



As the Gwent Golf Union did not request affiliation fees for 2020 and 2021 affiliated membership numbers for those years were not available.

The County Cards issued in 2022 are valid for 2023 as well as 2022. If clubs require County Cards for new members then please contact me.

**b) Honorary Treasurer**

Mr. Robert Ware reported on the County finances for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Income**

- 1) Affiliation Fees for 2022 £35,599
- 2) The competition entry fees of £600 were the entry fees from the 2022 mens Strokeplay Championship.
- 3) Bank interest of £26 was for the deposit account for 2022.
- 4) Total Income for the year was £36,225

**Expenditure**

- 1) **Catering and Match Expenses** – £12,502 this relates to team meals, travel expenses, and hotel accommodation for away matches. This sum is a lot higher than in 2021 as team matches were regionalised due to Covid and there was no accommodation required and travel costs were reduced.
- 2) **Prizes, Trophies & Engraving** – this has shown an increase from £1,872 in 2021 to £2,244 in 2022. A new cup had been purchased during the year. The Boys U16 Championship.
- 3) **Team Clothing** – this is the cost of purchasing clothing for the teams and shows a slight decrease from £1,460 in 2021 to £1,246 in 2022.
- 4) **Junior Section** – Expenditure in the junior section was down from £3,836 in 2021 to £1037 in 2022. This was due mainly to the unavailability of players and having to cancel junior county matches and the loss of subsequent catering costs.
- 5) **AGM Costs** – The union did not provide a buffet for the Trophy Presentation in 2022 as compared to £600 provided in 2019. As it was difficult to estimate the number of people attending there was a lot of food wastage in 2019.
- 6) **Telephone, Printing, Stationery and Sundries** – £1,311 The main items of expenditure were software licences and £820 for County Cards. Stamps and Envelopes.
- 7) **Officials Honoraria** – all the Officers and Team Captains of the Union receive an honorarium to cover the cost and time they spend organising county events and saw a decrease from £3,050 to £3,000.
- 8) **Officials Expenses** – This covers expenses incurred by County Officials attending away County matches and includes accommodation and travel expenses and attending Channel League meetings and has shown a decrease from £936 to £545.

9) **Professional Fees** – this is the accountant fees for preparing the Annual Accounts and has remained the same at £420.

10) **Web Site costs** – This is a one off payment of £2570 for the construction of a new website. There will be an annual maintenance charge in future years.

11) **Equipment** – The cost of purchasing golf balls for all the teams. £1,325

12) **Depreciation** – this is the depreciation of the assets which the county own. Radios and laptops

The net effect of the above has resulted in a surplus of £12,034 for the year.

The Treasurer asked the meeting if there were any questions relating to the Income and Expenditure Account.

### **Balance Sheet**

**Fixed Assets** – A new laptop was purchased in 2022 for the County League Secretary to prepare and present the inter club league results.

**Current Assets** – Stocks are currently at £861 and reflects the amount of clothing, shirts, sweaters, and ties held in stock.

Cash at Bank – this has increased from £23,655 to £35,724 and reflects the fact that the collection of affiliation fees in 2022 has resulted in an increase in our bank balance.

**Current Liabilities** – The amount of £420 which is owed to the accountants for the accounts.

The net of the above for 2022 is reflected in the increase in the Balance Sheet from £24,532 to £36,566 and is the Accumulated Fund for the year.

As there were no questions on the accounts the Honorary Secretary asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the accounts.

Proposed: Alistair Pannell

Seconded: Rhys Pidgeon

### c) **League Secretary**

Mr. Nigel Collins reported that we had a few problems at the start of the season last year due to the difficulty in appointing a new League Secretary but after a few mixed up dates and with everyone's good nature we managed to get things sorted out and the rest of the season ran well enough.

We were aided by the fact that we only had 1 postponed match due to weather and I do not recall anything as good as that in all the years I have been doing the job.

Llanwern Golf Club First team were champions which was well deserved.

You will of course see the Division winner's trophies presented to night but just for the record the winners and those gaining promotion are listed here.

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Llanwern        | County Champions 2022     |
| Tredegar Park 1 | Div. 2 Champions Promoted |
| West Mon 1      |                           |

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| Llanwern 11<br>Bryn Meadows 1      | Div. 3 Champions<br>Promoted |
| Greenmeadow 11<br>Woodlake Park 11 | Div. 4 Champions<br>Promoted |
| Bryn Meadows 11<br>Parc 11         | Div. 5 Champions<br>Promoted |
| Rolls of Monmouth<br>St. Pierre 1V | Div. 6 Champions<br>Promoted |
| Llanwern 111<br>Monmouth           | Div. 7 Champions<br>Promoted |

Our Champions Llanwern First Team went on to play Glamorgan Champions, Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club home to Llanwern. The morning foursomes went quite well with the matches halved but during the afternoon singles Pyle showed how strong a team they had and so ended up winning the match 5½ v 3½.

