



Forrest Little Golf Club

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FORREST LITTLE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Forrest Little Men's Golf Club will take place in the Clubhouse on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7pm.

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of 2017 AGM – 7th December 2017 (attached)
- 2) Honorary Secretary's Report (attached)
- 3) Honorary Treasurer's Report (attached)
- 4) Notices of Motion
- 5) Election to the following positions:

President
Captain
Vice-Captain
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Committee Members

All elected Officers and Committee Members shall take up office on the election of the Council at the Forrest Little Golf Club AGM, which takes place immediately after this AGM.

- 6) General

Nominations for Election and Notices of Motion (in writing) should reach me not later than 5.00pm on Monday 26th November 2018.

Barry Memery
Honorary Secretary
Forrest Little Men's Golf Club



Minutes of the Men's Club AGM of Forrest Little Golf Club.



(Held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 7th December 2017 at 6:30pm)

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, President, Harry Reilly. Harry welcomed the members and read the safety aspects of the building in the event of an emergency and asked for mobile phones to be switched off.

Apologies (5)

We received apologies from Derek McCabe, Martin Hehir, Pat Murphy, Tom Keogh, John MacInerney.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

There were no matters arising from the report. The minutes were adopted as read.

Proposed: Alan Clarke Seconded: Peter Duffy

Honorary Secretary's Report

Simon clarified that an incorrect notification was sent out in list of 2017 winners for the Club Cup, it should read Tony Gaynor. This had been corrected just after email was sent out with links directly on FL website.

There were no matters arising from the Honorary Secretary's report which was adopted as read.

Proposed: Tommy Dennis Seconded: Seamus Guiden

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The report having been previously circulated to members.

No further matters arising. The report was adopted.

Proposed: Peter Murphy Seconded: Allan Clarke

Election of Club Officers.

President.

Nominee: Paddy Quaid Proposed: Harry Reilly Seconded: Ray Gegan

Proposing Paddy, Harry spoke of how since Paddy joined FL in 1988 he has become a very prominent and popular member. He served 13 years on the social committee and is still heavily involved in all the social activities of the club. He has served as Hon. Treasurer in 2003 and became Captain in 2005 and was also Chairman of the Management Committee in that year. Paddy has played on and managed various FL teams over the years. He also works with Ray Gegan on the very successful course volunteer group.

Ray concurred and echoed Harry's comments and said that he was delighted to work with Paddy next year and to second Paddy for the position of President.

Paddy thanked Harry & Ray, and is very much looking forward to representing all members next year as President of FL.

Paddy was elected unopposed on a show of hands.

Captain.

Nominee: Ray Gregan Proposed: Michael Denihan Seconded: Harry Reilly

In proposing Ray, Michael spoke very highly of Ray and said he felt sure that Ray was a superb choice for Captain. He is over 40 years a member. Three generations of his family have been and are members. He is extremely popular with all the members. Ray has just completed three years on counsel and had been a central figure to all the volunteer work carried out on the course over the years. He is a great motivator a successful business man with a can-do attitude. Michael said he has no doubt and the members will agree that we are lucky to have Ray and support his nomination.

Harry concurred with Michael. He did say Ray's involvement on counsel has been key for the club & he was a big asset to Forrest Little Golf Club. Ray's family has a long association with the Club. His wife, Trish, son Conor, his Sisters Donna & Nicola and his two brothers Colm & Noel are all members. And of course, his Dad, Don who is fondly remembered on the seat on the 16th tee box. Apart from course volunteers, Ray has been quietly doing a lot of work on the course and grounds over the years. Never looking for thanks or notice.
Harry fully supported Ray for Captain.

Ray was elected unopposed on a show of hands.

Ray thanked Michael & Harry and the members for their support and was looking forward to 2018 and he assured the members that he would do all he could to support the Club going forward. Ray congratulated Michael on his year as Captain, thanked his family and friends. And remembered his late Father Don who would be very proud of his son, who will be Captain of this great club.

Vice-Captain

Nominee: Padraic Robinson Proposed: Ray Gregan Seconded: Peter Duffy

Ray spoke very highly of Padraic and all the work he has done over the years on council and the volunteer work on the course. He has been a long-standing member of FL joining as a Junior in 1979 and his Dad was a previous member and Captain of the club. Ray had no hesitation in nominating Padraic for the position of Vice-Captain for next year.

Peter seconded Padraic's nomination as Vice-Captain and spoke of Padraic's Father Paddy and his dedication to FL as a member and to the course in the early 70s & 80s.

