



## **Report and Statement of Accounts 2023**

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of delegates will be held at SOUTHERNDOWN GOLF CLUB on TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.00p.m for the purpose set out in the agenda. It is hoped that delegates from all Clubs will attend.

Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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# **The Glamorgan County Golf Union**

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*Chairman:*

**J. Williams**

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*Reporting Accountants:*

**Clifton House Partnership**

*Seniors Chairman:*

**Steve Watkins**

*Juniors Chairman:*

**Mark Evans**

*Elected Executive Committee:*

**R. Carhart, L.Matthews, R.Clark,  
D.Watkins, A. Mason.**

# Past Officials

## *Presidents:*

1928 – 1933	John Duncan	1975 – 1981	Mansel Williams
1933 – 1937	S.B. Haslam	1981 – 1988	Evan W.P. Thomas
1937 – 1954	A.H. Symonds	1988 – 1996	J.P. Hales
1954 – 1960	Ivor G. Nicholls	1996 – 2001	S.M. Jones
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1967 – 1975	W. Gordon Haines		

## *Chairmen:*

1928	H.J. Edmunds	1971 – 1974	Dennis Bartlett
1928 – 1931	J.A. Alexander	1974 – 1977	Evan W.P. Thomas
1931 – 1933	S.B. Haslam	1977 – 1983	Lawrence H. Godfrey
1933 – 1937	A.H. Symonds	1983 – 1987	J.P. Hales
1937 – 1946	W.J. Jones	1987– 1996	S.M. Jones
1946 – 1952	Ivor G. Nicholls	1996 – 2001	D.G. Samuel
1952 – 1955	L. Pyke	2001- 2006	R.D. Jones
1955 – 1961	C. DeCoursey Penn	2006 - 2012	M. Evans
1961 – 1964	A. Mason Williams	2012 - 2022	M.D. Price
1964 – 1968	Mansel Williams	2022 - 2022	A.A. James (resigned)
1968 – 1971	Harold C Fooks	2022 - 2024	J. Williams

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1928 – 1936	R. Cope Lewis	1979 – 1989	J.L. Banfill
1936 – 1942	Norman Jacob	1989 – 1997	G.B. Hughes
1955 – 1965	H.C. Fooks	1997 – 2003	D.C. Thomas
1965 – 1966	J.J. Lewis	2003 – 2020	P. Austerberry
1966 – 1976	Lawrence H. Godfrey	2020 – 2024	E.O. Morgan
1976 – 1979	G.B. Hughes		

## *Hon. Treasurers:*

1976 – 1989	Lawrence H. Godfrey	2004 - 2014	P.A.R. Naysmith
1989 - 1998	J.H. Banfill	2014 - 2020	W.M. Strong
1998 – 2004	D.C. Thomas	2020 - 2021	M. Jones
		2021 - 2024	R. Arbourne

# THE GLAMORGAN COUNTY GOLF UNION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023.

### Agenda

1. Call the Roll of Delegates.
2. Approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM, as shown overleaf.
3. Receive the Chairman's Report 2023.
4. Approve and adopt the Statement of Accounts.
5. Approve the following changes to the constitution:
  - i. In rules 6,8,9,10,11,12,16,17 the title "Honorary Secretary" be changed to "Secretary".
  - ii. In rule 6; "All officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Union" to be changed to "Save for the Secretary, the Officers of the Union shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Union."
6. Elect the OFFICERS. The Executive proposes the following:

President: E.O.Morgan  
Chairman: M.Evans  
Vice-Chairman: R.Hooper  
Secretary: M.D.Price  
Treasurer: M.D.Price
7. Elect the members of the Executive  
Nominations to serve for 3 years:
  - i. Rhys Clark nominated by Whitchurch GC
  - ii. Alistair Mason nominated by Radyr GC
  - iii. James Pontin nominated by P&K GC
  - iv. Gareth Evans nominated by Mountain Ash GC
8. Appoint a Reporting Accountant:  
The Executive proposes Clifton House Partnership.
9. To consider any other competent business at the discretion of the Chair.

## **Minutes of the 2022 A.G.M. of the GLAMORGAN COUNTY GOLF UNION on Tuesday 21st February 2023.**

**Present:** Mike Evans, President in the Chair, Jonathan Williams (County Chairman) with representatives from Constituent Clubs and Officers and Members of the County Executive.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and reported the sad loss of two County stalwarts Peter Austerberry and Teg Bevan. An appreciation of both men was shown with a round of applause.

1) The Secretary called the Roll of Delegates and representatives from 22 clubs were confirmed as present with 29 members in attendance.

2) The Meeting approved the **Minutes of the 2021 AGM held at Southerndown Golf Club on Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022** as a true record.

Proposer: Steve Watkins.

Seconder: Rhys Clark.

### **3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The President reported that Tony James had been elected to the position of Chairman but had resigned for personal reasons and Vice-Chairman Jonathan Williams had taken on the role for most of 2022.

Jonathan Williams gave his first report as Chairman stating that the full report was on the Website and in the Annual report. He thanked all the volunteers who run Glamorgan County Golf from the Junior section to the Seniors. He also thanked the clubs for their support without which we would be unable to run our events.

This was Glamorgan's first uninterrupted year of competition after the covid years and turned out to be very successful indeed. During 2022 Glamorgan produced 14 Welsh Internationals across the board with the Juniors' and Men's Welsh Captains being Glamorgan players.