Finally Gentlemen I would like to take the opportunity to bring to your attention the coming season.

All match fixture sheets have been finalised checked and issued. There was a considerable amount of back and forth to get things sorted but it is far better to get it done now than during the season.

As this year May has given us 3 Bank holidays which has given us a few problems for Clubs that like to play home matches on a Monday but we will have these sorted within the next few weeks.

The rules will not change for this coming season and they will be reissued just prior to the start of the season.

Prior to the start of the season I shall send out a reminder asking for your contact details and team nominations and I advise you all to ensure you do the nominations. Every year we get the same problem of players being excluded from teams because of a failure to nominate. They stand in to make numbers up and so disqualify themselves from playing in their normal lower team.

Results, as last year will be published on line on a weekly basis once I start getting enough results in.

With that I conclude my statement, thank you for your attention and I wish you all the best for the coming season.

Nigel W. Collins Gwent Golf Union League Secretary

**d) Match Secretary**

The Match Secretary Mr. Roger Floyd stated that he would report on the final placings of our county teams.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Team had a slightly disappointing year winning only 2 games and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the league, but there were definite signs of improvement in fielding a number of promising young players and hopefully the Captain and his team can build on this and have a more successful season.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team in the Wessex League had a very disappointing season, losing all 3 of their matches and finishing bottom of the league.

The County Seniors Team also had a disappointing season winning only 1 match and also finishing bottom of the league. Hopefully with a few new players eligible coming into the team this year the captain and his team should be more competitive.

e) **Championship Secretary**

In the absence of the Championship Secretary, the Honorary Secretary reported on the Gwent Championships for 2022.

**The Cock of the North Championship** was played at Pontypool Golf Club and the winners were Mark Mulcahy & Rhys Moseley of The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club with a net medal score of 59.

**The Strokeplay Championship** took place at Llanwern Golf Club with the top sixteen players qualifying to go through to the Matchplay Championship.

The Gwent Strokeplay Champion for 2022 was Richard Tayler of Llanwern with an overall score of 142.

**The Matchplay Championship** semi-final and final was played on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September with the preliminary rounds between the 16 qualifiers being played over the previous six weeks.

The Gwent Matchplay Champion for 2022 is Rob Smith of the Celtic Manor who defeated Logan Westley of Newport in the final.

**The Team Championship** was held at St. Mellons Golf Club on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August and was won by Newport Golf Club with a gross team score of 290. The winning team were: Stuart Westley, Callum Morris, Rhys Barber, Dan King, and Greg Baker.

The Arthur Sadler Cup for the best Net Team score was won by St. Mellons GC who returned a nett team score of 287.

The W.P.R. Peters Cup for the best individual gross score was won by Dan King with gross 68.

The Ivor Williams Trophy for the best individual net score was won by Dan King with a net 68 winning on the back 9.

**The Handicap Team Championship** was held at Tredegar Park Golf Club on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September and was won by St. Pierre Golf Club with a stableford team score of 132. The team were Rhys Whitty, Gareth Hughes, Simon Law, and Ben Ferns.

In second place was Blackwood with 129 points, and in third place was Greenmeadow with 125 points.

These top three clubs go forward to the Welsh Handicap Team Championship at the Celtic Manor in 2023.

**The Gwent Seniors Strokeplay Championship** was scheduled for Greenmeadow on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and was again cancelled due to lack of entries.

I'd like to thank all those clubs who have hosted competitions throughout the year, not only for our championships but for Channel League, Wessex League, and Seniors Channel League matches.

The Honorary Secretary reminded the county representatives that all Gwent Championship results can be viewed on the counties website: [gwentgolfunion.co.uk](http://gwentgolfunion.co.uk)

f) **Boys Secretary**  
**Boys Strokeplay Championship 2022**

**The Gwent Boys Strokeplay Championship** was the first event that was held in the 2022 season. There were only 19 entries for the event which took place at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The Under 14 Champion was Luke Williams of Newport Golf Club with a gross score of 78 over 18 holes.

The Under 16 Champion was Rhys Whitty of St. Pierre Golf Club with scores of 74, 74 total 148.

Rhys Whitty was also the overall Gwent Boys Strokeplay Champion for 2022.

**The Gwent Boys Matchplay Championship** was won by Ben Willis of The Rolls of Monmouth who defeated James Palfrey of Greenmeadow by 1 hole in the final.