Padraic has the same passion and love for the club and is following in his Father's footsteps with all the hard work and dedication showed to many aspects of our club. He has represented on council and had a very successful year last year working with our course and greens.

Padraic was elected unopposed on a show of hands.

Padraic thanked the members for their support and was looking forward to 2018 and he assured the members that he would do all he could to support the Club and Ray.

Honorary Secretary

Nominee: Barry Memery Proposed: Simon Fitzpatrick Seconded: Ray Gregan

Simon spoke of Barry's great work ethic and excellent organisational skills that would be an asset to FL Men's committee. Barry ran a very successful mobile phone export trading company mostly in UK and Europe for 10years. He also has held the positions of Vice Chairman (3yrs) and Chairman (3 years) in St. Vincent's.

Ray agreed with Simon and Seconded Barry for this role. Excellent nomination, great organisational skills.

Barry was elected unopposed on a show of hands.

Honorary Treasurer.

Nominee: Gerry Healy Proposed: Michael Denihan Seconded: Harry Reilly

Michael spoke of Gerry's ability and his great work for last 2 years on tightened up our finances. Harry agreed and was very happy to second Gerry.

Gerry was elected unopposed on a show of hands

Gerry thanked Michael and Harry for the nomination and assured the members of his best attention across 2018.

Election of Committee Members.

Only four members were put forward for election as committee members. The chairman proposed that they be elected en-bloc which was passed by a show of hands. All four candidates were elected unopposed.

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Michael Timmons	Sean Hyland	Paddy McMahon
Patsy Mohan	Tommy Dennis	Gerry Healy
Simon Fitzpatrick	Paddy McMahon	Paul Sullivan
Paul Sullivan	Ray Gregan	Simon Fitzpatrick

Notice of Motions There were no motions submitted for discussion.

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None

As there were no more items for discussion, the chairman proceeded to close the meeting. He thanked the Captain and Club Officers for the courtesy shown to him during his year as President. He wished everyone a merry Christmas.

The meeting began at 18:43 and ended at 19:01.

The total number of attendees at the Men's AGM 2017 was 44.

The meeting was then closed.

Simon Fitzpatrick
Honorary Secretary
Forrest Little Men's Golf Club

Forrest Little Golf Club – Honorary Secretary's Report 2018

As with previous years we had a mixed start to the golfing season. First the snow came and caused chaos with the course and access to the club itself. Weather improved and we got back to playing golf for a period. Then came the dry warm weather which brought the golf course to look like a links with fairways drying out to look tanned rather than green. Magnificent work was done to maintain the greens during this period and the course recovered to glorious green grass when weather changed back. In the month of September we had a hurricane causing severe damage to trees and debris on the course. A group led by the Vice-Captain have cleared the majority over a short period and should be commended for taking this job on. This was far worse than previous years and could have closed areas for periods but for their commitment. An area has been built under the clock after the 18th green which makes a nice place to sit and sign off your card. Great idea.

Competition days have been quite busy throughout the year. As always and not taken for granted, many thanks to all members and friends who sponsor and support these events.

Tremendous work has been done during the year by the voluntary gardeners and long may it continue. It makes stepping on to the first tee a pleasure especially for visitors.

As always the Pro Shop is the first point of contact for most people arriving and we thank Tony Judd and his staff for their assistance. His coaching numbers have increased this year which is a good sign.

Thank you for the work done by our course staff and now under the guidance of Carr Golf which also appears to be working well.

To J and M Golf Cuisine, thank you for the facilities supplied during the year along with Ray and the staff in the bar.

Thanks to Sean and Margaret in the office for their friendly support during the year and I have enjoyed the experience this year working with the other committee members.

I thank our committee for their time given, President Paddy Quaid, Captain Ray Gegan, Vice-Captain Padraic Robinson, Competitions Secretary Simon Fitzpatrick, Handicap Secretary Mick Timmons, Hon Treasurer Gerry Healy, Juvenile Secretary Paul Sullivan, Patsy Mohan (Team Coordinator) and all the sub committees during 2018.

I have included below the reports from the various committee members and the snooker team manager.

Barry Memery
Honorary Secretary

Competitions Report for 2018

All competitions were well supported throughout the year especially some of the new competitions we introduced on non-traditional competition days e.g. The Blue Stake series on Thursdays. A big thank you to all members for their support of our competitions in 2018. We started off the early part of the year with another very successful Winter League, sponsored by The Empire Bar in Swords, which again proved to be very popular with all members, with success going to the Long Balls team captained by Paddy McMahon. The success of this competition would not have been possible without the great work done by the competitions team and the captains of the teams who collated the scores on Monday evenings.

