

Peterhead Golf Club



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Annual General Meeting Wednesday 06th December 2017.

Capt.: J.Miller	Vice Capt: S.Morrison	Sec.: J.Miller
Greens: N.Metcalf	House: K.Skinner	I.T.: D. Buchan
Match : S. Anderson	Lockers: B. Buchan	Rules: C.Herbert
Tournaments : S.Burnett	Tee Sponsors: D. Strachan	Finance: Goldwells
Juniors: M. Allardyce Jnr	Social Convenors: E.McNiven	D.Buchan

Number of Members Present 74

Quorum of 10% required.

Captain opened the meeting at 7.00pm. Thanking all present for attendance.

ITEM 1 Apologies: S. Burnett, D.Strachan, Mrs.S.Wood, J.Arthur,

ITEM 2. CAPTAINS ADDRESS

Members of Peterhead Golf Club, we would first of all thank you all for attending the AGM tonight.

We will start off and ask you to please take a minute and give a thought to some absent friends who have passed away this season.

******minute of silence ******

I would like to thank all the members of Peterhead golf club in supporting me over the past 2 years and making my captaincy an enjoyable experience.

“Well most of the time”

like any other captain in the past, you grow with the position and the challenges that we were faced with as a team, I feel that these have been dealt with in a professional manner.

I would especially like to thank the all the committee members from all the sections for supporting our transition into being “one club” with no discrimination regardless of your age, sex or beliefs.

This has been a huge step for Peterhead golf club and it will take time for everything to be amalgamated.

But we feel that it is the way forward into the modern game.

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We need to be a family friendly club to ensure that we create the correct environment for all to enjoy the sport.

We have focussed on service to our members and have endeavoured to ensure that the products within the club house are quality and at an affordable cost, but it is for the members to utilise these services ensuring that they continue to be available, "Basically we need all our members to use these"

The Course, well as promised another fantastic season, there are no words for where we have come from to where we are today, I am so excited to see where we end up, as the course is developing year after year.

We must thank Neil Metcalf and his team for the truly professional job they are doing at Craigewan, it is without no doubt that the efforts and hard work that they have done is evident to us all.

The Juniors

Well again this has been a tough area to promote over the past 24 months, But Michael Jnr & Snr have done a fantastic job, along with the coaching team, the coaching sessions have been a success, and I am sure that next year it will only grow. We also hope to have more support from Scottish Golf going forward with developing our junior section.

We have a few other thank you's to deliver

Firstly, we would like to thank Billy & Jackie Duncan for their support this year and allowing the vision of the toilet facility to become a reality for the Club

"Thanks to both of you"

We would also like to mention that huge thank you is required for Harry Dougal whom for numerous years has provided us with our professional shop and a service to all the members of Peterhead Golf Club, Harry has decided to retire from the shop and hopefully going to concentrate on his putting so he can boost his retirement fund from Camo & Neil on an evening.

Harry from all at PGC we thank you for your loyalty and service.

To all our new and old Tee Sponsors, we thank you so much for your kind generosity in backing our club.

To our Open Tournament Sponsors. We thank you for your support.

To Bill Mackie Engineering, many thanks for sponsoring our scorecards over the past years, and I would like to welcome onboard Seagate Fabrications on being the new sponsor. Thanks to Michael & Duncan

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Again, thanks to Winter League Committee, your financial & moral support is tremendous, this is a very important part of our club

To all our Senior / Lady members once again thanks for your support over the season and your co-operation in the club's development.

To Alisia and the bar team (without them it would be a dry season) and of course David our cleaner along with Alex and the catering team.

Most importantly I thank your committee, what these people do behind the scenes is unbelievable, they ensure that your club is run in a professional manner day after day.

Okay , It is now time for me to stand down, I am sure that Johnny and his team will continue to develop Peterhead Golf Club.

Johnny, you know how it goes anything you come across or get letters of complaint

“just say that was the previous captain”

Members I am sure you will continue to support the committees going forward, and I encourage you all to assist where you have the time to do so, many hands make light work.....

So, I will sign off now, but request that you put your hands together for your fellow club & committee members.

It has been an honour.

Thank You.

