**Las Ramblas Golf Society Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 10th December 2024**

**Meeting Commence 11 am**

**Committee:** Dave Pulling, Joyce McClusky, Olga Douglas and Andy Martin

**Apologies for Absences**: Ron Phipps, Yvonne Phipps, Mike Brentnall, Ellen Drakesmith and Paul Brown.

**Present:**12

**Proxy Votes** – 4

**Matters arising from December 2023 Minutes.**

A request was made to find a different venue for the Christmas Lunch – The chosen Restaurant was The Fairways

A request was made to arrange the raffle prizes at the lunches in a different manner – The committee are now given 50 euros and take it in turns to buy the prizes on a monthly basis.

**President Report**

Welcome everyone it’s nice to see you all.

The year started with a price rise, not too bad for the golf, but an increase in buggy fees and also the added cost of 300 euros if you wanted to continue to use the secure parking provided by the club!!!

I have been informed by Artoro that it is the club’s intention to be petrol buggy free by 2026 and be fully electric. So be aware private buggy owners.

As most of the first half of the year went by as quick as ever, there was a problem with the lack of members present to take part in some of the Trophy events – Olga may say more about this later. This led to a crowded fixture list later on in the year.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your donations to R.B.L with a total of 105 euros which is very good for a morning’s golf.

I would like to extend my thanks to our very own dinner ladies, Dee Biggerstaff and Julia Dobson for their support on my Presidents Day and other days when we want to put on food and make our days special.

A big thank you to my committee for the hard work they have done throughout the year. I would like to give a special mention to Olga for the running of the competitions and especially regarding the insistence of the golf club requesting that she provides them with the names of playing members 2 weeks in advance, which if we as members do not provide her with the necessary information to complete her tick list makes her job very difficult.

Also, to inform you we have secured our most treasured possession of all, our tee times. They are to remain at 8:18 1st tee time. I have thanked the management for including us in the planning of their diary for 2025. They informed me that they were already getting bookings for 2025 in August 2024 and so had to book our tee times before they were booked up.

The club also informed me that they want all buggies to be fully electric by the end of 2026. So be warned everyone.

So, all that remains for me to say is enjoy every moment you have playing your golf. I consider us all to be very fortunate to be in this position as a society.

Thank you all.

**Competition Secretary Report**

Good morning, guys. I cannot believe I am attending Dec 2024 AGM!!!! Where has this year gone!!!!

Anyway, for the most part the comps went well however, I have never had to re arrange cup comps like we have had to this year due to the lack of competitors!!! I re arranged a few cup comps for later in the year hoping for more players to have returned from their summer break and still we did not have enough players. There was also an added problem with re arranging them for later in the year that I had not considered and that was the maintenance of the course and how the tees were so unfairly placed.

I would like to remind everyone that you must be here 30 mins before your tee time. It is in place for obvious reasons.

In June I thought we might lose some of the golf course due to the fires that we had!!! I certainly got worried when Trevor was evacuated from his home….and was looking for a bed for the night!!!! All joking aside I think things got very frightening for those living in close quarters and I think we were lucky we didn’t lose any of the course to the fire.

I think that’s me done. All that remains for me to say is enjoy your golf in 2025.

**Secretary Report**

Just a reminder to you all if you injure yourself on the course, please remember you are entitled to private treatment through your Spanish Federation fee’s that you pay. So, first port of call should be to the pro shop to report your injury. If possible, take any photos of where and what happened. Like the bare wood that I slipped on when I broke my ankle.

We promised a couple of fun days. Firstly, we had the bowls at Greenland’s and we intend to repeat that again this year if they will have us, although there were some complaints about the food. So that will need addressing. The crazy golf at Greenland’s was also very good but because of the complaints about the food when we attended the bowls, I opted to go to Little Italy which is only around the corner. For those of you that attended I hope you enjoyed the fun days and once again I would say the committee is open to any suggestions you may have for any other fun days.

Can we all, myself included, **PLEASE** start using our Facebook page for anything other than golf. Our WhatsApp page was only ever intended for golf only and the lunches and dinner dance!!!! It is also a port of reference for me when checking up on winners etc and it is getting clogged up with jokes, holiday photo’s, birthday wishes which are all very nice and very sociable but these should be put on the face book page. I have missed messages from members when they need to cancel tee times or want to book or rearrange their tee times. We will be monitoring the messages and a gentle reminder will be sent to cancel the message and refer them to the Facebook page.

A reminder that to qualify for the cup competitions you have to have purchased 25 vouchers OR full membership at Las Ramblas Golf club.

I am given to understand that the fees are to remain the same this year. We are so lucky. If you break our fees down, compared to other clubs, we are getting a very good deal. If we were to add our club fees plus the cost of our petrol buggy plus the cost of the insurance and our daily fee if we only played 3 times per week for 40 weeks ( 120 times) that only equates to 28.75 euros per round. (not to the penny I might add) When you consider in the height of the season the club can and does command 390 euros per 4 ball including a buggy. I cannot get a round of golf at home for that price. So, let’s be grateful and with this in mind I would ask you to be vigilant with the tick list. Please tell me asap when you have to cancel. I cannot stress enough that I must give back any unused tee times. I now have to advise them of how many tee times we require 2 weeks in advance!!! I know things crop up but please let me know as soon as possible if you have to cancel. The difference here is this is not a private golf club like at home it’s a pay and play and they can make so much more money for the tee times we have. We need them more than they need us. So, let’s not give them any excuse to take our tee times away.