The Men's team under the leadership of Jordan Price-Davies and Rhys Clark won the Channel League and the Welsh Counties' Championship for the second year running. The very first time that the double double had been achieved. Richard Hooper was congratulated for attaining his 100<sup>th</sup> County cap, whilst the Wessex Team won the triple by winning the Wessex League, the Wessex Salver and the South Wales Shield. A big thank you to Alistair Mason who is stepping down as Team Manager to concentrate on the County Seniors section, and to Kyle Davies who will take his place. The Seniors finished second in both the Channel League and the South Wales Seniors League, losing the latter on countback. Thanks to Steve Watkins and Jeff Thomas for all their hard work.

Again, many thanks go to Junior managers Paul Melding, James Coombes and James Pontin and special thanks to Mark Evans the Juniors' Chairman for putting everything together throughout the year. It seems that the Junior coaching is coming to fruition and leading the boys nicely into the Wessex/ First Teams. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Severnside competition at Whitchurch which saw Glamorgan defeat Gwent, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire to win the trophy.

Congratulations go to Craig Melding on winning the Glamorgan OOM, Harry Frazer for the County Championship, Brent O'Neill for the County Mid /Am, Paul Lewis for the Seniors County Championship and Tom Peet for the Colts Championship.

On the Team front Pyle & Kenfig won the County Premier League, Mountain Ash the KO Cup, and Neath the Welsh Team Championship. The Chairman thanked Rhys Carhart for running the County leagues and went on to thank everybody involved in Glamorgan golf for their hard work and wished them a successful golfing year ahead.

The President paid tribute to Jonathan who has combined the role of Chairman with his role as Welsh Team Captain and has done a great job for Glamorgan.

#### **4) FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The County Treasurer, Robert Arbourne presented the accounts and Financial Report. He reported a deficit of £11,678. We had an increase on revenue of £8868 compared to 2021, but also had an increase in expenditure of £16,782

He highlighted a few categories:

- Team expenses were up just over £10,000.
- Clothing was down £6162.
- Junior Expenses was up £9269. There has been a drive to increase our expenditure in developing our junior squads.

Last year we paid back £6955.00 to clubs from the 2020 accounts. This was monies they had paid for their Affiliation fee for 2020, where all monies should have been returned. Whilst there has been a small increase in Affiliation fees, the County must show prudence in our expenditure for 2023. He called on all team Captains, Championship organizers and Executive members, to please be aware of our spending in the forthcoming year. He thanked our accountants CHP of Cardiff, and especially Tim Robinson in preparing the accounts.

Finally, he thanked all forty-two golf clubs in the County and their members for supporting the County year on year.

There being no questions acceptance of the accounts was

Proposed by: P Naysmith

Seconded by: D. Thomas

#### **5) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers were elected to the Executive on the unanimous vote of the meeting:

**PRESIDENT.**

**M.Evans**

**CHAIRMAN.**

**J. Williams.**

**VICE CHAIRMAN.**

**D.Thomas, L. Matthews**

**SECRETARY.**

**E.O.Morgan.**

**TREASURER.**

**R.Arbourne.**

## **6) ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

Nominations to serve for three years:

D.Thomas

Nominated by Morlais Castle GC.

L. Matthews

Nominated by Southerndown GC.

The above were elected unanimously with a show of hands.

Following the elections the President Mr M.Evans, thanked the meeting for the confidence shown in the officers and members of the Executive.

## **7) APPOINTMENT OF REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The meeting unanimously approved the proposal of the County Executive that Clifton House Partnership be appointed as the Reporting Accountants for 2023.

## **8) ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.**

The President reported that it was the intention of the Executive to try to establish County Ambassadors in each of our affiliated clubs with the intention of improving information links with the clubs. This would include informing members of what the County does, what therefore each member is getting for their £6 contribution. Some discussion took place as to why the County affiliation fee had recently risen from £5 to £6 and that it was the job and desire for ambassadors to inform clubs where at present there seems to be little knowledge of what the Golf Union does. It was agreed to further the Ambassador process as much as possible.

Jeff Thomas thanked the County for the way that the Seniors section is supported and discussion took place regarding the Welsh Seniors team. Unfortunately, Wales Golf is unable to support certain aspects of International Seniors golf due to financial constraints.

There being no further items of substantive business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm, and thanked the Delegates for their attendance.

# Glamorgan County Golf Union

## Chairman's Report 2023.

The 2023 season has come to an end and it was another tremendous year for Glamorgan Golf.

Before we review the season I would like to, on behalf of everyone on the Glamorgan Executive, say a big thank you to Mr Rhys Carhart and Mr Robert Arbourne, who have both stepped down from their roles on the Glamorgan Executive Committee, for all the work, support, endeavour, and drive they have given over the past few years.

### **Coaching**

Development of our sport is part of the DNA of Glamorgan Golf and we believe that golfers in our region should have access to the best coaching available during their development. Our head coach and National Coach for Wales, Mr Neil Matthews, has done a spectacular job in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of our system and delivered, along with other coaches such as John McDonald and Keith Williams, a framework we can all be proud of. Thanks to our coaches and everyone who has supported our programmes this year.

### **International Golf**

It is always an honour to represent your country and 2023 has again shown that Glamorgan Golf is producing golfers, at all ages, to represent Wales Golf.

Nigel Edwards & Carl Rowe have again supported GB&I Captain Stuart Wilson, in losing narrowly to the USA in the Centenary of the Walker Cup played at St Andrews. We wish both Nigel and Carl the very best in 2024, as the St Andrews Trophy will be played against Europe at Royal Porthcawl.