With the very poor start to the year weather wise and the extended cold snap as with previous years unfortunately this resulted in several competitions being cancelled. The cold weather also effected the numbers playing in competitions which went ahead. However, support for Midweek, Open Singles and Senior competitions were quite strong particularly during the summer months. Along with the bank holiday weekend Open events these competitions are significant for the Club, particularly in a very competitive environment. We are again extremely grateful to Brother International for their generous sponsorship of the annual Brothers Four ball.

We had some computer issues during the summer which seemed to happen on some medal weekends and effect some Wed competitions. We do apologise for this but as we are reliant on 3rd party software this is mostly out of our control and this may have led to some discomfort for members and caused some logistical knock on effects for our pro shop, our competitions and handicap teams. I have brought this to the attention of the Men's committee and I am hopeful the club may look at some type of system upgrade to replace the current golf software programme we use.

We introduced some new competitions this year on the back of showcasing our beautiful course to many lower handicap golfers during practising and hosting of The Junior Cup and to try and bring some new challenges for all our Members with The Blue Stake Open series partially sponsored by Wilson, we also ran a Yellow Open Stakes comp on a Thursday throughout the summer months both were very well supported. We also introduced a second 36-hole competition this year our Club Championships and the winner of our new annual inaugural Trophy for this was James Doyle. The club also invited our medal winners and 4 x major winners to play in a one-off stroke play event in October and the winner of our new annual Champion of Champions trophy was Paul Lyons.

We updated our General Rules of Competitions and these are displayed in the pro shop and in the Clubhouse beside the computer. All members and their guests should be familiar with these rules prior to commencement of play in a competition.

Many thanks are due to John Donnelly, Mark Murphy, Sean Dooley, Tom Curran, Peter Murphy, Patsy Mohan, Michael Kearney, Barry Memery, Stewart Kelly, Dean Mulligan, Jason, Myles & John McDonagh and Matt Smyth and to Michael Timmons on the handicap committee for the excellent voluntary job they have done in completing and posting results for each competition. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and dependability all year. I would like to call out especially Andy Murphy for his support with competitions earlier in the year, managing some internal competitions e.g. GOY & Gross GOY and contributing to the updating of this data on our website and his support for some club comps through Facebook. I would also like to personally thank Paraic Whelan for his competitions support in the latter part of the year, introducing some new ideas, competitions some which we managed to introduce this year, some perhaps for the future. The enthusiasm and support that both offered the competitions area throughout the year was tremendous.

Thanks also to our Pro Tony, his wife Susan and all their staff for their administration of competitions through the Pro-shop.

We are extremely grateful to the many members who continued to sponsor Wednesday competitions and also sponsor other days/competitions. Special thanks also to those groups of members who club together to sponsor a Wednesday. Frank McPhillips did all the hard work as always on Wednesday competitions organising prizes and cards. Wednesday evening invitational singles competition, which runs from April up to mid-September, still proves to be very popular with members & their guests mainly heading from work, and overall numbers playing golf in Forrest Little on Wednesdays has been steady.

Finally, congratulations to all our prize winners throughout the year. To those who failed to make the winners circle in 2018 we wish you better luck next year.

Medal and other Major Prize Winners in 2018:

- March - Anthony Byrne
- April - Trevor Dooley
- May - Michael Donnelly
- June - Rory Brennan
- July - Dominic Duggan
- August - Thomas Masterson
- September - Noel McCole
- October - Sean Dunne
- Senior Medal - Sponsored by Retirement Care Services - Brian Sherry
- Vice Captains Prize - Pat Kennedy
- Professionals Prize - Jim Shevlin
- Captains Prize - Paul Lyons
- Presidents Prize - Tony Bridgeman
- Hamill Cup - Barry Murray & Phil Murray
- Allshire Cup - Martin Kelly & Michael Donnelly
- Cub Cup (Singles) - Conor McCarthy
- Club Championships - 2018 winner James Doyle

- Champion of Champions Cup – 2018 winner Paul Lyons
- Blue Stakes winner – Ciaran Cummins
- Gross Golfer Year - John Donnelly
- Golfer of The Year - Aaron Clinton

Many thanks to Simon Fitzpatrick, Competitions Secretary for this report and to all of his assistants, many thanks for all the hard work.

