

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 10.30am

Those Present: Barbara Dennis (BD), Viv Leech (VL), Mandy Wickison (MW), Sara Higgins (SH), Susanne Wilson (SW), Cathy Judd (CJ), Julie Cooper (JC), Julia Hill (JH)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 26th August 2025 were approved and were signed by the Captain.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising

4. Lady Captain Report – August 2025

August already – wow.... summer nearly over already. The course although beginning to green up still has “Preferred Lies” but for how long is another matter. Our Greenkeepers should be thanked for keeping on top of the unexpected weather we seem to experience this year. From extremely dry to stormy days.

The main feature to mention this month is the construction of the bridge between the 4th Green and the 5th Tee. No longer do we need to take our lives in our hands going via the road – no more flooded road to navigate either. This took precedence over the start of the halfway house which we fully understand and appreciate. I do not have any update as yet on the halfway house but as soon as I do, I will advise everyone.

For one lady in particular, our very own Vice Captain Viv Leech, the month started with an amazing win at Brett Vale in the Suffolk Senior Ladies Handicap Match Play Championship. Congratulations Viv we know how hard you work on your golf and it has paid off. Awesome.

On the 7th August, Viv and I played as part of the members against Staff match with buffet afterwards. A lovely afternoon getting to know more staff and seeing some great golf along the way too. Not surprising though the Staff team won overall. I might add that both Lesley and David King were playing on the staff team - hmmm.

The Mixed Open took place on the 16th August - There were 45 teams in total The winners

1st	Penny Summers (Bramford) & Steve Summers (Rushmere)	22	23	45	
2nd	Teri Olley (Crondon Park) & Chris Olley (Thorndon Park)	20	24	44	OCB
3rd	Elaine Anderson & Martin Anderson (Stowmarket)	22	22	44	

There was a raffle during the day – thanks must go to Cathy Judd for organising these – which raised £355 on the day to be split between my charity the British Heart Foundation and Paul Kents charity Suffolk Young Carers.

These events don't just happen – Everyone commented on how lovely and well run the day was. Thanks must go to all the volunteers who gave up their time (mainly ladies) to help out from early doors until late. I for one was very appreciative of all your efforts to make it the success it was.

The Ladies Club Championship took place on the 21st August – a lovely day for some great golf. I will let Sara report on the winners. There was some great golf played along the way – 18 holes for the Senior Championship and 36 holes for the main Club Championship. Congratulations to the trophy winners and also well done to all the ladies who played this year.

There was only one Friendly this month which was the Mixed one played away at Hintlesham. It was a very lovely day – lots of fun and laughter heard around the course ending up with a lovely meal after. Everyone enjoyed the day and as I have said many times this year it is not all about the winning – it's the competitive fun that counts. We lost.

28th August finally saw our Captain v Vice Captain Day – I really thought we wouldn't be doing one this year – but so very thankful that Viv has stepped up to being Vice. Somehow, thanks to Sara, my team were the Captain Dennis RED 'Dare Devils' and Viv's team become Vice Captain Leech GREEN 'Legends'. Everyone was encouraged to wear either red or green or a combination of the two. The Wenhaston room was decorated with red, white and green. We were served with Afternoon Tea and tea/coffee. It was very colourful and everyone had a great time. No one knew who they were playing for until lunch where either red or green paper balls were pulled out. It's not been my year for winning so once again I lost to Viv and her Vice Captain team. But as mentioned before it's not all about the winning.... Lots of memories made along the way.

The month finished off with the annual Pear tree Competition which many ladies played in and featured amongst the winners – well done ladies.

Next month we have our Ladies Invitation Day to look forward to and also my Away day being held at Dunston which I am really looking forward to.

Barbara Dennis
Lady Captain 2025

5. Competition Secretary Report August 2025 – Sara Higgins

Combined August Stableford played 3/7 August 18 ladies signed up to play

Div 1 Results

1st	Barbara Dennis	(16)	37	£8.00
2nd	Caroline Emeny	(21)	35	£4.75
3rd	Ged Moreton	(25)	33	£3.50

Div 2 Results

1st	Anne Legg	(26)	38	£8.00
2nd	Jean Berry	(28)	37	£4.75
3rd	Sally Watson	(30)	33	£3.50

Ladies Sunday Trophy played 11th August – 6 ladies signed up to play – there is no entry fee to play so no payouts to the winners

1st	Nicky McQueen	(32)	37
2nd	Mary Pickering	(27)	37
3rd	Karen Last	(15)	34

Traffic Lights – fun competition played 14th August – 24 ladies signed up to play

1st Rita, Ged and Julie £8.00 each

9 holes stableford competition – 14/17th - no ladies signed up to play. Whilst the 9-hole comps offer an alternative for the section, it seems there are only a few ladies that wish to participate in these. The committee will keep an eye on these and maybe change to every other month for 2026.