The Wales Men's team was represented by Matthew Roberts (Royal Porthcawl) at Royal Waterloo in Belgium. Matt played some sparkling golf and matchplay wins against Germany and Switzerland allowed Wales to finish 10th and qualify for the event, which will be held in Italy, in 2024.

In the Home Internationals, at Machynys Golf Club in Dyfed, the men's squad, once again included Matthew Roberts. After difficult matches against Ireland, a win against England on the second day gave Wales an outside chance, on the final day, to win the Home Internationals for the second time in their history. However, a narrow loss to Scotland on the final green, in the last match, meant the game was lost 5.5 to 6.5 but the performance was hugely encouraging.

The Welsh Boys European Team were captained by ex-Walker Cup player Mr Llewelyn Matthews (Southern Down). The team included Brodi Lewis (Southern Down) Ryan Williams



(Bargoed) and James Howell (Cardiff). A final day victory against Scotland 4 -3 allowed Wales to medal and finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be promoted to Division one in 2024.

The Home internationals for Boys and Girls returned to England with Lindrick being the host Venue. Ryan Williams, Brodi Lewis, and James Howell again featured.

William Pontin represented Wales at Under 16 in the Quadrangular Event held in Holland. Wales, Scotland, Holland & Ireland taking part.

William Pontin, Paul Reid and Matthew Lewis were also selected by Wales to play in a friendly match, against Surrey, in August.

The Seniors Internationals were held at West Kilbride Golf Club in Scotland. The Welsh Seniors team included Gwyn Jones, Nigel Evans and Neil Roderick from Glamorgan.

Congratulations to everyone who represented Wales in 2023.

### **Channel League**

It was always going to be a difficult for our Channel League team to retain and maintain the standards of the previous two years, as the reigning champions. That said Glamorgan, were very keen to retain the trophy won in 2021 & 2022.

The team of Jordon Price Davies (Captain) and, in his last year as Channel League manager, Rhys Clark had the hardest task of picking from an incredibly strong squad.

The Channel League started with a match at Royal Porthcawl against Wiltshire. The team played very well eventually came out on top with a 10 -5 win. A great start to the season.

The following game was against our local rivals Gwent. This match was again comfortable, and a good afternoon singles session was enough for another win, 9.5-5.5.

Next was Devon away at Woodbury Park. This game was very close and a last gasp single win for Devon produced, probably against the run of play, an 8 -7 victory for Devon.

A home match followed, this time against Cornwall at Pyle & Kenfig. A magnificent display for the team in windy conditions saw them return to winning ways with a 9.5 to 5.5 victory.

The next match would as always be a close affair against Gloucestershire, at Forest Hills. A very close affair, by two very strong sides, ended up in a halved game 7.5 to 7.5. It kept us in the fight for the Channel League title, but Glamorgan would need two big wins in their remaining fixtures to hold on to the trophy.

Needing a big win against the newly reintroduced Dorset side, at Southerndown, was required to keep the team's chances alive and a clean sweep in the morning foursomes provided a 5-0 start to the game that Glamorgan needed. However, a gritty performance from Dorset, in the PM singles, meant that Glamorgan only narrowly won the game 8-7.

This meant that a 13 -2 victory in the last game against Somerset away would be required for Glamorgan to retain the league title.

The Final game was played at Weston Super Mare. The expectation here was high but a long day followed and Somerset came out on top in another close game 8-7. A fantastic effort from all the players that have pulled on the Glamorgan colours this year. Jordon and the team will already be planning their strategy over the winter to try and win the trophy back in 2024.

My thanks go to the Captain Jordon Price Davies, and Rhys Clark our Channel League Manager in his last year. Rhys has changed the emphasis in the Men's Golf over the last three to four years and it is no surprise that the organisational improvements and the determination of all the management and teams are seeing the rewards of their hard work.

### **Welsh Counties Championships**

The Welsh Counties championships was played at Carmarthen Golf Club and Glamorgan sent a strong team of Keiron Harmon, Ryan Nedza, Craig Melding, Luke Thomas, Nick James, and Captain Jordon Price Davies.

Glamorgan won the event by a huge 19 shots from Caernarfonshire. Craig Melding winning the Individual event with a total of – 4. Congratulations to the team.

### **Men's Wessex Team**

The Wessex team had a transitional year in 2023. Kyle Davies took over as Captain from the successful Mr Alistair Mason. Kyle's ambition is to promote some of the Juniors, approaching age 18 and transition them into men's game.

It has been a very difficult year for our Wessex squad with defeats against Gloucestershire, Gwent, Dyfed and Brecon & Radnor, but that said, a lot of younger players have begun their journey into men's golf and I'm sure that in 2024 there will be an improvement in our performance.

I'd like to thank Kyle for all his work this year and look forward to watching the results from the Wessex team in the future.

### **Juniors**

#### **Development Squad.**

The Development squad had 10 hours of winter coaching delivered to them in preparation for the season. Our thanks go to Keith Williams from the Vale looking after the squad.

The season started well at the County Spring meeting with several of the boys taking part and warming up for the under 12s Order of merit, which was held throughout the 2023 season. We had 24 boys in the squad who took part, achieving order of merit points over the season. It is a positive for Glamorgan Golf seeing so many of the squad playing competitive golf at such an early age.

As always there were winners with Macsen Dyer of Swansea Bay taking the Order of merit title over 5 events.

With Flynn Lamby (Radyr) winning the U12 County Championship and Noah Hill (Aberdare) winning the Under 9 event.