ITEM 3. Minute of 2016AGM: Proposed for acceptance by Mr.W.Duncan
Seconded by Mr.J.McArthur

ITEM 4. Matters Arising from 2016 AGM Minute: No Matters Arising

ITEM 5. Finance Report & Adoption of Accounts:

Mr.G. Addison presented the 2016 / 2017 Balance sheet & accounts, answering all relevant queries.

Mr.W.Thom : Asked if the £500. donated to the Ladies toilet fund had been returned into the WL bank balance also requested a breakdown on Water & maintenance charges.

Mr.Addison assured him the £500.will be visible on the committees collective sections balance sheet and explained the costing involved in his concerns over the charges queried.

Mr.A.Porter : Requested the total charges the overdraft incurred in a year and the overdraft limit we have in place.

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Mr.Addison : Gave the present overdraft at Approx. £37,000. which by the end of January peek about £70 - £80,000. as apposed to a figure approaching £155,000.

two years previous, also with the fluctuation of the overdraft on a monthly basis the bank charges interest rate fluctuated also, and this figure was difficult to report.

Mr.K.Smith: Asked if it would be beneficial to clear the outstanding sum of the club house mortgage with only 3 payments to go.

It was explained this was no advantage and we would let it run its course.

Mr.B.Emslie: Asked the total expenditure saving once mortgage was finished.

It was £2200.pm which would reflect a total of £14400. on 2018 balance sheet next Sept.

The Captain explained that getting the plant for the course renewed early was due to the poor condition of existing plant and repair bills escalating.

Mr.G.Maskame: Stated the balance sheet presented should be applauded considering the down turn in the oil industry in the North East.

Approved: Mr.C.Herbert

Seconded: Mr. I.Forman

ITEM 6. Election of Office Bearers.

The following were unanimously elected.

Captain	J.Miller
Vice Capt.	S.Morrison
Secretary	J.Miller

2018 ELECTED CAPTAINS ADDRESS

Ladies & Gentleman

A phrase never heard before in 176 years of AGMs

I would like to welcome all the ladies to this historical AGM, when you think away back in 1841 The Ladies of Peterhead presented the then newly formed golf club with the oldest medal that is now in our trophy cabinet, The Champion Golfers gold medal, this medal has been instrumental in recording the clubs championship's history by adding every champions name yearly with the exception of the war years,

176 years later we welcome the ladies to our AGM as equals and officially thank them for this priceless piece of memorabilia, I may add none of the ladies present this evening were present at the original presentation.

One thing that I have discovered when meeting with the ladies over the past few months, the ladies have an enthusiasm and attitude which seems to be what can I do for my golf club as opposed to what can my golf club do for me, and it is with this attitude and enthusiasm I look forward to declaring later on in the proceedings, Diane Buchan & Eleanor McNiven as part of the 2018 main council and I look forward to working with such enthusiastic members

For this business to survive 176 years and still be alive and kicking is testament to all past captains and council, they deserve a great deal of credit, without their hard work and devotion to this club especially over the last 20 years where they have sacrificed their precious time to try and control

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the management of this business we refer to as Peterhead Golf Club. ..the financial restraints they have had to manage has become very evident to me while serving as secretary on a daily basis over the last 3 ½ yearstheir management of all the financial crises they must have faced, deserves the appreciation and thanks of all the members, the times when the financial future of the club must have been critical on many occasions, they had to make crucial decisions, I have nothing but admiration for their management acumen and now appreciate the commitment and devotion they applied.

I have the benefit of having Keith as part of 2018 council and I have seen how he has worked as Captain over the last two years

.....The professional manner he has handled the various hurdles he has been faced with and his determination to make sure his decisions were first and foremost for the benefit of Phd.G.C. this will be a template I will continue to adopt,..... I am delighted that he will be there to help me in the struggle ahead to balance the books.

As we now work towards our 177th. year as a golf club. We market the club as the 18th. oldest club in the world, in a few years time we could be in the top ten oldest clubs in existence due to the present financial climate causing many clubs to close their doors.

Every decision that has been made although looking harsh at times to many members have had to be made for the survival of Peterhead Golf Club.

Witnessing the incoming invoices on a daily basis and attending finance meetings has made me conscious of the necessity to increase our income in any way we can, sponsorship, outings, visitors, memberships, functions, all monies from every different account will help to drive the club forward to a healthier financial future.

