

HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th May, 2024

Committee Members:

Ben Townsend – Manager (BT)
Richard Davies – Club Professional (RD)
Ellie Andrews – Assistant Manager (EA)
Paul Kent – Club Captain (PK)
Paul Butcher – Club Vice-Captain (PB)
Gary Slaymaker – Past Club Captain (GS)
Cathy Chandler – Ladies’ Captain (CC)
Sara Higgins – Past Ladies’ Captain (SH)
Karen Forster -- Ladies’ Vice-Captain (KF)
John Meggison – Seniors’ Captain (JM)
Dave Tower – Seniors’ Vice-Captain (DT)
Rob Sherington – Competition & Handicap Secretary (RS)
Ken Parry-Brown – Treasurer Secretary (KPB)
Don Wellman – Secretary (DW)

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Present: EA, GS, CC, DT, RS , KPB, DW

Apologies: BT, RD, PK, KF, SH, PB, JM,

Minutes of the Last Meeting. Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: No matters arising. In the absence of the Club Captain and Deputy Club Captain, Past Captain GS kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

Club Update: Assistant manager, EA, gave the following update.

Course:

- The new waste bins are now in place on the Blyth course.
- Mark Coby has asked that a reminder be sent to the individual sections to replace the rakes in the bunkers to the holders provided after use.
- Bird boxes will be put up on the outside of the huts adjacent to the 1st and 11th tees. The inside of the huts will be boarded in order to prevent the birds from nesting inside the huts with the associated disruption to golfers which this causes.

Golf Shop

- Mizuno demo day on 15th May
- Ping demo day coming on 20th May and 3rd June

Social

- Wednesday night meals have started again
- There will be a refurbishment of the upstairs rooms starting on Monday 20th May.

Clubhouse:

- The screen for entering post-round scores is to be removed from outside the shop and replaced by separate screens in the Ladies’ and Men’s changing rooms. This will relieve congestion in the busy area just outside the shop.
- Honours boards will be back in place within the next few days
- The corridor carpet is to be replaced shortly together with new carpet in some of the bar areas.

Lady Captain's Report: May already, and at last the Sun has appeared!!

I would like to thank the greenkeepers for the fabulous work they have done to keep the course up to a very high standard, the course is looking, and playing very well, considering the amount of rain it has had. The feedback from visitors has been phenomenal, and I'm very proud to praise our greenkeepers. Well, done to you all, and I can't praise you all highly enough. Keep up the fantastic work and enabling us to play such a beautiful course.

We had our combined April Medal on 31st March and on the 4th of April with Clare winning with a net 75, Well done Clare great score!

On Wednesday the 10th We had our first coffee morning for new members at the club, , Cathy Judd and I met with 3 new members, Jennifer Read, Frances Hughman and Angela Morris and we had a lovely surprise when Karol Pereley attended too, which I thought was very encouraging for our new ladies, as she has recently become an active member herself, playing on Thursdays.. I found the meeting very rewarding and it's great to tell them what lovely ladies section we have We are looking to hopefully going forward to be doing this every quarter, It was lovely to meet them and to answer any questions they may have, in a relaxed environment, they all seem very eager to get going and to join in on the ladies section, once they get there cards in for a H/C, Frances Hughman has a H/C of 16.7. After the meeting I went out with Karol Perely and Angela Morris, and done 10 holes, I had arranged to meet with Angela and Jennifer on the Saturday to get there first cards in, on the Valley course. Congratulations to Jennifer who has completed her 1st card.

11th we had our combined Stapleford with Lin Smith winning with 36 pts Well done Lin!! I'm sure Sara will follow in more details with comp results in her reports.

18th was the Captain v Vice Captain comp The theme was Alice in Wonderland, followed by the Mad Hatters tea party ,Karen and her husband Keith and I came up the day before to prepare the room for the Mad Hatters tea party, from posters on the walls to miss match cups and saucers, side plates on the tables bowls of sweets, goody bags with all different themes of the tea party, there where all different cut outs of hats teapots, cats, hares, cards, Alice and mad hatters etc hanging from the ceiling it looked amazing. Keith was in the corner pumping up the blow-up dreaded putters, that turned out bigger than I thought. Thank you to Karen and Keith for all their hard work in preparation for the event.