In 2023 we continued the Development league with the intention of getting new juniors onto the golf course for the first time and we had continued support from the clubs around the county signing up to play in the league. The year finished off with a Finals Day at Llanishen in October. Cottrell Park took the honours but it was great to see all the clubs involved introducing over 60 new junior golfers from their academies to the golf course.

We look forward to 2024 with the knowledge that we have great support from the clubs in the county to get as many under 12s into the county Development squad as we can.

### **Under 14s**

The Under 14 squad were coached by John McDonald in their preparation for the 2023 season with all their winter coaching being held at Llantrisant and Pontyclun golf club.

The under 14s were led by their captain James Palfrey of the Swansea Bay golf club.

Glamorgan played two matches throughout the season starting with a game at the Grove against Somerset where we were competitive but on the wrong end of a close game. Our second game was away to Gloucestershire which brought the U14's their first win in 2023.

The season was finished off in great fashion when Thomas Mclean won the Glamorgan Under 14s County Championship.

We are sure that 2024 will be a very enjoyable and successful season.

### **Under 16s**

2023 was a year of emerging talent in the Squad. The preparation was started throughout the early months and new management duo of James Pontin and Morgan Williams bringing areas such as strength and conditioning and range sessions.

The side played six fixtures under the new captain William Pontin. The opening fixture at home was a loss to a strong Wiltshire team followed by another close loss to Somerset. The remainder of the season finished on a positive for the team with wins against Gloucestershire at home and away against Brecon and Radnor. The team also triumphed as the U16 South Wales team champions.

The Under 16 County Championships was won by Paul Reid.

Thanks to all the squad member and the management team for their commitment shown in 2023.

## **Under18s**

The 2023 season saw some great golf played by our under 18s. My thanks to James Coombs and Jonathan Pugh for the preparation in the winter season and the players who have enjoyed the coaching and squad meetings.

Our competitive golf season commenced against Gwent, at Tredegar Park Golf Club. The boys delivered a comfortable win 10 -5 and a great opening to the season.

The next competitive outing was the Severnside Tournament at Ross on Wye. Worcestershire and Gloucestershire brought very strong sides to the two-day event providing very stiff opposition for the Glamorgan team. The event featured some fantastic golf from all four counties involved with Glamorgan finishing as runners up for 2023.

Following Severnside we had two home Channel League games against Somerset and Gloucestershire. Both games were very competitive and hard fought against very strong opposition with the first against Somerset ending in a close game going down 9-6.

The match against Gloucestershire again proved a very tough test with the team going down 9.5 to 5.5.

A closing victory against Wiltshire 9.5 to 5.5 was a positive way to end a season of hard work by all the players.

Our final competitive team outing was at the U18 / U16 Channel League Final at Clyne Golf Club. The boys gave an excellent account of themselves running out as winners following up the runners up spot for 2022. The team of Ryan Williams, Harry Coombes, Brodi Lewis, Will Pontin, Paul Reid and Rhys English enjoying the success.

Thanks to all the players for their efforts in 2023, and with several players entering men's golf next year, we hope the transition to our Wessex and Channel League golf is seamless.

## **Junior Leagues**

The Junior League again was a success in 2023, which culminated in the Final at Royal Porthcawl, in early November, between Radyr and Neath. In a close-run affair Neath completed the win to be champions for 2023.

I'd like to thank all the players, teams, parents and Junior Leaders for all the support of this league and look forward to the teams competing again in 2024.

Our thanks go to Mark Evans Junior Chairman, James Coombs, James Pontin, Morgan Williams, Paul Melding, Paul Davies and all the parents and players in what has been a great season for Junior Golf in Glamorgan.

## **Seniors**

Seniors golf in Glamorgan has grown hugely over the last decade. The section is well supported and my thanks go to Chairman Stephen Watkins and Seniors Channel League captain and Vice-captain Jeff Thomas and Adrian Bragg. A great deal of work goes into organising the Seniors Championships and fixtures and my thanks go to Ed Morgan and his team for all their efforts.

## **Senior Channel League**

2023 was the year in which Glamorgan Golf Seniors regained the Channel League and collected the Duncan Samuel Trophy.

Captain Jeff Thomas and his team went unbeaten all year with 5 wins and 2 halves in a league which also had Dorset in the League for the first time. The work, effort and organisation by Jeff, Adrian Bragg, Steve Watkins and Ed Morgan in the run up to the season proved vital in taking the trophy from Devon, who had excelled in the last 2 years.

Areas such as the coaching and better preparation have been evident and the improvement in Senior Golf in 2023 has been there for everyone to see. The Squad included 17 players from 7 clubs.

The team also went on to win the Welsh Senior Inter Counties at Builth Wells winning the event by 13 strokes.

## **South Wales Seniors League**

Glamorgan won the South Wales Seniors League for 2023 going all season unbeaten. The team had 3 wins and 1 draw with 24 players representing the team from 12 different clubs around the County.

## **Glamorgan County Seniors Championship**

Mr Mark Burrridge from Neath Golf Club won the County Seniors Championship at Radyr. Steve Williams winning the Stableford Championship at the same venue.

It was great to see Nigel Evans return to golf in Glamorgan in 2023 and we congratulate him on winning the West of England, Steve Hopkins Trophy, South Wales Senior Championship and the Welsh Order of Merit.

Congratulations to everyone involved in Senior Golf for 2023.

## **Mid-Amateur**

The Mid-Amateur Championship was held this year at Whitchurch Golf Club, Kyle Davies (Cregiau Golf Club) overcome a strong field to win the event with a Gross score of 67.

## **National Competition**

Pyle & Kenfig won the Welsh Team Championships at Porthmadog, defeating Glamorganshire in the Final. It was Pyle and Kenfig's second win in three years after losing in the final last year.