The 8th. February next year the club house mortgage will be clear and in this respect I as captain can be considered very fortunate to have such a burden removed from the expenditurethis does not mean we are going to be financially sound, but will speed up the continued reduction of our present over drafta target, we cannot lose sight of.

We had to address the issue of modernising our constitution due to conditions laid down by the newly formed Scottish Golf Ltd. those alterations had to be made to insure future financial help is available by creating an equality for male and female members with no discrimination.

The new banking structure within the club with all various sections coming under the banner of Peterhead Golf Club has created one unified account a situation which in the past had splintered bank accounts... this was frowned upon by the new unified Scottish Golf Ltd.....all monies in the one place has helped the financial stability of the club, and legalised the balance sheet, it now takes that bit longer to enter overdraft, and also hindered immanent bank charges,..... the fee structure on a sliding scale over the next 3 years, will put the club in a much better place by 2020, this increases the possibility of passing the club onto the next generation in a healthy condition, hopefully they will have the opportunity to celebrate the 200th. anniversary and enjoy the same challenges we have experienced playing Craigewan Links.

To progress into the 177th. year I believe that those historical changes will be fine tuned and accepted.

All the council I have inherited from Keiths captaincy have been an inspiration the way they all help and support every different convenors duties without complaintand the 2018 season will

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benefit from all their past experiences and ability to share the work load. A special word of thanks to Sandy who has stepped in as my Vice Captain his support and opinion will control my senior moments..... he has been a tremendous asset to the club council with his willingness to make sure the game of golf is respected and competition results are completed on a weekly basis, a very busy and thankless task through the Summer season, not to mention his electrical expertise when the occasional odd job arises.

I know the hard work each one of them has done behind the scenes and the hours they devote to the club..... I would ask every member to appreciate those council members, as opposed to ridiculing them , I would like all members to be a bit more considerate towards all council, we all want a harmonious club and some of the issues council have been confronted with in the past with unnecessary aggression creates unhealthy debate, a more harmonious and respectful approach would be appreciated. At no time has any decision been made to target any one individual or group and in my experience decisions have been made for the good of the game, the club, the course, and, the staff, some members seem to take decisions personal which I can guarantee is not and never will be the intention.

I have been involved in the Running of the Lucky Stroke 50 – 50 monthly draw and the support we have had with this has been nothing short of tremendous, I take this opportunity to thank every member who has supported this venture, the income from this has been instrumental in improving our financial situation and helped greatly towards financing the up keep of Craigewan Links.

At this point I must mention our Head Green Keeper,Neil Metcalf, he was asked to attend this AGM, the main reason for this was to give members his expert advice and opinion on any queries raised about his vision of the future of the course, the continued improvement of the golf course is evident for all to see and the green staff he inherited have developed a new lease of life with his man management , it has been win, win since the first day he arrived. Again I look forward to supporting him and his staff in his desire to make Craigewan Links a course the envy of the surrounding areas, which in turn will generate increased income and for all members to claim they are a member of one of the finest Links courses in the North East with great pride.

Neil has agreed to be a direct link attending monthly meetings when required when he has to report issues or problems concerning the staff, plant or course development, I could not have a more respected and knowledgeable greens convenor.

The Juniors section is a cause for concern we have a small group of mad keen youngsters but need to at least double the amount that actually play on a regular basis , the future of every golf club comes through a healthy junior membership, Michael and Helen's enthusiasm, and commitment to generating a healthier number will produce future Champions and club Captains, their devotion to the task deserves admiration and applause.

We as a council will do everything possible to support them in every way.

The Winter League continues to attract members over the bridge during the Winter months and the council thanks them and every member who support the club in great numbers, this gives us a much needed income when other courses are unplayable and deserted, a drastic short fall in income over the winter months is avoided with this support.Once again the Green Keeping staff are

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to be commended for the condition they present Craigewan over those winter months while still carrying out a Winter program that ensures the golf course come the start of the season is manicured and prepared to a standard many would not have thought possible 4 or 5 years ago.

We must be very careful the path we try to take the club, and any decision should not be made to suit any one individual or group, only the individual can put a value on their membership, and they alone must decide what value they get from being a member of Phd.G.C.