We had 27 entries for the day, and each and every one of them made the effort with their amazing costumes, put it this way I've never seen so many mad hatters, Alices, and Cheshire cats in one day, I felt I was doing double treble vision, and never seen so much nonsense in one day, and looked like we had all been let out of the asylum for the day. The format of the day was everyone was playing of 85% with Stapleford scoring and all scores to count. there was different equipment on T boxes for ladies to use to t-off with, so therefore they were NOT allowed to use any of their clubs apart from what was available on the tees.

Holes 4, 11, and 16, were the ONLY time they could use any club in their bag that they wished, as these are NP, ON or OFF the green, and a chance for anyone to win a prize. But this is where the inflatable sticks came in as they all had to putt out with them.

No one knew who was on the Captains or the Vice Captains team, Karen and I didn't even know!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was only when they entered the room and had to pick out a goody bag with someone's name on it and was done alternatively by putting that person's name on a list.

We had a lacrosse stick on the first hole, not one of my team Sonia, Karen and myself, made the ditch, in fact Sonia nearly took our heads off, but giggle we all did all the way round, especially when the DREADED inflatable putter came out, trying to putt with it was an absolute Shambles, from the feedback afterwards, ladies where using the other end of it, squeezing it as tight as they could to make it harder, bending them in half, from laying on the floor trying to use it as a snooker que, but it made them all laugh. We had tennis rackets, mallets, badminton rackets, squash rackets, hockey stick, left-handed driver, child's driver, cricket bat and even a dog throw for a ball, where Karen came right round her body and nearly took Sonia and I out and ended up left further back than where she started. I think the conclusion to this is we all failed miserably with the equipment, and at

how pathetic we all were trying to use it all, and I think insurance may have been needed for the day, but most of all it was something different and a laugh and laugh we all did, and no one ever wants to see an inflatable putter EVER AGAIN. But it was fun and that was the aim.

Thank you to RS, for the loan of the rackets, and to Sara for her travels and surfing the internet, for the other equipment for the day. Thank you both so much!!!

We proceeded to upstairs for the tee party, everyone took their seats, and the food started to come out, on the tiers, from finger sandwiches to cakes, scones, you name it we had it, and tea was provided too. But we couldn't really have a tea party unless it was someone's Birthday, so it made it even more special to celebrate Sara's 55TH birthday, with a birthday cake and cakes for all the ladies to take home. Thank you so much to Ellie for organizing the food, Sara's birthday cake, and cakes. I personally thought the food was fantastic and very well presented and thank you to all the bar staff for keeping us full up and looking after us all.

While Karen and I were sorting out the winners of the competition Karen had made up a quiz for the ladies to keep them occupied, in which Jackie D, Rosie, and Sally won.

NP was won by Karen Cathy J and Clare

1st team prize Rosie Angela, and Sally w

2nd team prize Sue H Sian and Hillary

3rd team prize Sally b Mand w and Maggie

Best overall score of the day was Angela.

Best Dressed was a difficult one, we were torn between 2 teams, so made the decision to award both teams prizes.

1st was Lesley, Sally and Cathy J.

2nd was Sue M, Julie C, and Sussane W

Well, done to all the winners of the day, but most of all well done to everyone taking part, and making the day fun and enjoyable Thank you to you all.

On the 25th We had our Gilly Bogey comp; with 17 entrants I won this one with a +2

On the 1st of May was the Dementia day, there was 57 entrants for this day, which is phenomenal, What a great turn out to support the local dementia Halesworth community carers for all their hard work, 5k had been raised on the day through sponsorships and entrant fees, which will be used to support the carers and families of loved ones with dementia, this is such an awful disease and can happen to anyone of us, after listening to one of the ladies stories of her husband, and how it affected her husband but also her, was heartbreaking, it was short and sweet her story, but enough to make you realize the effect this has on her and others, and TBH I don't know how Sara made her speech after listening to her, after the pair of us hiding and blubbering behind the tv set, but Sara as professional as always managed it, and I take my hat off to her, but most of all the carers and families that have to deal with this every day. So, a special thank you goes to Sara and John Giles in the fantastic organization, of putting this comp together and making it such a successful day, and fun.

The winners of the day were Barbara Dennis Brian Dennis Ged Moreton and Robert Moreton, and this couldn't have been a more fitting team to win as Barbara herself had lost her late Mother to this awful Disease.

Well, done to all the winners and to all of you that took part.

Sara will probably go into more detail in her report.