Pyle and Kenfig also won the Victory Shield competition when the pair of Tom Peet and Sean David overcame Ryan Nedza and Craig Melding, of Neath Golf Club, in the final.

The Welsh Amateur Championship was played at Newport Golf Club. Six of the top ten qualifiers were from Glamorgan. The winner of the Strokeplay section was, again, Keiron Harmon with superb rounds of 67 & 69 to finish -8. In all, 9 players from Glamorgan qualified for the last 32 of the match play. Our best placed finisher was Tim Harry who lost on the 18<sup>th</sup> in the Semi Finals.

In the Welsh Open Youths tournament at Creigiau Golf Club, Sean David was the highest placed player from Glamorgan finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Welsh Events for the year got off to a great start. Tom Savill finishing joint 2nd at the Duncan Putter, Keiron Harmon finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at the Welsh Strokeplay and Ryan Nedza winning the Clwyd Open. There were some other notable performances during 2023 with Matt Roberts finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Irish Open Strokeplay and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Brabazon at Sunningdale Golf Club.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

At Seniors level our congratulations must go to Mr Gwyn Jones (Radyr Golf Club) winning the Welsh closed seniors at Aberdovey. In the Seniors Welsh Open at Ashburnham Richard Evans was the best placed Glamorgan player.

In Junior golf the Welsh Boys Championship was played at Cardigan Golf Club. James Howell was the best placed Glamorgan player in the qualifying rounds, finishing joint third, and he was joined by 8 other Glamorgan players in the last sixteen. James Howell, Harry Coombs & Ryan Williams all made the Quarter Finals.

Paul Reid won the final of the Plate.

In the Welsh Boys' U16 Championship held at Cardiff Golf Club, Paul Reid (Glamorganshire Golf Club) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 54-hole total of 216. In the U14 competition Thomas Mclean (Pennard Golf Club) was best Glamorgan player with rounds of 76 & 80 finishing 5th. Well done to all that took part.

## **Leagues**

The Premier League this year was again won by the amazing performance of Pyle & Kenfig winning every league match in in 2023. They will be the team to beat again in 2024.

Congratulations go to Radyr and Neath who gained promotion to next year's Premier League.

Congratulations to all the teams that got promotion in 2023 and thanks to all the clubs that support our league. 2024 will again have a record number of teams in the leagues. Good luck to everyone.

My thanks go to Rhys Carhart for administering the leagues in his final year as league secretary and to all teams who get their matches played on time and report the results of those matches in a timely manner.

## **KO Cup**

The finals of the KO Cup were held at Swansea Bay Golf Club. The Final was played between Glamorganshire and Neath Golf Club. Winners for 2023 were Glamorganshire with a team of Mark Lewis, Jordon Price-Davies and Tom Savill.

My thanks go to David Watkins and Llew Matthews for the work in running the event.

## **County Handicap Championship**

The West qualifier was held at The Swansea Bay golf club where Pontardawe came first with Mond Valley in second place. The East qualifier was held at Rhondda golf club where

the winners were Radyr with Cardiff as runner up. All four teams qualified for the national finals at Celtic Manor, Roman Road Course.

Congratulations to Pontardawe Golf Club who became Glamorgan Handicap Team Champions when they were the highest placed Glamorgan team in the National Final at Celtic Roman Road course.

### **2023 Order of Merit**

My thanks go to the clubs who hosted our Order of Merit events in 2023. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to put these events on and we are very grateful to all involved without whom there would be no competitive golf in Glamorgan.

I would also like to place on record my thanks to David Thomas & Gareth Evans who have run the Order of Merit in a professional fashion. Gareth takes over in 2024 as the new competition chairman.

We thank David Thomas for his hard work and commitment during his time with Glamorgan Golf.

**Neath Bell:** Keiron Harmon produced a fantastic performance to win the Neath Bell.

**Radyr HS Colt Cup:** Andrew Gould produced two superb rounds to win the Colt Cup.

### **County Championships at Pennard Golf Club GC:**

Harry Fraser of Pennard retained the County Championship in a playoff against Luke Thomas at the first extra hole. The winning scores were 69 & 74 for a total of 143.

The Colts Championship was won by Rhys English with scores of 73 & 73 for a total of 146.

The team event was won by Whitchurch Golf Club

My thanks go to Pennard Golf Club for their support in hosting our championship.

**Valley Cup** was won by Luke Thomas.

**The Glamorganshire Baffie** was won by Luke Thomas.

### **Presidents Cup**

The Quarter-finals of the Presidents Cup were held at Neath Golf Club, with the Semi Final and Final at Radyr Golf Club. After a long season the Final was between two players who had excellent seasons individually and for their clubs. Luke Thomas and Keiron Harmon had played excellent golf to get to the final. Luke continued his wonderful season, playing consistently, and won a close game between two of Glamorgan's best players. Congratulations to all the finalists and the clubs for hosting the finals.



## **Glamorgan Order of Merit**

The winner of the 2023 Order of Merit is Keiron Harmon with Luke Thomas in second place and Craig Melding in third.

It's fantastic to see Keiron Harmon playing in local events in Glamorgan in 2023 as he has always had such a busy golfing schedule. He has been one of Glamorgan's and Wales's best players over the last five to six years and I'm sure we will see him at the top of leaderboards, again, in 2024.

My congratulations go to him for winning the Order of Merit title.

My thanks go to Dav Thomas & Gareth Evans for once again administering the Order of Merit as well as organising our Championships.