All that remains for me to say is enjoy your golfing year in 2025 in these beautiful surroundings. How privileged we are to spend our retirement here. I would also like to thank you all for your support throughout the year.

**HCP Secretary Report**

I would like to think the handicap system we use in our society is now understood much better by our members. The vast majority of our members now have at least twenty rounds submitted from their preferred tees which means the best eight scores go towards their handicap. The society handicaps do seem to be more settled now with less movement up and down.

I have continued recording the no return cards as five over the players handicap (which was the same as was done in 2023). This year I have introduced an extra shot reduction following an exceptional score (this is shown by the members name being green on the latest handicap list). The exceptional score was set at forty-four points or more in 2024. (In 2025 this will change to forty-two points or more). If a member submits another exceptional score over the extra shot reduction, another shot will be deducted (this hasn’t happened as of yet). This extra shot reduction then applies for a period until the members scores eventually level out when the shot or shots will be given back.

I would ask members to submit a minimum of four cards a year, so handicaps can be kept up to date. If you don’t play on a Wednesday or are unable to submit enough cards on a Wednesday throughout the calendar year then please submit cards from Monday’s and Friday’s team games.

At any time if a member feels their handicap needs adjusting then please speak to me and I will review the member’s handicap and adjust it where applicable.

**Treasurer’s and Social Secretary’s Report**

10/12/24

BANK ACCOUNT. 700 euros

PETTY CASH. 200.61

INCOME

Our income comes from our membership fees of 10 euros per person, 5 for social

members and our lunches We took 390 euros in total membership fees and we

raised 719.5 euros at our events - these were 8 lunches from January to October

and a Dinner Dance in November. This was 256.45 less than in 2023 because we

are spending between 40 and 50 euros per lunch on rafﬂe prizes and this cost

obviously reduces the amount of proﬁt on each event. The money raised has been

spent on our special days like President’s Day, the Biggerstaff Bash and Caja Murcia

to name but a few, on buying prizes, nearest the pin prizes, food and other extras to

make these days special.

This year we have had to introduce a 5 euros pp entry fee for our major competitions

to offset the money spent on rafﬂe prizes. Of this 5 euros, 2 is added to petty cash

and this has raised 316 euros which makes up the loss on the rafﬂes. The

membership money collected goes towards the cost of end of year prizes but any

shortfall is covered by money we raise monthly at our lunches and the extra entry

fees. We have increased the monetary prizes given at Prize giving to 425 euros.

Previously it was less that 300 euros.

Without our social events we could not provide all these extras and this is what, I

think, makes our society special. Members who attended 3 or more lunches /

events continued to receive a subsidy on the price of the November Dinner Dance

and Christmas lunch. We buy lots of rafﬂe prizes for both, we paid for entertainment

at the Dinner Dance and we pay for the tip to the staff at the Dinner Dance and our

Christmas lunch. We also donated 30 euros to the Poppy Appeal.

As I say every year the money raised at our lunches goes into Petty Cash and is our life blood. It buys all the nice extras that playing members receive and beneﬁt from over the year. For people sitting here today who do not attend any of the lunches I would urge you once again to please attend just a few to support our golf society.

The lunches are enjoyable and we go to very nice restaurants. We are, after all, a

golf and social society and the social side makes us, in my opinion, special and

should be supported. This year the “attend 3 lunch rule” to get a subsidy on our

major events will continue to apply to both full and social members as it has done for

over 20 years.

Fully paid up members of LRGC this year will need to pay me 10 euros and social

members 5 euros. We do not need to raise the fees.

Finally we are open to any ideas that could be enjoyable and raise money for this

society. On this vein we organised a bowls event this year and a mini golf morning

both of which were well attended and enjoyable though none proﬁt making. We also

organised a golf Fun Day with prizes that were mostly funded by money raised at our

lunches. If you have any other ideas on this vein then please come and speak to me

or any committee member. We will listen.

Thank you Joyce.

**Election Of Committee**

President - Dave Pulling Re- Elected

Secretary – Olga Douglas Re -Elected

Treasurer – Joyce McClusky Re- Elected

HCP Secretary – Andy Martin Re - Elected

Comps Secretary – Olga Douglas Re – Elected

Social Secretary -- Joyce McClusky Re - Elected

**Proposals**

Olga Douglas Seconded Andy Martin

Life membership for Mike Mahony for his hard work and commitment to the committee over the years.

**Unanimous**

Olga Douglas Seconded Andy Martin

Life Membership for Dave Pulling for the offices he has held over the last 23 years, Captain, hcp secretary and the last 8 years being President of the society.

**Unanimous**

Nigel Price Seconded John Dobson

To request earlier tee times

6 for 12 against

**AOB**

The Christmas lunch was discussed and comments were made that some members were not attending the chosen, Fairways Restaurant, and had instead made arrangements to go to Stan and Ollies.

**Meeting closed at 11:48**