On 2nd May was the Millenium Plate & Nielson Putting Trophy with May Medal & 1st putting competition.

Barbara Dennis won it with a fantastic phenomenal Net score of 64, Well done Barbara, great score.

On Bank Holiday Monday 6th May, Sara and Dennis Higgins won the Withey Cup with a fantastic score of 42 points. Well done to them and how lovely it was to see a mixed competition on the field.

COUNTY MATCHES

We have our county matches all getting under way, with the Cranworth coming up on the 23rd may, @ rookery against Fynn Valley. Good luck to Captain Rita and all the ladies playing in this.

We have our first Jubilee Match on the 15th of May @ Bungay against Southwold. Good Luck to Caroline and all the ladies playing in this.

The Western is truly under way, with their first match already played on the 27th against Gorleston, HWGL won 3/2, great result, the next one is against Thorpeness @ Thorpeness the 21st may good luck to Captain Viv and all the ladies playing in this.

Sara and Rita had their 1st Haskell Match on the 4th of May @ home against a very strong Woodbridge pairing who won it last year, they were all playing of scratch, so no shots are given, our dynamic duo took on 1.4 and 4.6 handicappers an amazing all square after a hard-fought match of 36 holes, unfortunately they lost on the 37th hole to a birdie. I am extremely proud of their performance, and they should be extremely proud of themselves. I think both teams enjoyed the combat and both Sara and Rita represented themselves and the club very well as always. Well, done ladies.

I would like to wish all our County Captains all the best going forward, and for all their hard work in organizing teams, food etc. Good luck to you all, and your chosen team of ladies, I will try to get to as many matches as possible going forward. Come on Halesworth Ladies.

Special thank you to Karen for her support and hard work as secretary, and as vice-captain and maintaining all the ladies and mixed friendlies. Well done. Not forgetting Sara, who continues to do a fantastic job with the competitions to make sure they run as smoothly as possible.

Thank you to all the committee members for your support, and hard work, I couldn't do this without you all. Well, done for your continual hard work, and support.

Ladies' Competition Secretary Report—(Sara Higgins)

I'm not talking about the weather in my report.

We held four ladies' and one mixed friendly matches in April, one of which postponed due to my initial statement, and the other was played at home v Seckford where we won 2.5 to 1.5, Fynn Valley also played at home but we took a loss 1-3. And away we played at Felixstowe where we drew 2-2. The mixed friendly was held at Southwold where we had a very friendly half. All the matches were played in great golfing spirit and as I keep saying, these friendlies are a great way to play different courses being a relatively cheap round of golf with food included. Keep signing up ladies and your partners for the mixed comps.

Results for combined April medal are as follows:-

DV 1

1st	Clare Woods(19)	75
2nd	Viv Leech(14)	76
3rd	Karen Last(17)	78

DV 2

1st	Sally Catt(27)	83
2nd	Karen Forster(29)	87
3rd	Sue Millard(28)	87

Combined April stableford and Marie Curie competition

DV 1

1st	Susanne Wilson(24)	34
2nd	Viv Leech(14)	33
3rd	Sara Higgins(9)	32

DV 2

1st	Lin Smith(28)	36
2nd	Sue Millard(28)	35

3rd Angela Middleton(35) 34

The overall winner on the Marie Curie competition was Lin Smith. Well done Lin, I have yet to award Lin with the pin badge I was sent from our local Marie Curie fundraising department. It seems over the years that although the ladies section has been donating their entry fee to MC, we have sort of became lost in their fundraising accounts. I looked into this and have made a great local contact whom has advised the money raised moving forward will now be directed to and will benefit the people in Suffolk, which is lovely news to hear. Thankyou ladies for your contributions.

A new competition for the ladies section this year is the Australian Spoons foursomes, held as an alternate day and players can enter as many times as they wish, with the same or different partners. Organised by England Golf for a place to win in the regional finals. Well done to Barbara Dennis and Clare Woods with a healthy 33 point win over the field. I will update you if they have succeeded in gaining a place in our local final. Well played ladies!

Captain Cathy and Vice-Captain Karen hosted the yearly traditional Captain v Vice Captain team competition. I won't go into any detail about the day as I know Cathy will wish to cover this in her report. All I can say is both Cathy and Karen pulled out every stop in not only the organisation but the excellent tea, prizes and decorations bestowed before us all after golf. There were some very colourful and unrecognisable characters together with the amount of effort absorbed into the costumes was incredible. Huge thanks to our wonderful Captain and Vice from us all. A memorable day had by all.