Team Coordinator Report

The Captain wishes to thank all managers and players who represented Forrest Little with pride, distinction and sportsmanship throughout 2018.

Summary of inter club team performance for 2018.

1. Senior Cup team failed to qualify in Hollywood Lakes.
2. Barton Shield team failed to qualify in Balcarrick.
3. Forrest Little hosted the qualifier for The Junior Cup on 9th June. The course and grounds were in magnificent shape for this event. Many compliments received. Alas we failed narrowly to qualify.
4. Barton Cup team beat St. Margaret's in round 1 but were unfortunately later disqualified due to a handicapping error.
5. Metropolitan Trophy were beaten by Corrstown in round 1.
6. Irish Mixed Foursomes team were unluckily beaten in round three by Knightsbrook.
7. Pierce Purcell team failed to qualify by one shot in Balbriggan.
8. All Ireland Fourball were beaten in round 3 by Howth.
9. Jimmy Bruen team qualified in second place in Roganstown and reached the Leinster quarter final against Co. Meath in Headfort G.C. They were beaten rather controversially in the last match on the 18th green. There was great support for the team on the day.
10. J.B. Carr team were beaten by Lucan.
11. Fingal Seniors team had mixed fortunes in their league.
12. Super Seniors team failed to qualify for the knockout stages of their league.
13. Uden Cup team beaten in round 1 by Hollystown.
14. O'Grady Cup team beaten by Balbriggan in round 1.

We hope to build on our successes and learn from our shortcomings in 2019.

Many thanks to Patsy Mohan for this report, to Pat A O'Brien and all of the Team Managers for their time and effort in 2018.

Handicap Secretary Report

Handicap Committee: Michael Timmons (Handicap Secretary) Barry Murray and Jim Shevlin.

Many thanks to the committee for all the hard work and time they put in during the year. This involved looking after the handicaps of our existing members and in setting up handicaps for the many new members who joined in 2018.

There was a change to the Congu Handicapping Scheme on the 1st January 2018. A new Category 5 for men was introduced and this was implemented on 1st March.

This involved the handicap committee granting an increase to members whose handicap ranged from 27.5 to 28 at the end of 2017. Increases varied from 1 to 4 shots.

The new Category 5 commences at 28.5 to 36.4 and the new upper limit for Category 4 is 28.4. The feed back from these changes was very positive from the members.

Monthly meetings were held to deal with ongoing reviewing of members handicaps and handicaps were adjusted accordingly on approval from the GUI. The handicap committee met in November to do the Annual Review for 2018. We examined the computer analysis report by our 'Clubsystem' which is the programme for qualifying competitions.

Members performances in all team events and non qualifying competitions (e.g. 9 and 12 hole comps) held in our club during the year were also looked at along with scores reported on Golfnet and scores returned from golf societies. Based on all this information our committee have assessed the handicaps of all members and made recommendations reflecting the members current playing abilities to the GUI for approval. These approvals will be implemented and included on the players record not later than 31st Dec 2018.

This year as well as last year the club 2000 system gave us numerous problems with processing handicaps and competition inputs and results. Our Sec Manager Sean as well as our committee volunteers spent many hours with club systems trying to get these problems rectified.

A very positive response was noted this year with non-returns and we expect further improvements in 2019. Again, action will be taken against those who continuously fail to return their scores next year.

Many thanks to Michael Timmons for this report and all the volunteers on the committee for their help during 2018.

Snooker Report 2018

After a couple of near misses in previous years, the Team won 8 out of 10 matches to win the league for the first time by 10 points. This left them as top seeds for the Cup competition where they were unfortunately beaten on the Pink Ball in the final frame in a 3 2 loss to Howth GC.

Thanks to Derek McCabe and all the players for all of their practice and hard work.

FORREST LITTLE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year end 30th September 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Competition Revenue	€104,338	€107,796
Juvenile Fund Raising	<u>€1,654</u>	<u>€3,070</u>
Total Income	<u>€105,992</u>	<u>€110,866</u>
Prizes	€13,773	€13,562
Vouchers	€21,540	€24,190
Uncashed Vouchers	<u>€8,705</u>	<u>€8,295</u>
	€44,018	€46,047
Juvenile Expenses	€2,416	€5,361
Team Expenses	€8,543	€8,702
Meetings, Receptions	<u>€8,468</u>	<u>€8,752</u>
Total Expenditure	€63,445	€68,862
Net Surplus	€42,547	€42,004