

HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

18.06.25

Minutes of the Meeting

Members:

Ben Townsend – Managing Director (BT)
Paul Kent – Club Captain (PK)
Gerry Jackson – Club Vice-Captain (GJ)
Barbara Dennis -- Ladies' Captain (BD)
Dave Tower – Seniors' Captain (DT)
Andy Frances – Seniors' Vice-Captain (AF)
Rob Sherington – Competition & Handicap Secretary (RS)
Colin Hillier – Handicap Secretary (CH)
Ken Parry-Brown – Treasurer Secretary (KPB)
Don Wellman – Secretary (DW)

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Present BT,PK,GJ,BD,MW,AF,CH,KPB,DW

1. **Apologies:** RS, DW, CH, AF, JC
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:** none
4. **Club Update:** BT reported the following: -
 - New Range Target – frame has been positioned & it will be completed over the coming weeks
 - Halfway House – has been surveyed, plans being finalised. BT will share once these have been finalised.
 - Seniors Open – thanks to Dave & Seniors for their help, great day & great feedback.
 - Shop opening hours – closing 6pm Tuesday to Friday.
 - Isabelle & Alyssa leaving, Isabelle 20th and Alyssa following Friday.
 - Lots of new staff joined – introduce yourselves.
 - Junior open day – we had about 20 which went very well.
 - Golf sixes – on Sunday. HG remain at top of the league
 - Ping Demo week as per email beginning of July (2nd to 13th July)
 - Bunkers washed out after recent storm – stones have come through again, working to get bunkers back in play again for Friday
 - Clubhouse painting – everything yellow is having a makeover.

Upcoming events –

- Restaurant evening 4th July – advertising now.
- Tapas & cocktails evening 18th July, posters going out this week.
- Juniors Open 5th July
- Ladies Open 10th July

5. Captains Reports

Ladies' Captain Report:

- Victorious in Jubilee competition v Bungay at Gorleston today – won on the play off hole.

We could all be mistaken by thinking we were in August instead of May – the weather being so lovely and warm with hardly any rain. Many thanks must go to the Greenkeepers who are doing a great job of trying to keep the course in great condition. And during the month there have been volunteers removing stones from bunkers – which is still ongoing. But many thanks to any lady who volunteered their raking and stone picking skills. Many hands make light work.

As reported at the end of my last report our Weston Team captained by Viv played their first match of the year this month at Stowmarket, fighting a great battle but against home advantage we lost 4-1. The Weston Team were again playing away this time to Woodbridge – and another well fought battle losing against home advantage 4-1. As we are in Division 1 now – we play both home and away matches. Good luck to Viv and all the squad as they prepare to play more matches in June.

Wednesday the 7th May saw the annual Dementia Day with 16 teams of 3 balls playing. Sara and John Giles organised this event ably assisted behind the scenes by Viv raising an amazing £7,100 for the Charity. Well done to all who made it so special.



A cheque for £7,100 being presented by HGC to Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund with John Giles, Sara, Viv, Chris Reeve from Suffolk Cars and volunteers from the carers fund plus all 3 captains, Barbara, Dave Tower and Paul Kent.

Not having a vice captain means a lot more work for myself organising our Friendlies which although busy is also very enjoyable. During the month we played a Friendly at Home against Rookery Park which saw a lovely friendly HALF. We then had two friendlies on the same day against Fynn Valley – 9 holes on the Valley saw Halesworth winning 3.5 to 0.5 and the 18 holes on the Blythe saw another lovely friendly HALF. A total of 32 ladies have played in the ladies friendlies so far this year. We played our first Mixed Friendly at home against Southwold. Across the team in total we had to give Southwold 49 shots. So to come away with a credible 5-3 loss was excellent. There are 4 friendlies planned for the month of June. Well done to everyone who has played in these friendlies so far and good luck for the matches coming up.

I continue to share a Rule of the Week and hope to continue as long as I can.

Barbara Dennis Lady Captain 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2025

COMMITTEE MEETING

Six competitions this month where the ladies section participated, with a total of £455.50 raised and due to be received in early June from HGC. Of this £70 has already been sent to The R & A for the Coronation foursomes entry.

However, not included in the six events, but arguably the most important was the Dementia Day, organized, this year due to circumstances, mainly, but superbly as usual by Sara Higgins. The total amount raised by the club (Halesworth Dementia also raise their own amount £4178.00) was a massive £2845.00, after deducting HGC charges (food and non member green fees) £2047.50 was sent to the charity. Well done to all involved.

Not much else to say this month except that the healthy balance we hold (after receipt of Mays fees- £1519.18) will be reducing as the County matches (Weston, Cranworth, Jubilee & Stearn) will be

starting and where the ladies section subsidizes the players for food and soft drinks. However, all practice rounds are paid for by the players themselves.

Competition Secretary report May 2025 – Sara Higgins

Results Combined May medal and Millennium plate played 27/4 & 1/5

28 ladies signed up to play

DV 1

1st	Karen Last (16)	69	£12.25
2nd	Rita Fossey (8)	71	£7.25
3rd	Viv Leech (14)	71	£5.00

DV 2

1st	Sally Watson (32)	71	£12.25
2nd	Julia Hill (26)	73	£7.25
3rd	Sally Catt (26)	74	£5.00

Millennium Plate winner Rita Fossey – trophies only played for on a Thursday which counted Karen out from her score on Sunday – sorry Karen!

Results combined May stableford played 4/8 May - 21 ladies signed up to play

DV 1

1st	Susan Fraenzel (24)	42	£9.00
2nd	Barbara Dennis (18)	38	£5.50
3rd	Sonia Lord (25)	37	£3.75

DV 2

1st	Nicky McQueen (35)	38	£9.00
2nd	Sally Watson (32)	38	£5.50
3rd	Sue Millard (27)	37	£3.75

Rosie Ward Putting is well under way with some lovely putting scores. I am sure Susanne will be detailing in her report.