The Gilly Bogey had some very good scores as below; it was very nip and tuck until the end, Great golf ladies. The trophy went to Cathy Chandler coming in with a +2!

DV 1

1st	Cathy Chandler (20)	+2
2nd	Susanne Wilson (24)	0
3rd	Sara Higgins (9)	0

DV 2

1st	Julie Cooper (31)	+1
2nd	Sue Millard (28)	-3
3rd	Sally Watson (31)	-3

Well done ladies, great to see the newer lady members in the top 3 placings in both divisions.

Our first Weston match was played at home v Gorleston, 5 ladies playing scratch singles in handicap order, well done ladies for securing our first win 3-2, a great start to the season.

All the knockouts are in full swing and being played within the time frames allocated, I know we are getting busier now on the course but please keep in mind the deadline dates and offering both weekdays and weekends to play to be fair to both parties.

One last mention is to the greenkeepers for keeping our golf course in tip top condition. What would we do without you all.

Ladies' Treasurer's Report: (Viv Leech)

April's income like March has meant that we now hold a much healthier bank balance than at the beginning of the year, which was to be expected. This month we started the singles, pairs and mixed

summer competitions and when added to the normal weekly competition's has resulted in income totaling £924 being received.

On the Charity 'Front', we raised £112.50 for Marie Curie from our Sunday & Thursday competitions which has been forward to the Charity. I also completed the closure of the Captains Drive In by sending £1051.54 each to the Mens & Seniors charities- Suffolk Family Carers & British Heart Foundation; with £1051.56 to the Lady Captains charity -Bobby Moore Bowel Cancer and topped up with £507.10 from the sale of 'tags'- our first donation totalling £1558.66.

With Dementia Day looming on the 1st May, we are holding £1385.00 in the Ladies funds which will obviously be passed on, together with any subsequent donations after the day.

With the start of the County match season when I expect to see some outgoings, we still hold £1k in the main account and £513.10 in the savings account, a healthy position bearing in mind we are not looking to make a profit but cover all the expenses of the Ladies section. (Viv)

Ladies' Handicap Report: (Lesley King)

I am delighted to see that Pat Doyle has rejoined after a number of years. I see that Pat is not on WHS at all and does not have a CDH number on the WHS database. She may only be a social member, I am currently waiting for details.

Congrats to Barbara Dennis for coming down 2.5 shots in the last month. Naomi Lane came down 0.5, Cathy Chandler 0.3, Sara Higgins and Sally Watson both came down 0.2.

It is sad to see that Naomi only has 2 qualifiers in the last 12 months, I really do hope that she can complete more so that she can participate in more trophy competitions.

Reading some of the IG Help reports, there seem to still be issues with 4BBB scoring for handicaps.

I have finally completed the updated video for new members https://youtu.be/Zc7TALdr_ms Whilst Mrs. Hunt and Ellie are very happy with it I am still waiting to hear back from Ben. Ellie asked if it was possible to include sunnier footage once we get more into summer. I agree it could do with sun and umbrellas on the balcony for example, so I may well replace some of the scenery later in the year. I think it is probably fine to start including the link with the new ladies' packs. (Perhaps after our meeting this link can be shared with all the ladies)

Club Captain's Report: Since the April Committee meeting on 10.04.24 –

1. I have now played with 52 different members since being appointed captain and continue to seek feedback about the club generally and the course. My impending surgery on 21st May will however, inhibit my ambition of playing with 150 different members during my captaincy this year.
2. The condition of the course has to be commented upon, with all the hard work, (during what can only be described as appalling conditions), now paying off. All visitors are commentating on how great the course looks. I've asked Mark to pass on members thanks to the greenkeepers and I am speaking to them all as I see them on the course. I know the bunkers remain a frustration for them (and the players) at times, which I feel

obligated to mention also. Following all the rain some are now compacted like concrete following the heat and sunshine, making it difficult to circulate air in the sand.

