special General Meeting” to be on a Saturday between the morning and afternoon rounds once documentation is complete.

2. PROPOSED R Fussey SECONDED A Frost that any person playing as a guest on ALL Competition days will pay \$15. The \$15 charge will also apply to any affiliated club member who is playing with a Lincoln Golf Club Member.

CARRIED

The Chair thanked everyone present for their attendance and also thanked the many volunteers' contributions to the Club.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.55pm

2023 Reports

The last year has had its ups and downs, the upside is Lincoln Golf Club is in great shape with a high number of members. The club has purchased a new tractor to help Blair Burtenshaw to keep the grounds in good order. Blair has the course in top condition considering the very wet autumn.

The downside the very wet autumn that caused the course to become very heavy and at times the course was flooded with water. This led to closing of the course off and on for about 9 weeks. I believe that that it was the correct call to close for those periods. I would like to thank Burnham Golf Club & Kaituna Golf Club for their hospitality while our course was closed.

I would like to thank the management committee for all their hard work throughout the last year. Also, a big thank you to Blair and all his volunteers who all do a great job.

I would also like us all to remember several past and present members who passed away over the last year. We all miss their faces and contributions to the club.

Lastly, I want to thank all members for their hard work and dedication to make Lincoln Golf Club the great club that it is.

Steve Harrold - President

FINANCE

Despite a year impacted by extended course closures during a very wet winter, the clubs financial performance continues to be sound.

Core operating revenue (subscription income, clubhouse, competition, raffle and catering) was steady at \$ 319,163 (against \$ 319,038 for 2022) with an additional \$10,000 received in 2023 as a grant for the replacement tractor bringing total income for 2023 to \$ 329,163 with the following notable changes -

- Clubhouse income dropped \$ 11,300 to \$ 36,900, but competition income increased \$ 11,000 to \$ 39,005. The increase/decrease is attributable to how receipts are coded within the accounting system.
- Other income increased \$6,700 to \$8,005 including an increase of \$5,000 in interest received.
- Expenses were comparable to 2022, increasing just \$2600 with fluctuations within various expense categories but no significant blowouts or anomalies within any particular expense category.

- Excluding the grant income (which is used for a fixed asset purchase so should be excluded from core revenue), overall profitability was also comparable to 2022, recording \$19,500 net profit compared with \$17,525 in 2022.

There was a reduction in cash in bank to July 2023 of \$18,000 to \$168,612 -

- This was mostly due to cash being paid for the tractor purchase in April which cost \$50,025 after trade-in, \$ 10,000 funded by TAB grant and \$40,025 funded by club funds.
- The wet winter closing the course for approximately 7 weeks had a significant negative impact on cash receipts from green fees, competition income and bar takings (although the bar was opened for members on several days which partially reduced this effect).

Despite the reduction in cash in the bank, the club remains in a healthy position and is able to meet all financial commitments when due.

With the club being closed for an extended period in 2023, no significant capital expenditure identified for the coming period and a steady financial performance for the past 2 years, the subs are proposed to remain the same for the 2024 season -

- Mens Full - \$ 490 with a reduced subscription to \$ 465, if paid in full by 31 January 2023
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 490 with a reduced subscription to \$ 465, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- Ladies Full - \$ 490 with a reduced subscription to \$ 465, if paid in full by 31 January 2023
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 490 with a reduced subscription to \$ 465, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- Husband and Wife Full - \$ 955 with a reduced subscription to \$ 905, if paid in full by 31 January 2023
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 955 with a reduced subscription to \$ 905, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- 9 Hole - \$ 300 with a reduced subscription to \$ 275, if paid in full by 31 January 2023
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 300 with a reduced subscription to \$ 275, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- Students - \$ 300 with a reduced subscription to \$ 275, if paid in full by 31 January 2023

- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 300 with a reduced subscription to \$ 275, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- Summer Members - \$ 430, if paid in full by 31 January 2023
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 430, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- Juniors - \$ 80, if paid in full by 31 January 2023
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 80, if paid in full by 31 January 2024.
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- Non-Playing Membership - \$ 37 per annum.
- **Proposed Sub** - \$ 37 per annum
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- Entrance Fee - \$ 45, No Change

A special thanks to Brent Small who has assisted greatly with the day to day financial function of the club, to Leslie for providing guidance on various operational matters.

Tony Davey - Treasurer

WOMEN

Following the problems & difficulties posed by the pandemic years, the 2022/2023 Lincoln Ladies season drew to an end with two popular annual events. First; Closing Day, with the presentation of a cornucopia of trophies & certificates before our excellent dinner. We offered heartfelt congratulations to our winners and our thanks to all our ladies for their participation & support throughout the season. A week later we enjoyed our traditional Christmas Stapleford with a visit from the Man in Red & a shared afternoon tea of delectable homemade goodies. We ended the calendar year optimistic that 2023 would see a return to golf normality.