Senior and Ladies Championships played 21st August - 33 ladies signed up for championships and 12 in senior championships. Encouraging to see the senior championships sign up increasing this year having changed the age criteria.

Gross Winners – Jonny Jonson Trophy – medal 36 holes

1st	Rita Fossey	(7)	89 82	Total gross	171	£15.00
2nd	Judith Bedwell	(11)	84 88	Total gross	172	£9.00
3rd	Sara Higgins	(7)	86 87	Total gross	173	£6.00

Net Winners - Originals Trophy – medal 36 holes

1st	Sally Baxter	(24)	63 76	Total nett	139	£15.00
2nd	Sonia Lord	(25)	77 70	Total nett	147	£9.00
3rd	Karen Last	(15)	74 73	Total nett	147	£6.00

Senior ladies Championship – Super Senior Trophy - Stableford 18 holes

1st	Susanne Wilson	(19)	43	£10.00
2nd	Anne Legg	(26)	37	£6.50
3rd	Karol Perley	(30)	36	£4.50

Mixed Williams Cup Competition– played August 2nd 28 players signed up.

Overall trophy for winners and trophy for best junior score

1st	Jo Calver (30) Paul Calver (12) Neil Coby (4) & James Coby (28)	64
2 nd	Paddy Cole (16) Georgia Coby (28) Bob Judd (13) & Cathy Judd (30)	62

Junior Winner – James Coby with 22 points

Junior Runner Up – Georgianna Coby with 20 points

Nice to see the Coby siblings in the winning mix and take home two matching trophies.



Ladies & Juniors Plate – played 20th August with 5 teams of two ladies and two juniors 10 ladies signing up. No fee to enter.

This year the ladies were a little daunted as each year the juniors are growing in height and strength! We looked at them with their warmup routines bending and twisting like Olympians and thought should we all just drink coffee for 2 hours and give them the

match. But with our negative thoughts brushed aside we donned our weapons and went to battle, armed with Haribo's and fruit shoots to side track them. With the ladies winning and retaining the plate for another year we know our years are running thin.....

Mixed Land Salver – Held on 25th August bank holiday with 33 participants.

Due to our tee times being pushed back for the Suffolk Punch men's 36-hole scratch competition, play was slow, resulting in a 5-hour round and added pressure when groups caught the last group of the Suffolk Punch after just 3 holes, having left a 40 minute buffer—feedback was negative from many players. As we cannot adjust our times, the competition will likely move to another date next year. Entry fees went to the men's and ladies' Captains Charities (£57.75 each); no prizes were awarded.

1st	Edward Bowles (6) Keith Pickering (12) & Mary Pickering (23)	84
2nd	Dennis Higgins (9) Sara Higgins (6) & Simon Hunter (10)	83
3rd	Joanne Calver (24) Paul Calver (9) & Chris Calver (19)	81

Mixed Open – played 16th August with 90 mixed pairs signing up

Barbara has reported on the day so no need to do this twice. Results as follows, all very close at the top.

1st	Penny Summers (14) & Steve Summers (10)	45
2nd	Teri Olley (14) & Chris Olley (8)	44
3rd	Elaine Anderson (29) & Martin Anderson (17)	44
4th	Derek Wybrow (27) & Judith Wybrow (12)	43
5th	Richard Firth (14) & Sandra Wiseman (16)	43
6th	Karen Hubbard (21) & Graham Banyard (9)	43

Order of Merit Standings – so far

1st	Viv Leech
2nd	Judith Bedwell
3rd	Ged Moreton

Best of Series Standings – so far

1st	Rita Fossey
2nd	Viv Leech
3rd	Sara Higgins

Race to Woodhall - This is the current Leaderboard for The Race to Woodhall Spa sponsored by Your Golf Travel. All 18-hole, fully completed, individual, handicap qualifying club competitions played between 1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025 are Club Qualifying Rounds.

The top male, female and junior player at the end of the year will qualify to enter an area final held between April - June 2026.

The leading players at the area finals will qualify for the national final at Woodhall Spa in August 2026.

1st	Sally Watson
2nd	Nicky McQueen
3rd	Geraldine Moreton

Knockouts Winners for 2025 – all now completed, our last one for 2025 to report on Jay Oldknow

Winner Keith and Mary Pickering
Runner Up Paul and Jo Calver

Fun Competitions – pleased to report that Julia Hill has stepped up to take on the fun competitions for 2026, I look forward to helping Julia out learning the IG ropes and take off a little workload from the competition secretary role.