3. *County Matches update* –

- We took our **Tolly Team** to Aldeburgh to play the Artisans on 21.04.24 and had a fantastic ‘5 up’ victory in very challenging conditions. We were five down at lunchtime and 9 down after five matches completed, but came in 14 up in the last three matches. A great team effort. It was also great to have so much support on the day. **We progress with a home match v Bury St Edmunds on 26.05.24**
 - On the same day our **Hambro Team** (managed by Mark & Paul Coby) had a concession by ‘The Suffolk’ and now progress through to the next round at **Fynn Valley on 26.05.24.**
 - **The Beaumont Team** (managed by Rob Sherington) played at home against Thorpeness on 02.05.24 and had another victory for Halesworth Golf. They now face a tough match away to **Seckford on 06.06.24**
 - **The Stenson Team** (managed by Mark & Paul Coby) played away at Stowmarket on 04.05.24 and faced a determined and very good low handicap team with home advantage. Despite wins for Mark & Paul in the morning foursomes and singles wins for Liam Buggs and Wayne Jacques (against a scratch player) we lost 8 ½ -3 ½ with Paul Coby a/s on 17 when the match concluded. The highest handicap on Stowmarket’s team was 3.8, lower than six of our team. I was hugely impressed by the quality of the golf demonstrated on the day.
 - **The Parks Team** start their defence of the trophy with a home draw against Purdis Heath on 16.05.24.
4. We continued our support of the SGU Junior section with another match, this time against the under 16 team, on 13.04.24. We had a comfortable victory (5 up) but only due to a heavy win (by 11) in one match. The other three pairs saw that the future is bright for the junior’s section with some excellent play from our young opponents. **We had positive feedback from Jim Harrison and Paddy Lockwood (SGU) about the condition of the course, despite all the rain.** We are looking to move matches to a Sunday next year if possible
 5. I played in the Suffolk Captains County match here at Halesworth (v Bedfordshire Captains) on the 18.04.24. **Once again, the feedback about the course, the hospitality and the general atmosphere of the club was really positive from both the Bedfordshire and Suffolk Captains teams.** I felt extremely proud to be the Captain of such an amazing club.
 6. I enjoyed playing in the ‘mixed’ Jay Oldknow Trophy with Rita Fossey on 20.04.24. An amazing match where Rita and I (after being nett 4 under after 18 holes) lost on the first playoff hole to Neil and Georgie Coby. Georgie was the star of the match, a great asset to our Junior section
 7. On 1st May Halesworth Golf hosted the 2nd Dementia Charity Golf Day which JG has confirmed raised over £6k for this excellent local support service. Another example of how HG members supports local good causes.

8. The inaugural Eric Felgate Trophy was played on 8th May and marks the club's recognition of someone who gave much of himself to the club and its successful running, pre computers (IG). Hopefully this event can be built upon year on year. Thanks to RS for organising and managing the day.
9. Beth was overwhelmed (as was I) by the generosity of the members who contributed almost £600 toward her leaving collection over the past week. She will be missed.
10. Matters raised with me, by members, since my election as Captain continue to be contained within this report
 - A. I was asked to raise whether we could reconsider having the occasional competition on a Saturday to help those that work Monday to Friday and see Sunday as a family day in order to retain their handicap. With pre-qualification required for some competitions in the Gents section and most non-roll-up competitions in the Seniors, this presents a challenge. I have discussed very briefly with RS as handicap secretary and RD and believe it is worth a wider discussion. With absentees for this meeting **may I propose we place this on the agenda for June's meeting.**
 - B. With competitions booked 2 weeks in advance I have been asked if competition secretaries overseeing knockout competitions could have greater gap between these competitions opening and competition of first match. For those playing in both Gents & Seniors comps it can mean attempting to get 5 competition match dates into a small period of time, especially with potentially other commitments to Club matches, work and County competitions. **For consideration at Junes meeting perhaps, as above.**
11. Suffolk Golf AGM – held at Newton Green on 22.03.24. No minutes available as yet.
12. SGU Centenary celebrations – I had planned to attend with GS (as ex captain (x 2) and ex-President of Past Captains) but I will now be out of action following surgery and GS is unavailable. PB has work commitments so I am pleased that Rob S and KPB (tbc) have agreed to be our representatives on the day.

Captains Diary May / June 2024

- 16.05.24 Caddy / support The Parks team v Purdis Heath at HG.
- 26.05.24 Captaining the Tolly 2nd round match v Bury St. Edmunds at HG.
- 25.04.24 Spexhall Football Golf Day at HG – **now cancelled.**
- 26.05.24 Hambro 2nd round match v Fynn Valley away (IG support to MC)
- 27.05.24 Support the Suffolk Punch Charity Day with Colin Aldous
- 05.06.24 Gents match v Southwold at HG (Ian Stannard has agreed to Captain team)
- 06.06.24 Beaumont 2nd round match v Seckford
- 12.06.24 Gents match v St. Clements at HG (Rob S has agreed to Captain the team)
- 16.06.24 Past Captains Brassie (invites have been sent out) with 9 current entries.