Despite a good start, 2023 sent other problems our way. We sympathised with members put out of action by health problems and we remembered those who have died. On October 2nd a memorial for Ethel Haugh was held by her family in the Club House. They shared fascinating insights into Ethel's long life on the South Island & thanked us for our assistance with the organisation. Ethel's initiative supporting the annual Breast Cancer Charity Lunch & the excellent savouries she always provided were legendary - not to forget the whitebait she caught with her sons & donated. This event will continue in 2024 with an enhanced format with which we hope to increase our charitable donation.

The weather caused the whole club grief this year, inundating the course with heavy rain, resulting in mud, heavy-going & course closures, while the mowers sat idle & the grass grew. A vote of thanks is due to Greenkeeper Blair, Greens Convenor Mike Bond, their volunteers & the volunteer gardeners (we need more!) for their work returning the course to its current good condition. During the course closures we continued to meet socially on Tuesdays at the Club House for everyone to keep in touch. The change this year to Red/Yellow tees for the ladies is intended to increase the interest & challenge of the course but first experiences have shown us that this requires careful placing of the tee markers, something for the 2024 ladies committee to discuss.

Instead of reviewing the year item by item, I have provided a graph with this report, an overview of the Tuesday ladies golf year. Our weekend ladies play a similar program, slightly increasing the 18-hole-player statistics (graph green line). We have also provided full printouts of our 2023 Ladies Trophy Winners for those who would like one. This list will be amended as final results come in. The weather caused havoc, delaying many competitions, resulting in constant rescheduling.

It's good to see ladies playing midweek with the Wackers & Twilight golfers but, with one exception, weekend Mixed Competitions have not attracted many of our ladies this year. The exception is the Club Shootout, probably the most popular of our internal competitions. Shootout Finals Day attracts spectators - the range of competitors, the tension, the raffles, the social gathering - sometimes the weather plays ball as well! Nancy Moroney has put a great effort into this event since its inception, working with succeeding Captains through the years. The next Shootout is already under way. Heather Templeton was our 2023 Ladies Winner. We wish her good fortune defending her title.

Looking outside our internal competitions:

McLeans Island Ladies came to Lincoln in March for our biannual fixture. Lincoln won - by 0.1pts Discussions for a date for Lincoln's visit to McLeans Island are in progress.

A week later, our Open Team Tournament went well.

Karen Craigie (Rangiora GC) took the Best Gross prize with an 81

Templeton's Golf Angels won the Team Competition, closely followed by Weedon's Electric Eclectics and Tai Tapu's Rough Diamonds who were defending their previous win.

It was pleasing to see Lincoln's Joy Bell hit the

Longest Drive of the day.

The next Open Team

Tournament will be held on 21st March 2024

The Interclub Teams, our National Team & the entrants into annual Canterbury Competitions strode into battle through the year, frequently facing formidable opposition.

We were disappointed not to be given an opportunity to challenge for the Boyle Cup, currently held by Scargill, and are hoping to remedy this situation in 2024.

We survived an outing to Waimairi Beach, playing nine holes in full sun on a hot day and we enjoyed lunches at the Tai Tapu Hotel and the Prebbleton Good Home.

I want to thank the Ladies Committee for their sterling work and all our ladies for their support throughout the year. Our Secretary's digital communications; the smooth running of the Office with more ladies getting to grips with competition paperwork; the Raffles & Sales Table Crews; the Kitchen Crew, coping so well & the success of their seasonal "cheesies"; the amazing array of flowers & table decorations which have adorned our special days. All these contribute to the pleasure of golf days. We've welcomed just one new Tuesday player this year; we would like to welcome more.

For me, It's been an interesting three years and I offer the new Captains & Club Committees my best wishes for a successful season.

Janice Rolls - Women's Captain

MEN

2023 has been an interesting year to say the least. Plenty of great rounds enjoyed by all and also plenty of wet weather during the late autumn - winter period. Many thanks to Burnham and Kaituna Clubs particularly for supporting our Members during this period. It has also been good to see plenty of new members joining our competitions.

Interclub this year was again well supported with our teams holding their own in the various competitions. We have had teams in Patterson Cup, Brownie Cup, Central Shield, Central Masters as well as the over 50's and 60's. many thanks to all the team Captains who organised the teams. Sadly, this club year saw the passing of interclub legend Geoff Baldwin. He taught me the finer arts of match play for which I am very grateful.

The Wednesday Stableford day was as usual well supported. On the few occasions I was able to attend the competition was fierce but the atmosphere friendly - a great characteristic of our club.

Twilight Golf was a hit this year with great numbers and again hot competition. Oliver Cronin had a very consistent season and came out on top. Great to see the camaraderie and fun happening as always with the best Thursday night out in Canterbury.

Saturday Competition Day was again well supported in terms of numbers. Our Men's Club Champions for this year are.

Senior - Russell Kirk
Intermediate - Dave Darch
Junior A - Wayne Harris
Junior B - Chris O'Brien

Well done to all as the competition again was of a high standard.

Once again most of our other competitions were not overly well supported. I would certainly recommend a review of our formats and numbers of competitions in line with changing times and lifestyles.

The Sunday Stableford gathered some momentum this year with numbers on the increase.