Trophy Engraving update – all trophies to date have been engraved and returned to the trophy cabinet. We have a few outstanding ones to get ready prior to the AGM in November once these have been played for.

Susanne and I will report on the recent updates made in IG on the way data is being reported for the lady's section. Progressively moving forward.

6.Handicap Secretary report

New Ladies

Only one new member this month, a junior member Amelie Harrison

Handicap Changes

There were a significant number of handicap changes in August which were covered in the report dated 23rd August. Since then, with the change in temperature, and playing conditions the number of changes has slowed down. However, this has not stopped some of the higher handicap players from their continuing improvement.

Notable changes were:

Mandy Hadingham	a reduction of	5.5	down to 36.6*
Ged Moreton	“ “	0.9	down to 22.6
Angela Morris	“ “	0.9	down to 38.2
Nicky McQueen	“ “	0.8	down to 29.5 (reduced for the 2nd month)

*Still building a complete set of Qualifiers

There were 14 further ladies with stroke reductions between 0.7 & 0.1

Soft CAP

	HCP Index	Low HCP Index	Soft CAP in Effect	Hard CAP in effect
Jeffrey, Hilary	29.5	25.9	Yes	No
Judd, Cathy	27.1	23.8	Yes	No

No changes this month

The purpose of the SOFT Cap is to slow the rate at which a handicap can increase. The Soft Cap is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated Handicap Index and their Low Handicap Index is greater than 3.0 strokes. When a calculated Handicap Index increase is greater than 3.0 strokes, the value above 3.0 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase.

The Low Handicap Index is the lowest they have been in the last 12 calendar months and is fluid as dates change.

Eclectic

1 st	Lesley King	53.4
2 nd	Susanne Wilson	54.5
3 rd	Karol Perley	55.4

Birdie Tree

1 st	Sara Higgins	12
2 nd	Rita Fossey	10
3 rd	Lesley King	9

Susanne Wilson
Handicap Secretary

7.Treasurer Report for August 2025

One of our busiest months for the number of competitions held, beginning with the Williams Cup played by the ladies and gents against the juniors. All fees paid by the adults being donated to the junior section with the gents paying for the trophies. This year £105 was raised.

In addition, we hosted the mixed Open, with 46 teams paying £90 per team so another successful day for our club. The raffle raised £177.50 each for the men's and ladies' charities and added to the fees received for the Mixed Land Salver boosted the charities by a total of £235.25 each.

The remaining competitions brought in £272 to the ladies' section this month with prizes paid out of £137.50.

The main outlay this month was for the payment of the County Competitions in 2026 costing £300, but providing competitive golf for a large number of the section in the Scratch, Haskell, Weston, Stearn, Jubilee and Cranworth teams. In my opinion a cost well worth it for the enjoyment and competition it brings.

With the back end of the season approaching, hopefully, the only major outlay will be the engraving of the trophies which we have again undertaken ourselves and thanks go to Sara for arranging this.

Transactions			Receipts													
DATE	Detail	Amount	Previous Year	Xmas Lunch 2024	Captains Drive in (ladies section)	Gala Day	Captains Charity	Invitation Day	County Comps & Exps	Comp Fees In	Spooke	Trophies & Similar	LC Away Day	Sundries	Other Section Income	Deposit Account
01-Aug	Inv Day-Chandler	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
04-Aug	Inv Day-Moretton	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
04-Aug	Inv Day-Leech	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
06-Aug	HGC Jy Fees	£ 361.50								£361.50						
06-Aug	Ref from Men-Williams Trophy	£ 22.61										£ 22.61				
06-Aug	Inv Day-McQueen	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
07-Aug	Inv Day- Hill	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
07-Aug	Inv Day- Jones	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
08-Aug	Inv Day-Hellman	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
18-Aug	Mod Open Raffle	£ 355.00					£355.00									
20-Aug	Spooky- Schoenherr	£ 120.00									£120.00					
20-Aug	Inv Day-Cooper	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
22-Aug	Inv Day-Fossey	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
26-Aug	Inv Day-Baxter S	£ 50.00						£ 50.00								
	Total	£ 1,359.11	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 355.00	£ 500.00	£ -	£361.50	£120.00	£ 22.61	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
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04-Aug	Ref S. Higgins-Williams Tpy	£22.61										£ 22.61				
06-Aug	Inv-Jubilee-G/Ston	£135.00							£135.00							
08-Aug	HGC-Ag S/Ford	£32.50								£ 32.50						
08-Aug	Cap A/D- Ref C.Judd	£61.00											£ 61.00			
08-Aug	Cap A/D Bal Pymt D Hall	£1,196.00											£ 1,196.00			
15-Aug	HGC T/Lights	£24.00								£ 24.00						
15-Aug	Exp-V Leech-Prnt paper	£9.97												£ 9.97		
20-Aug	Exp-S Higgins- Chmp Trophy	£140.04										£140.04				
22-Aug	HGC Club Champs	£81.00								£ 81.00						
26-Aug	SLCA-2026 COMPS	£300.00							£300.00							
	Total	£ 2,002.12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£435.00	£137.50	£ -	£162.65	£ 1,257.00	£ 9.97	£ -	£ -
	Opening Balance=			£3,193.70					Treasurers Account			£ 19.64				
	Receipts		£1,359.11													
	Payments		£2,002.12													
	Closing Balance as at			£2,550.69												
	Expected Receipts															
	Competition money for Aug			£ 492.50												
	Total			£ -												
	Expected Expenditure															
	Xmas Lunch															
	Invitation Day		£ 650.00													
	Charity Receipts		£ 968.25													
	Captains Away Day															
	Spooktacular		£ 360.00													
	Mens Charity receipts		£ 340.25													
	Total			£2,318.50												
	Available to Spend			£724.69												