I am having an operation on my hand on 21st May 2024. As my recovery time could be as long (worst case) as 12 weeks I will bring a plan of covering Gents club matches (several ex-captains have offered to cover which is appreciated) and any other fixtures linked to my role e.g Gents invitation Day. My initial thought is that, whilst my playing is curtailed, I will still have a presence at the club and will walk round with players during comps to maintain fitness.

I will still oversee the Tolly team and be there to support Hambro, Parks & Beaumont. I have had many offers of lifts whilst I am unable to initially drive.

Once again, a great indication of the generosity of spirit within the club.

Seniors' Captain's Report: Golf and Matches

We have had two Stableford Qualifiers in April. One was won by Keith Ellis and the other by Steve Simpson. The May Medal on 7th May was won by Garry Martin with a nett 70. Len McCreery and Danny O'Neill won the Wenhaston Trophy on countback on 26th April with 37 points.

The Seniors Spring Trophy is the next major coming up on 24th May.

The Beaumont team won their first round home match against Thorpeness on 2nd May by 6 shots. This was rather nice revenge for our defeat at their place last year. Our second round match is away at Seckford on Thursday 6th June. Captain Sherington is organising a practice day at Seckford to see who will fit the course best!

Whilst I have been away Acting Captain Jabba has steered the Seniors to a creditable 3-3 home draw with Eaton in the latest of our Seniors Friendlies. We play Seckford at home this coming Friday. So far, we have played 9, won 5, drawn 2 and lost 2.

The summer competitions are now underway and progressing nicely through the first and second rounds.

A Seniors v Juniors match is being arranged for Saturday 13th July, following on from the success of the same event last year. Thanks to Jeremy Jenkins for arranging this.

Winter League

An email has gone out asking for a volunteer to be the Seniors Winter League Captain for 2024-25 but with no response as yet.

Seniors Captains Charity

We have now made a donation to my nominated charity, the British Heart Foundation, of £1051.14, the proceeds from the Captains Drive-In.

New members

Steve Bacon has welcomed another 5 new seniors to our section as from 1st May.

Committee

The next Seniors Committee meeting has been brought forward to Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 3pm as we have several items to discuss which are better dealt with sooner rather than later.

One of the items which perhaps should be discussed as AOB at this meeting is whether the roll-up score qualification for a handicap entry should be reduced from 38 to 37 points to remain consistent with the recent change in WHS. This suggestion came from Robert Steven and has been endorsed by Rob Sherington. It is likely, therefore, the Seniors Committee will bring this in at their meeting next week.

Also to be discussed:

"Our board trophies and many of our other comps have a maximum playing handicap of 28. The HGC Seniors Executive Committee will be deciding whether to have a maximum playing handicap of 36 for all seniors fixtures, including roll-ups, unless otherwise stated. This will be for a trial period of two months after which it will be reviewed by the committee."

Competition Secretary's Report : Since the last meeting, **the following competitions have been completed.**

Sunday April 14th – April Stableford – 88 Entrants

Winner John Clatworthy 41 Points

2nd Brett Lockwood 40 Pts

3rd Lee Adams 39 Pts

Sunday April 21st – OPEN to ALL Betterball – 68 Entrants

Winners Keith Ellis & Martin Pollitt 46 Pts

2nd Daniel Thomas & Daniel Smith 44 Pts

3rd Michael Fulton & Mark Beglarian 43 Pts

Sunday April 28th M.R KING Trophy 74 Entrants

Winner Andy Bennett Net 68 (ne handicap not enough cards submitted) so Chris Turner Net 70

2nd Daniel Milne Net 70

3rd David King Net 71 ocb

Sunday May 5th – QUEEN ELIZABETH CUP – 74 Entrants

Winner Chris Busby 42 Points

2nd Daniel Brown 41 Pts

3rd Paul Bullen 41 Pts

Wednesday May 8th – ERIC FELGATE Memorial Trophy – 45 Entrants

Winner PAUL SMITH 39 Pts

Best 18 Hole Score (am) Paul Kent 38 Pts

Best 18 Hole Score (pm) Sian Tutak 38 Pts

(Please note Michael Hansell score 39 Pts however max handicap allowance was 28 so rounded down to 35 Pts)