## **Luke Thomas**

My Congratulations go to Luke Thomas who is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Glamorgan player in our history to achieve the milestone of 100 Channel League appearances. His career for Glamorgan starts back at his debut against Wiltshire in 2004. Since then, he has been ever present in the County set up and his 100th cap came against Cornwall at Pyle & Kenfig.

Luke has also played for Wales and won the Welsh Amateur Championships. He is still one of Glamorgan's most accomplished players and an integral part of the Men's Channel League Squad. I look forward to seeing him in Glamorgan colours again in 2024.

## **County Dinner**

This year our Annual Dinner was held at the Marriot in Cardiff attended by over 120 people which a true reflection of the support we receive as a County Union. We celebrated all the successes of the season. Alistair Mason worked tirelessly to ensure a successful evening.

My thanks go to Christian Askins Wales Golf Tournament Director, Mr Martin Price Past Glamorgan Chairman, Viv Morgan South Wales Costal Captains, Peter O'Brien President Dorset Golf Union, Pam St Ledger President Devon Golf Union, Derek Butler President Gloucestershire Golf Union, Tommy Tulk President Somerset Golf Union, Bryn Rees Secretary Brecon & Radnor Golf Union, Martin Edwards President Cornwall Golf Union, Graham Harries Gwent Golf Union and all the guests that attended.

We will return to the Marriott Hotel in Cardiff for 2024.

## **Executive Members**

This is my last year as chairman, and I will be standing down at the AGM in 2024. I would personally like to thank all of the Executive Committee, volunteers & fellow golfers for the support and help they have provided me in my 6 years on the Committee. There are going to be some changes, Mike Evans is nominated to move into the Chairman role. My thanks go to Mike for his support and guidance especially in my two years as Chairman. Special thanks to Mr. Ed Morgan who is retiring from the Secretary position. Ed has been nominated to be our President for 2024. Ed's tireless work and commitment to Glamorgan has been immense over the last four years and I wish him well in his new role as President.

Glamorgan golf is ready to move on again to the next level and I can confirm we have recently taken on Martin Price as the Secretary on a paid basis. This will allow Glamorgan golf to be more organised than ever; coupled with the opportunity to grow the game in the county.

The County's finances are still in good health and my thanks go to our Treasurer Rob Arbourne for his well-managed accounts and accurate reports.

On the golf course 2024 was a memorable year and I thank all players, officials, and clubs for their contributions to it. I'd like to thank the Executive for their hard work, and I urge all golfers to support County tournaments and events.

GLAMORGAN COUNTY GOLF UNION  
ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

In accordance with our terms of engagement we have prepared the accounts for the Glamorgan County Golf Union from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us. The income and expenditure account is not intended to achieve full compliance with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

This report is made to you in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might prepare the accounts that we have been engaged to prepare, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Glamorgan County Golf Union for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their preparation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information or explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.

CHP Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Four Elms Road  
Cardiff  
CF24 1LE

Dated .....

GLAMORGAN COUNTY GOLF UNION  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
78,520	Subscriptions	93,256
121	Bank interest	884
78,641		94,140
	<u>EXPENSES</u>	
1,989	Golf meetings less entrance fees	1,161
54,488	County teams	47,279
2,314	Clothing and equipment	3,054
15,575	Juniors	12,188
185	Printing	178
2,168	County cards	2,231
4,229	Annual dinner and AGM	6,712
3,482	Secretarial and administration	3,500
1,200	Accountancy	1,800
1,588	Insurance	1,374
666	Website and mobile app	636
1,379	Computer Expenses	2,479
268	Card terminal and bank charges	203
600	Grant and charity donations	500
188	Depreciation	188
90,319		83,483
0	Corporation tax payable	168
£(11,678)	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	£ 10,489
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GLAMORGAN COUNTY GOLF UNION  
BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
<u>£</u>			<u>£</u>
	<u>Assets</u>		
1,842	Fixed assets - at cost	1,842	
1,467	- depreciation	1,655	
375	- book value		187
1,118	Debtors and prepayments		1,233
3,368	Bank balance - current account		3,381
55,129	- business money manager		61,013
584	- Equals Money Cards		2,421
60,574			68,235
	<u>Liabilities</u>		
4,676	Creditors and accruals	1,680	
0	Taxation payable	168	
£ 55,898		£ 66,387	
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	<u>Represented by:-</u>		
	<u>Revenue Account</u>		
67,756	Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	55,898	
(11,678)	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	10,489	
£ 55,898		£ 66,387	
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In accordance with the terms of engagement of CHP Accountants Limited, I approve the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts including the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing CHP Accountants Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their preparation.

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R B Arbourne  
Honorary Treasurer

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Dated

GLAMORGAN COUNTY GOLF UNION - JUNIORS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
1,900	Parental contributions towards coaching	6,760
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
4,557	Golf meetings less entrance fees	4,766
3,633	County matches	7,910
5,569	County junior coaching	5,024
3,306	Clothing and equipment	838
160	South Wales Boys	160
250	Secretarial and administration	250
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17,475		18,948
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£(15,575)	(Deficit) for the year	£ (12,188)
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## **CCGU LEAGUE RESULTS 2023**

<b>Premier</b>			
Winners	Pyle & Kenfig 1		
Runners Up	Whitchurch 1		
Relegated	Mountain Ash 1		
Relegated	Brynhill 1		

  