### **SWBGA**

No Gwent boys competed in the SWBGA Championship held at Cardigan Golf Club.

**The Gwent Junior Inter Club Team Championship** was won by Greenmeadow Golf Club who went on to represent Gwent in the Welsh Junior Inter Club Team Championship at Builth Wells where they won the tournament and became the Welsh Junior Inter Club Champions for 2022.

### **Junior Channel League.**

Gwent had a dreadful season in the Junior Channel League. Gwent juniors were away to Somerset in their first match and could only field a team of 6 players. As things were not going to get any better for player availability in the season I was forced to cancel Gwent's remaining 3 matches against Glamorgan, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

We've started a winter coaching programme this year under Joe Vickery at the Parc Golf Club.

### **Severnside Tournament**

A similar thing occurred in the Severnside Tournament at Whitchurch GC. whereby Gwent could only field a team of 5 players out of an 8 man team. On the second day one of the players rang in sick and another player was unable to make it as he was depending on the sick player for a lift leaving Gwent with only 3 players on the final day. All Gwent matches were discounted in the tournament.

### **6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Secretary stated that the Document notifying the meeting of the Officers of the Union had been distributed prior to the meeting.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Nigel Collins has returned to run the Inter Club Leagues and Mr. Rhys Pidgeon has taken on the role of Captain of the Gwent Development team.

I would like to propose that Mr. Rob Ware be re-elected as our auditor and the current officers were seeking re-election en-bloc and can I have a proposer and a seconder.

Proposed: Mr. Mike Hanner  
Passed unanimously.

Seconded: Mr. Dean Webb

7) DATES & VENUES OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS 2023

|                         |                             |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| COCK 'o' NORTH FINALS   | Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April  | Bryn Meadows |
| STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP | Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | Pontypool    |
| MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP  | August/Sept                 | Pontypool    |
| TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP       | Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> August | Greenmeadow  |
| H/CAP TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP | Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept    | Parc         |
| SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP    |                             |              |

8) DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023      7.30 p.m.      Greenmeadow Golf Club

GGU PRESENTATION of TROPHIES 2022  
GGU TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT – THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
GREENMEADOW GOLF CLUB – Commencing 8:30 p.m.

Before going into the Gwent Golf Union Trophy Presentations the Honorary Secretary stated he would like to highlight some the achievements by Gwent Clubs and individuals at national level.

Newport won the Wales Golf Victory Shield Championship. The Newport pair of Greg Baker and Callum Morris defeated Aberdare in the final.

In the Welsh Mens Team Championship played at Cardigan GC the Parc GC lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winners Neath GC.

In the Welsh Mens Amateur Matchplay Championship at Pennard Logan Westley of Newport lost in the semi-final.

In the Trubshaw Cup played at Tenby & Ashburnham Ieuan Phillips of Newport finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

In the Tucker Trophy played at Whitchurch and Newport Theo Baker of the Celtic Manor finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The Newport Ladies team won the Welsh Ladies Team Championship at Cradoc.

1. Inter Club League Championship

|            |                   |                      |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Division 7 | Llanwern          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team |
| Division 6 | Rolls of Monmouth | 1 <sup>st</sup> Team |
| Division 5 | Bryn Meadows      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team |
| Division 4 | Greenmeadow       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team |
| Division 3 | Llanwern          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team |
| Division 2 | Tredegar Park     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Team |

Division 1

County Champions 2022 Llanwern 1<sup>st</sup> Team

2. Cock 'o' North Championship (Pontypool GC)

WINNERS Rolls of Monmouth GC

Team: Mark Mulcahy & Rhys Mosely. Net Medal score = 59

3. Handicap Team Championship (Tredegar GC)

WINNERS St. Pierre GC Elvet Morgan Trophy 132 Points

Team: Rhys Whitty, Gareth Hughes, Simon Law, Ben Ferns

4. County Team Championship (St. Mellons GC)

WINNERS

Team Champions Newport Gross Team Score 290 Cup

Team: Stuart Westley, Callum Morris, Rhys Barber, Dan King, Greg Baker

Arthur Sadler Cup Best Net Team Score 287 St. Mellons

W.P.R. Peters Cup Individual Gross Score 68 Dan King Newport

Ivor Williams Trophy Individual Net Score 68 Dan King (B9) Newport

5. County Strokeplay Championship (Llanwern GC)

CHAMPION

Richard Tayler Llanwern (70,72) 142

6. County Matchplay Championship (Llanwern GC)

CHAMPION

Robert Smith Celtic Manor

7. Seniors Strokeplay Championship (Greenmeadow)

Championship not held due to lack of entries.