Best Front 9 Hole Score (am) David Graves 23 Pts

Best Front 9 Hole Score (pm) Barbara Dennis 19 Pts

Sunday May 12th - MAY Medal - 64 Entrants

Winner Daniel Collett Net 64!! (Gross 71)

2nd John Cunnell Net 68

3rd Darron Ridgeon Net 69 ocb

Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - Clear current **Leader is Danny Smith 67 Pts**, 2nd Darron Ridgeon 47 and 3rd Oliver Last 41 Pts

Gents Summer Eclectic – Early days very close

Winter Singles knockout – Winner Tyron Prins Runner Up Paul Butcher

Winter Foursomes – Winners Ian Stannard & Gary Slaymaker Runners Up John Last & Nick Bloom

Summer Knockouts Current Entry Numbers (Sign up Closes Apr 21st)

Scratch	14	(2023 – 10)
Ashurst (Singles)	34	(2023 – 30)
Judd & Jennings	64	(2023 – 42)

Next Competitions due as follows: -

- Sunday May 19th Gents MAY Stableford
- Sunday May 26th Hambro / Tolly 2nd Round – No Competition
- Monday May 27th Suffolk Punch – Order of Merit (36 Holes)
- Sunday June 2nd Gents JUNE Medal
- **Monday June 3rd Summer Series Valley Competition 1**
- Sunday June 9th Gents JUNE Stableford
- **Saturday June 15th Past Captains Brassie**
- Sunday June 16th BATES & CALVER Founders Bowl

Valley Course Competitions - trail 4 – now set up on IG Monday June 3rd, Wednesday July 17th, Monday August 5th and Wednesday September 18th.

- Players can enter then book a tee time at any time during the day (so no need to block book tee times or close the course to others)
- Stableford Scoring
- **Players can compete either 9 or 18 holes** - separate prizes for both on each day.
- Best 3 scores over the 4 competitions to form an accumulator with Prizes for the best overall scores.
- Open to all handicap indices so will use divisions for allocation of prizes ensuring similar number in each division. Prize to overall best score.

At the meeting RS said that he would review the format for the Eric Felgate Memorial Trophy for next year with the possibility of a handicap limit being introduced. He also made a well-reasoned argument that competition golf should be something that golfers should aspire to and not something that very high handicappers should necessarily expect to enter without an upper handicap limit being imposed.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance at Bank £ 7,950.85

This includes £ 2,441.60 due to the Juniors
£ 246.80 for 100 Club
£ 20.00 for Captain's Charities.

There was an error of £50 in the money received in respect of the March competitions – this has been refunded.

Sara Higgins has been the money due to her for the Woodhall Spa entry
Our professionals have been paid for the Juniors coaching for April

Competition money for April has been received – Entry fees £1,472.00, Prizes £1130.50 (77%) plus Summer knock-out entry fees of £432.00.

Payments for County competitions at Aldeburgh and Stowmarket £322.13

At the meeting KPB agreed to pay Wayne Jacques the £7 he was owed for 2's money from a recent competition following a request from RS. Wayne's winnings had been omitted in error.

Matters for Discussion: None tabled for discussion.

Health & Safety: KPB reported that the drain cover on the path to the 11th hole was broken and presented a possible danger.

Any Other Business: CC had already mentioned the Captain v Vice Captain event in her report but wanted to add what a great day it had been and to thank the staff and EA for the wonderful food and service that had been provided.

DT mentioned the highly positive feedback that he has received from a number of visiting teams on the preparation and general state of the course and wished to thank Mark and the ground staff for the high standard of work that they continue to do on our behalf.

RS said that he had heard from messages on WhatsApp that BT was resigning from his post as Golf Manager. He mentioned this only because other members were already talking about it and had asked him whether it was true. EA in response said that this was true but felt unable to say any more than that at present and would leave it to Ben to make a future announcement in his own time should he wish to do so.

100 Club Draw:

April:

1. A. Frances
2. J. Cook
3. J. Bedwell

May:

1. J. Bedwell
2. C. Judd
3. D. Wellman

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 19th, June 2024 at 7.00pm

Don Wellman