The Lincoln Men's Open was a great day with both the Gross and Net trophies taken out by our members. Gross - Talanga Samuelu and Net - Peter Coutts.

Finally, a few thankyou's

To the Management Committee - without this group of committed people our Club simply would not operate.

To the volunteers who do the Starting, Marking, Money collection, green fees, Bar Duties, Raffles, Course maintenance, etc. etc. etc. - it is these guys that keep us coming back as the days are organised and enjoyable.

To Janelle Lewis, Warwick Butler, Rosco Pamment, Deb Castle, Molly Nedsopar, Jude Campbell and the helpers for the Lincoln Open.

To Mike Bond, The Greens Committee and Blair Burtenshaw - the course is our greatest asset and is presented very well.

To Ron McLaren - shootout organiser extraordinaire.

To Graham Henshaw, who when I was very short of time stepped up and ran the captaincy for me -

And finally, to Molly who supports me a great deal which allows me to contribute the time to the Club and the Sport I love.

Scott Saunders - Club Captain

HANDICAPPING

Once again my thanks to the sub committee members and a number of ladies who regularly enter the cards, print the weekly report and adjust scores if necessary.

In spite of the weather this has been another year of “steady as she goes!!” We do our best to enter the cards on the day they are played, but sometimes this doesn’t happen, especially on week days.

In reports to previous meetings we’ve discussed the soft and hard caps. (If you’ve forgotten these, google them.) With all the wet weather it has been appropriate for us to discontinue the hard cap for some members. If you think that your handicap should be allowed to go out more than 5, then see one of the sub committee. If you are an interclub player or similar,-- forget it!!!

There is another procedure which is automatic and hidden in the programme. If you have an absolutely wonderful round the system will automatically increase the difference, as it drops your playing handicap!! This is applied only to that score and will work its way out eventually.

Yes, we have discussed the Dot Golf machine (card printing and automatic handicapping and displaying) and trialled some of their modules. I’m sure that these will be purchased and used in the near future. However, one of the strengths of Lincoln is the sense of fellowship that comes from having results announced in a collegial atmosphere and not having scores continually displayed on a large screen. I would suggest we’ll work our way around this and eventually we will have the system that many clubs use now, tweaked to suit us.

Happy golfing

Warwick Butler - Convenor, Handicapping sub-committee

HOUSE

Due to exceedingly unusually wet winter weather, the Golf Course had to close for an unprecedented 5 or 6 weeks, which had a considerable negative impact on the Bar’s earnings. To make up for our bleak winter, we can only hope for a long, dry summer with good golfing conditions.

Several members are actively pursuing their Licence Controller Qualification in order to expand the number of persons managing the bar and holding Manager’s Certificates.

To better suit the environment, work has been done to replace the overgrown bushes in the Planter Boxes in front of the Club House with new smaller compact plants. The trees behind the toilets at the back of the building have been cleaned up, and many dead branches have been removed. In addition, the larger plants that were obstructing the kitchen windows with views of the parking lot have been clipped.

With the placement of the remaining paving stones along the retaining wall, the walkway from the number nine green has been enhanced.

The Club House itself is still being maintained, and we are grateful to those who gave their time and knowledge to undertake the necessary repairs. Because these efforts are restricted, some repair and maintenance work must be outsourced. As a result, I am glad to say that the Club was successful in obtaining a grant for the Club House Roof Repairs, with work expected to commence in the coming weeks.

Finally, I would like to offer my appreciation to all the members who volunteered their time to assist. It would be extremely welcomed if we could have more and younger members assist with duties, as leaving things to a select few wears thin and adds unnecessary stress. Please raise your hands and give me your names.

Dale Pamment - House Convenor

GREENS/DEVELOPMENT

This year we had a very wet winter with the course being unplayable for a couple of months, so we thank you for your patience. Also, I would like to thank Blair for his efforts getting the course back to an excellent condition.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out with gardening, trimming hedgers etc. That's one reason our course is special. Also, I would like to thank Phil Latham for mowing the rough every Thursday.

Thanks to Ross Pamment and his helpers with chopping up all the firewood.

We purchased a new tractor this year which has made life easier around the course. Finally, we would like everyone to do their bit by fixing pitch marks (even if not yours), replacing divots and raking the bunkers once you've been in them.

Mike Bond - Greens and Development Convenor

MEMBERSHIP

as at 6th October 2023 with 2022 in brackets

MEN	Life: 1 (1)	Full: 233 (251)	Mid-Week: 9 (13)
WOMEN	Life: 3 (3) Mid-Week: 5 (5)	Full: 36 (37)	Weekend: 9 (11)
STUDENT	Males Females	Over 19: 6 (5) Over 19: 0 (1)	Under 19: 65 (73) Under 19: 4 (4)
SUMMER	0 (11)	SOCIAL 7 (8)	
9 HOLE	Males 67 (61)	Females 32 (24)	SOCIAL PLAYING 1 (3)

Membership for all categories stands *at 478 (454)*
Secondary Members 27

The Club is greatly assisted by the **TAB, Air Rescue** and **Pub Charity** for their support through grants to the Club. Please donate to the Club's tree fund.