8. Update from Main Committee

a) The men's captain for next year, Gerry Jackson, has purchased a trophy named "The Halesworth Harmony Cup" which is to be played for on 31st May 2026 and this is a mixed event.

b) The 100 club funds are now to be divided equally between all sections after prize money has been awarded. The posters and website have been amended accordingly. Ben Townsend will add the winners to the monthly newsletter.

c) A new golf professional, Ben Jewell (PGA America) has joined us, due to visa changes meant a return. There is an advert out for an assistant.

d) New pond 1st hole on the valley course, chalk found so had to go deeper.

e) Hand rails on bridge between holes 4 & 5.

f) Integrated credit card machine to prevent identity mistakes at the bar.

g) Pro availability will be on IG in near future.

h) Greenkeepers are moving to the sun club area and the building for the new gym will go in the old greenkeepers area by next March – Subject to planning permission. Golf members will receive discounted membership and vice-versa.

8. Wear Pink Day

To support Breast Cancer Aware Day on the 24th October, BD suggested we could wear pink on the 23rd October which is a Medal Competition. She said there we be no separate fee charged but we could have a raffle and invite members to contribute something pink and we would sell raffle tickets on the day. The committee agreed on Barbara's suggestion and the members would be advised accordingly.

9. Spooktackular

CJ has most of the food organised for the halfway house with a number of members offering to bake cakes and savouries. Maggie and Sonia are helping at the hut on the day. CJ will need to purchase Cups, Napkins and Squash. For the raffle it was agreed 5 hampers should be prepared as we have 93 entrants and they would be themed as follows:-

Golf, Fruit, Drink, Christmas and Gardening

Cathy, Sara and Julia will prepare these with any contributions from members or purchases where required.

The spooktackular will be a shotgun start and entrants will be advised of there starting tee.

10. Xmas Lunch

A menu is now available and the cost is £28 for 2 courses, £34 for 3 courses

There will be a 10 hole fun competition before the meal in teams of 3 to be drawn H,M,L handicaps. The best 2 stableford scores on each hole count. Prizes will be awarded for:
- 1st and 2nd teams , Nearest the Pin and Straightest Drive.

Get your Christmas jumpers ready!

11. AGM

MW reported she had produced the minutes of the last AGM and circulated these to the committee but she was having problems transferring a readable document of the financials, as her MacBook was not compatible. It was agreed that BD would try and assist with this.

MW would prepare the agenda and committee nominations documents and a covering letter which would be sent out to all lady members on 16th October, six weeks before the AGM on 27th November 2025.

12. Competition Secretary next year

Susanne has agreed to take over this role in principle but would like the committee to support her as it is a large commitment. She will require help with preparing the competition score cards with sticky labels and if she is not available to finalise an event someone to take her place. SW has produced a sheet "Roles Responsibilities for Competitions Managed by the Ladies Section" which she handed out to all members of the committee so we have an overview of each competition.

a) Calendar for Next Year

Sara and Susanne have got together and cloned the competitions into next years calendar except the information regarding type of fun competition which has not been identified yet.

b) IG Board Competitions

13. AOB

a) Kyocera Competition

BD brought this Golf Club Classic event to our attention. It was originally sponsored by the Mail on Sunday, in 2026 it will have a new sponsor, Academia and it invites up to two ladies' teams per golf club in England, Scotland and Wales to enter. Entries can be submitted by March 2026 and then a county draw will take place to find your opponents, whom you will play 5 singles knockout match play against either home or away, the upper HI limit is 24. The finals take place at Montecastillo Golf in Spain.

Meeting closed at 12.50am

Next meeting date 13th Nov