If you value the game and the camaraderie you get within the club house and throw in as much golf as you wish when you wish I don't consider the membership fee to be over priced.

But those are just my thoughts, I have been fortunate over the years to have always spent a considerable amount of my leisure and social time in and around the clubs I have been a member.

I have meet many different characters over the years and meet a number a golfers who I now refer to as good friends, I have also many fond memories of some of those friends who are no longer with us, and I will always be grateful for the friendships the game of golf has given me through being a member of a club, the value I put on those friendships and experiences far exceeds any membership fee.

I have had my fair share of success over the years on the golf course, but standing here addressing you this evening as Captain will never be surpassed and I will be totally committed to make sure over the next 2 years I conduct myself when representing the club with the etiquette befitting the roll of club Captain.

The honour starts here the next two years will reveal how proud I can be of my term as Captain, as yet I have achieved nothing but it will be my goal to leave this office a proud man.

Ladies & Gentlemen

Thank you for your time, attention, and patience, I wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year. Without further ado we can now move on to item 7 on the agenda.

ITEM 7. Election of Honorary President, & Vice Presidents. & Accountants.

J. Nicol Jnr.

**Re-elected as Honorary President
Honorary Vice Presidents:**

W.Bradford	G.Leggat
A.Zanre	A.B.Buchan
I.Forman	J.Arthur
W.Duncan	I.Cameron
K.Skinner	

Accountants 2018. Goldwells

There were no objections to the above

ITEM 8 Officers standing down from main committee: G.Addison M.Buchan J.Arthur
New council members: C.Herbert, D.Buchan, E.McNiven

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Captain welcomed new council members and thanked M.Buchan & J.Arthur for their support, although Mr.G.Addison was stepping down from council position he would still be on our Finance Sub committee.

ITEM 9 Notice of Motion : None posted

ITEM 10. A.O.C.B.

Mr.W.Duncan : Asked if any one had been approached once H.D.Golf vacates the Pro Shop.

It was explained that due to Harry needing a recovery period from recent operation the council would be patient in his convalescence and only then would the future of the shop be decided but options were being discussed.

Mr.B.Emslie: Asked if the constitution changes were SGU driven.

It was explained that the old constitution was unacceptable the way it was worded for the 21st. century, and a new worded constitution was a must for future funding support and to comply with the modern day discrimination values.

Mr.W.Thom: Asked for 2018 fee's explanation, which was explained in detail by Mr.K.Skinner.

Mr.K.Smith: Asked why the members present are not allowed to vote and set the fee increases. Members present reminded him that the fees are always set by the council and has never been a voting option.

Also asked why the under 25 received cheaper fees, this was explained to encourage younger members due to aging membership and this age gap will cause a problem in the not to distant future if not addressed.

Mr.J.B.Strachan: Asked if there was any intention for introducing whine bushes on certain holes. Green Keeper explained that at the moment drainage issue is top priority and this would come under a luxury improvement when finances allowed.

Mr.J.Cooper: Mentioned the wonderful condition of the 9 hole course and was there a possibility to introduce family competitions with juniors.

This and other ideas are welcome to increase the youngsters interest in the game of golf.

Mr.A.Porter: Expressed his concern over the risk the council are taking by introducing this new fee structure. His fears were that we could have a number of resignations.

It was explained that we already have a number of new members and that the normal number of resignations hopefully would be countered by this.

Mr.J.McArthur: Stated that for £10. per week extra the members where getting value for money.

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Mr.P.Cross : Asked the head green keeper if he had any significant plans regarding the course for 2018, he replied that extra bunkers and some new tee's would be introduced gradually over the new year.

Mr.I.Forman : Expressed his concerns over the drainage and increased water levels causing the course playing very long and requested if tee boxes could be moved forward to make the course more playable with certain wind directions.

Mr.J.Miller stated that the council was looking into the introduction of an optional medal tee choice and with some guidance from clubs who have introduced this option we will try and put in place for the new season.

Also the Club Championship qualifying would be over two Saturday medals and all match play competitions would be by entry as opposed to qualifying scores in medals.

With no other discussion the Captain thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting At 8.30pm.

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