<b>Division 1A</b>		<b>Division 1B</b>	
Winners (P)	Radyr 1	Winners (P)	Neath 1
Runners Up	Caerphilly 1	Runners Up	Langland Bay 1
Relegated	Morlais Castle 1	Relegated	Pennard 1
Relegated	Wenvoe Castle 1	Relegated	Pyle & Kenfig 2

  

<b>Division 2A</b>		<b>Division 2B</b>	
Winners (P)	Creigiau 1	Winners (P)	Pontardawe 1
Runners Up (P)	Whitchurch 2	Runners Up (P)	Southern Down 2
Relegated	Radyr 2	Relegated	Morriston 1
Relegated	Llanishen 1	Relegated	Pennard 2

  

<b>Division 3A</b>		<b>Division 3B</b>	
Winners (P)	Creigiau 2	Winners (P)	Clyne 1
Runners Up (P)	Aberdare 2	Runners Up (P)	Pyle & Kenfig 3
Relegated	Wenvoe Castle 2	Relegated	Swansea Bay 1
Pulled Out	Pontypridd 1	Relegated	Mond Valley 1

  

<b>Division 4A</b>		<b>Division 4B</b>	
Winners (P)	Caerphilly 2	Winners (P)	Glynneath 1
Runners Up (P)	Glamorganshire 2	Runners Up (P)	Pennard 3
Relegated	Vale Resort 2	Relegated	Pontardawe 2
		Relegated	Langland Bay 2

  

<b>Division 5A</b>		<b>Division 5B</b>	
Winners (P)	Mountain Ash 3	Winners (P)	Coed Y Mwstwr 2
Runners Up (P)	Radyr 3	Runners Up (P)	Morlais Castle 2
Relegated	Llantrisant 1	Relegated	Mond Valley 2
		Pulled Out	Fairwood Park 2

  

<b>Division 6A</b>		<b>Division 6B</b>	
Winners (P)	Whitehall 1	Winners (P)	Royal Porthcawl 2
Runners Up (P)	Whitchurch 3	Runners Up (P)	Maesteg 2

**Teams starting on -1 due to not fulfilling fixtures - As per rule 2b**

- Pennard 2
- Cottrell Park 1
- Glynneath
- Mond Valley 2

## Men's Channel League Matches 2023

CHANNEL LEAGUE TABLE 2023								
		Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points
1	Gloucestershire	7	5	1	1	65.5	39.5	5.5
2	Glamorgan	7	4	1	2	58.5	46.5	4.5
3	Devon	7	4	0	3	55	50	4
4	Somerset	7	4	0	3	53	52	4
5	Wiltshire	7	2	1	4	49.5	55.5	2.5
6	Dorset	7	2	1	4	47.5	57.5	2.5
7	Cornwall	7	2	1	4	46.5	58.5	2.5
8	Gwent	7	2	1	4	44.5	60.5	2.5

CHANNEL LEAGUE 2023				
Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Against
Wiltshire	Royal Porthcawl	Won	10	5
Gwent	Whitchurch	Won	9.5	5.5
Devon	Woodbury Park	Lost	7	8
Cornwall	Pyle&Kenfig	Won	9.5	5.5
Gloucestershire	Forest Hills	Draw	7.5	7.5
Dorset	Southerndown	Won	8	7
Somerset	Weston-S-Mare	Lost	7	8

CHANNEL LEAGUE PLAYER STATS 2023								
	Player	Matches	Foursomes			Singles		
			Win	Half	Loss	Win	Half	Loss
1	Ian Flower	5	3	1	1	5	0	0
2	Stuart Clark	5	4	0	1	4	0	1
3	Luke Thomas	6	2	1	3	5	1	0
4	Tim Harry	5	4	0	1	3	0	2
5	Jordan Price-Davies	6	4	0	2	2	0	4
6	Tom Savill	4	3	0	1	2	0	2
7	Nick James	5	3	0	2	1	1	3
8	Rhys Carhart	3	2	0	1	2	0	1
9	Kieron Harman	5	3	0	2	1	0	4
10	Craig Melding	2	2	0	0	1	1	0
11	Paddy Mullins	2	2	0	0	1	0	1
12	Brent O'Neill	3	1	0	2	1	2	0
13	Harry Frazer	2	1	1	0	1	0	1
14	Matt Roberts	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
15	Joe Jones	2	1	1	0	0	1	1
16	Luke Nedza	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
17	Sean David	2	1	0	1	0	1	1
18	Richard Hooper	3	1	0	2	0	0	3
19	Kyle Harman	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
20	Tom Peet	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
21	Kyle Davies	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
22	Mark Lewis	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
23	Ryan Nedza	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
24	Callum Hook	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
25	Kyron Sullivan	1	0	0	1	0	0	1



## Welsh Inter-Counties Championship 2023

WELSH INTER COUNTIES 2023				
Pos	Team	Better-Ball Round	Singles Round	Total
1	Glamorgan	-11	+2	-9
2	Caernarfonshire	-10	+20	+10
3	Dyfed	-12	+25	+13
4	Flintshire	-2	+29	+27
T5	Denbighshire	-7	+40	+33
T5	Brecon&Radnor	-7	+40	+33
7	Anglesey	+1	+33	+34

## Wessex League Matches 2023

WESSEX LEAGUE TABLE 2023								
		Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points
1	Gloucestershire	4	4	0	0	35.5	12.5	4
2	Gwent	4	3	0	1	29	19	3
3	Dyfed	4	1	0	3	25	23	1
4	Glamorgan	4	1	0	3	13	35	1
5	B & R	4	1	0	3	17.5	30.5	1

