

**Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

President Bill Littlejohns declared the 38<sup>th</sup> AGM open

Apologies were received from Mike Kelly Secretary Durham County Golf Union, Crook GC, Houghton le Spring GC & Roseberry GC.

The minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM having been circulated via the web site were accepted by a show of hands.

There were no matters arising.

President Bill Littlejohns then reported about this year's season of golf.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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Who make our League what it is, one of fierce competition and brilliant sportsmanship

THE PRESIDENT GAVE THE REMAINDER OF HIS REPORT AFTER DINNER AS THERE WERE PEOPLE TO CONGRATULATE WHO WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE AGM.

BEFORE ASKING BILL MAIR TO SAY GRACE I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO STAND FOR A MINUTES SILENCE FOR ABSENT FRIENDS WITH SPECIAL THOUGHTS FOR GERRY JOHNSON DURHAM COUNTY PRESIDENT

**LOYAL TOAST**

BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO OUR PRESENTATIO N

I would like to thank all of the Players Caddies and Supporters who have made this season very successful. As you know the Executive Committee visited as many matches as possible, and we witnessed some amazing golf, Sportsmanship and Comradery which make our League very Special and I thank you all on your hospitality

I would like to congratulate all the Captains who included juniors into your teams, because as we all know juniors are the future of our clubs

I would like to congratulate in advance all of the teams and individuals who will be receiving awards at this presentation There have been so many great achievements this season that I am sure to have missed someone. If you feel you should have been mentioned I apologise in advance

Castle Eden Golf Club who won the CLARKE CUP

Bishop Auckland who won the Dixon cup

Martin McCririck who won his third Durham County MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP and the Durham County order of merit



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James Glenn who won the STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP and went on to win the Champion of Champions at Woodall Spa

Adam Rochester who was COUNTY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Darren McCaig who won the ALAN CURTISS TROPHY

Andrew Minickin who won the Presidents trophy in the Dixon Cup and in doing so set a new course record at Whitburn Golf Club

Mark Bonser, Luke Bonser and John Kennedy who are Durham County Clubs Team Champions  
Blackwell Grange Golf Club who are Durham County Club handicap Team champions

I would like to congratulate all our County Teams

Our Junior Teams who are proving to be a force to be reckoned with

The under 16's won matches against Cumbria, Northumberland and drew against a strong Yorkshire side

The under 18's won matches against Lancashire, Cheshire and Northumberland and finished third in the little six

Both our Men's Team and our Seniors team are performing really well against very strong opposition

Speaking of seniors we have to recognise the special season of John Kennedy who has won not only his own Club championship for the 14th time but also the Durham County Seniors Championship, the Scottish Seniors amateur champion, R&A Seniors amateur Championship as well as two order of merits, John went on to realise one of his goals for the season of representing England as a Senior

TO HONOUR JOHN THE LEAGUE ARE TO NAME THE 5 MAN TEAM GROSS TROPHY to the John Kennedy Trophy

WELL DONE JOHN

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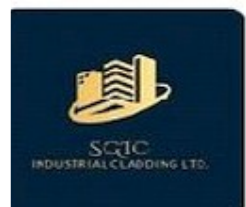
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Secretary Peter Hogg then gave his report:-

I would like first to thank all the Captain's, Vice Captain's, Team Managers and officials for the hospitality shown, not only to myself but including all members of the executive who travelled around all the clubs on a Tuesday evening. It was good to see you all.

I must then thank the following clubs for the use of their facilities, Birtley GC for hosting the Captains and Vice Captains forum along with the annual match against the Durham County

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Seniors. Wearside for hosting the 5 Man Team Challenge. Brancepeth Castle GC for hosting the Captain's & Past Captain's competition, The City of Newcastle GC for hosting the Alan Curtis Memorial Trophy, My thanks must go Andrew Tenby of Tyneside GC for allowing us to use the course as a neutral venue for the Knockout Trophy Final.

Finally I will run through the dates and venues for next year:- Captain's Forum at Birtley GC Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. NDUGC Team vs Durham County Seniors at South Moor GC Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 5 Man Team Championship at South Shields GC Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Captain & Past Captain's Competition TBA Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Knockout Trophy Final at Tyneside GC Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Aln Curtis Memorial Trophy at Ramside Hall GC, The Dixon Cup Final hosted by the Hadrian League at Ponteland GC 13<sup>th</sup> September.

The NDUGC AGM Dinner 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

Competition Secretary Bill Mair gave his report:-

The 2025 league season has worked out good for us. We didn't have the weather problems we suffered in 2024 and league matches and competitions were completed pretty much on schedule. Well done to Club Captains, Vice Captains and Team Managers for their efforts in making the year a successful one.

Once again we used Google Sheets for reporting the results and Michael Trippett and Andy did their bit in setting up the sheets each week.

Google Sheets have made a tremendous difference to us in the reporting of the results, especially the Player Match Scores and the Order of Merit.

What we did have a problem with this year was our updating of the results on the website. At the start of the year, we had been forced to change the company who hosted our internet and it wasn't picking up our updates properly. Mid season, we had to change our hosting company and that solved the problem.

Once again we would like to thank the Clubs who hosted our other Trophies, particularly those which count for handicap. We rely on them to submit players scores through their Club handicap system, it makes a big difference to us when that works OK.

Well done to Wearside for hosting the Team Championship, Brancepeth for hosting the Captains and Past Captains and to City of Newcastle for the Alan Curtis Scratch Trophy.

We had the honour this year of hosting the Dixon Cup, a competition which involves the champions of the 5 Northern Leagues and Whitburn did us proud by the excellent work they did on the day.

Looking forward now to the new season and to the challenges it will bring. We haven't released the fixtures for next year yet as we are looking at ways we can improve the process we go through to produce them.

Thanks for all your efforts throughout the year.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Treasurer Peter Hogg then gave his report:-

Treasurer reported that we have had a challenging year financially with unexpected cost. The replacement of the website host. The replacement of the computer containing all the Unions records and scoring systems plus the increased cost of trophy's, with a number of trophy's requiring new bases and replacement winners plaque's. This meant an additional £1,000 was spent which had not been budgeted for. There were still outstanding AGM Dinner monies to be

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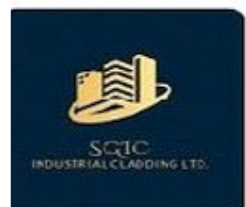
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received which means that as of the year end we have a total of £589.74. The accounts will be audited and when completed will be placed on the website.  
There were no questions asked from the floor.

Election of officers for 2026:-

The following were elected Bill Littlejohns President, Peter Hogg Secretary/Treasurer, Andy Mills Competition Secretary.

Election of the Executive Committee:-

Ray Armstrong, Michael Trippett, Adrian Flynn, Dave Whittaker, Bill Mair, Keith Armstrong, Peter Neal & Michael O'Keefe.

Election of auditor

Martin Johnson proposed by the executive was accepted by a show of hands.

Any other business:-

A change of the rules proposed by Brancepeth GC and seconded by Whickham GC regarding the number of reserves was discussed and accepted by a show of hands. The rules of the Knockout Trophy will be amended and placed on the website.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 19.02 hrs



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