WESSEX LEAGUE 2023				
Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Against
Dyfed	Cardigan	Won	7	5
Gwent	Llanwern	Lost	1	11
B & R	B&R	Lost	0	12
Gloucestershire	Creigiau	Lost	5	7

# Seniors Channel League 2023

SENIORS CHANNEL LEAGUE TABLE 2023								
		Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points
1	Glamorgan	7	5	2	0	61	44	6
2	Dorset	7	6	0	1	60	45	6
3	Devon	7	5	1	1	64.5	40.5	5.5
4	Gloucestershire	7	2	2	3	55.5	49.5	3
5	Wiltshire	7	3	0	4	47	58	3
6	Cornwall	7	2	1	4	49	56	2.5
7	Gwent	7	2	0	5	48.5	56.5	2
8	Somerset	7	0	0	7	34.5	70.5	0

SENIORS CHANNEL LEAGUE 2023				
Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Against
Gloucestershire	Lilleybrook	Draw	7.5	7.5
Somerset	Mhead & WSom	Won	10	5
Gwent	Clyne	Won	9.5	5.5
Cornwall	Neath	Won	8.5	6.5
Wiltshire	Glamorganshire	Won	9.5	5.5
Devon	East Devon	Draw	7.5	7.5
Dorset	Broadstone	Won	8.5	6.5

	Player	Matches	Foursomes			Singles			Points
			Win	Half	Loss	Win	Half	Loss	
1	Gwyn Jones	7	4	2	1	6	1	0	9
2	Paul Hughes	7	4	2	1	5	0	2	7.5
3	Adrian Bragg	7	3	2	2	4	1	2	6.5
4	Jeff Thomas	7	3	1	3	4	1	2	6.25
5	Brian Rigby	6	1	1	4	4	1	1	5.25
6	Steve Williams	6	4	1	1	2	2	2	5.25
7	Nigel Evans	6	3	2	1	2	2	2	5
8	Kevin Spear	5	1	1	3	3	0	2	3.75
9	Richie Evans	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	3
10	Nick Grimmitt	3	0	1	2	2	1	0	2.75
11	Alistair Mason	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	2
12	Paul Davies	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.75
13	Meurig Phillips	4	1	0	3	1	0	3	1.5
14	Mark BurrIDGE	3	0	1	2	1	0	2	1.25
15	Ian Booth	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	1

Foursomes: ½ point for a win, ¼ point for a half

Singles: 1 point for a win, ½ point for a half.

## South Wales Seniors League 2023

SOUTH WALES SENIORS LEAGUE 2023				
Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Against
B & R	Creigiau	Half	7.5	7.5
Dyfed	Machynys	Won	8	7
B & R	Brecon Town	Won	12	3
Dyfed	Fairwood Park	Won	9	6

## SWSL 2023 Winners: Glamorgan

## South Wales Seniors League Player Stats 2023

### South Wales Seniors League Stats 2023

	Player	Matches	Foursomes			Singles			Points
			Win	Half	Loss	Win	Half	Loss	
1	Paul Davies	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	5.5
2	Nigel Evans	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	5
3	Meurig Phillips	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	4
4	Chris Conway	3	0	2	1	2	1	0	3.5
5	Warren Williams	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	2.5
6	Steve Watkins *	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	2
7	Mark Burridge	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
8	Simon Phillips	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
9	Ian Booth	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
10	Kevin Spear	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
11	Andy Ingram	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
12	Mike Gwyther	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
13	Adrian Bragg	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
14	Kevin Knowles	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.5
15	Alistair Mason	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1.5
16	Richard Evans	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.5
17	Phil Jones	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
18	Paul Hughes	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
19	Steve Williams	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1
20	Gwyn Jones	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
21	Neil Roderick *	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
22	Kerry Jones	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
23	Pat Regan	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
24	Paul Lewis	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

Foursomes and Singles: 1 point for a win, ½ point for a half

\* Match v Dyfed: Steve Watkins played foursomes, Neil Roderick played singles

WELSH SENIORS INTER COUNTIES 2023				
Pos	Team	Round 1 Medal	Round 2 Medal	Total
1	Glamorgan	366	367	733
2	Denbighshire	378	367	745
3	Gwent	370	376	746
4	Caernarfonshire	373	374	747
5	Dyfed	377	374	751
6	Brecon & Radnorshire A	370	387	757
7	Anglesey	390	380	770
8	Flintshire	389	390	779
9	Brecon & Radnorshire B	405	412	817

## GCGU JUNIOR RESULTS 2023

U14 TEAM			
RESULTS		FOR	AGAINST
Somerset (Home)	Lost	4.5	10.5
Gloucs (Away)	Won	10	5

U16 TEAM			
RESULTS		FOR	AGAINST
CHANNEL LEAGUE			
Wiltshire (Home)	Lost	3	12
Somerset (Away)	Lost	5	10
Gloucs (Away)	Won	8	7
FRIENDLIES			
Gloucs (Home)	Won	10.5	4.5
B & R (Away)	Won	9	1
South Wales Boys U16 Team Championship	Winners		

U18 TEAM			
RESULTS		FOR	AGAINST
CHANNEL LEAGUE			
Gwent (Away)	Won	10	5
Somerset (Home)	Lost	6.5	8.5
Wiltshire (Away)	Won	9.5	5.5
Gloucs (Home)	Lost	5.5	9.5
Severnside Tournament	Runners-up		
Channel League Finals Day	Winners		

## **GCGU JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS 2023**

The West winners were:  
**Neath G.C.**

The East winners were  
**Radyr G.C.**

**Neath** beat **Radyr** in the **County Junior League Final** held at Royal Porthcawl.