Results Gilly Bogey played on 15/5 - 15 ladies signed up to play

DV 1

1st	Clare Woods (21)	0	£6.50
2nd	Caroline Emeny (21)	-1	£4.50
3rd	Barbara Dennis (17)	-1	£3.50

DV 2

1st	Karol Perley (35)	-1	£6.50
2nd	Angela Middleton (38)	-1	£4.50
3rd	Jean Berry (29)	-3	£3.50

Gilly Bogey trophy winner Clare Woods (great score Clare)

9 holes stableford competition played 15/05 - no money on cards entry fee for Q only

1st	Emma Hawkins (17)	23
2nd	Mary Wildish (20)	18
3rd	Sue Hellman (14)	16

R&A foursomes played 18/22-5 14 pairs signed up to play

Results

1st	Cathy Chandler & Sue Hellman	45
2nd	Naomi Lane & Mary Pickering	42
3rd	Caroline Emeny & Susan Fraenzel	37

As this is an external competition there are no payouts to the winners. The entry fees went direct to R&A. Good luck to Cathy and Sue who will be representing Halesworth at Thetford on August 27th.

Multiplier Fun Competition played 29/5 – 9 teams of 3 so 27 signed up to play

I am not sure if to call our fun competitions fun anymore, there seems to be a strong competitive theme running throughout these comps. All teams get extremely excited when entering the clubhouse to see what other scores are and whether their score is in the winning mix! So lovely to see plenty of ribbing and fun banter over the scores of the day! Very close within the top three groups, well played all.

1st	Rita Fossey (8), Viv Leech (14) & Julie Cooper (28)	91
	£6 each	
2nd	Clare Woods (22), Sue Hellman (30) & Sian Tutak (14)	88
	£3.00 each	
3rd	Maggie Bennett (30), Emma Hawkins (37) & Jean Berry (30)	87

Haskell County match played May 3rd

Rita and I travelled to Stowmarket for the 36-hole scratch first round match against their team. Despite facing strong opponents, we were determined to give our best effort. We concluded the first round three down, which needed a significant push in the afternoon session. Although we made impressive progress with birdies and pars, closing the gap, it was not sufficient to secure a lead. The day ended with Stowmarket prevailing 4-2. Nonetheless, we found the challenging 34 holes of golf both stimulating and enjoyable. We look forward to another opportunity next year to aim for a better outcome.

Dementia Day – May 7th, 2025, with 64 players signed up to play

Dear Members

My apologies for a late thank you email; we have been busy behind the scenes collecting money and getting a final figure to send to the Dementia Carers in Halesworth. I'll start off with the results which were very close at the top. The top 3 placings have all received their winnings and congratulations to Nicholas and his team for taking away the winning shield on the day, this will be engraved ready to defend next year! Thank you to the Men's Shed in Halesworth for making the shield for us back in 2023, it's a gorgeous shield to have your name on. The visitors on this email will not be copied into this as we can only send to members via this route, if anyone can kindly forward to Richard Harris, D&T McGregor, Andrew Perkins, Ben Sprake, Judy Taylor and Jamie Tipple I would appreciate it.

Our thanks of course go to many people on the day all of whom been thanked, but we would like to extend these again to our sponsors The Suffolk Car Centre who always give so generously. Ellie and Mark and their teams who made sure the catering and course were top notch. All the local business sponsors who donated and supported on the day. Nicky Kelly and her team from The Dementia Carers, namely Anna, Iris, John and Irene. Robin Douce for selling so many raffle tickets that we actually ran out. Our Captains Paul, Dave and Barbara for all their input, support and help. Viv our treasurer for taking players' money and keeping an eye on all the balances, all the members and visitors as always extending their generosity not only by signing up but donating to the raffle and bringing a raffle prize, this meant 63 raffle prizes were donated and given out on the day. Thank you for all the four-ball vouchers from local clubs that were given and the players that bid for them which amassed to over £800 in the auction alone. Another big shout out to Terry Jeffery for donating one of his very talented paintings, unfortunately this did not auction on the day, but we will use this at another event and send the proceeds to Dementia Carers in due course.

A special thanks to Tessa Summers for giving us an insight into the weeks leading up to the recent loss of her father, and the care that was provided with kindness and support during his latter days by The Dementia Carers. I know this touched many hearts on the day and just concretes how much we need The Dementia Carers.

Tony Pennock attended during the morning to talk about the importance of 'Fore' Get Me Not Golf' to highlight the awareness of players with dementia to keep playing golf in a supervised and supportive environment, this is something we are looking to adopt at Halesworth and very much look forward to getting this off the ground. Next year the date has been set for Wednesday May 6th, and we are hoping this will be a shot gun start, we will keep you informed later this year.

Last but not least my personal thanks to John for investing so much of his time to make this a memorable day, I know it was a hard day for John but collectively we are all here to support each other in times of sadness and sympathy. So, the final amount we raised on the day was a staggering £7100.00 so a HUGE thank you again to you for your generosity, we could not do this without you all.

We look forward to next year which is now in the diary for May 6th and thank you all on behalf of the Dementia Carers' Fund. Best wishes John Giles and Sara Higgins

1st Tony Marshall, Teddy Mattocks, Andrew Perkins, Nicholas Sillett	53	
2nd Cathy Chandler, Dennis Higgins, Julia Hill, Paul Kent		53
3rd Joanne Calver, Paul Calver, Richard Harris, Andrew Higgins		54
4th Daniel Collett, Billy Jordan, Benjamin Sprake, Jamie Tipple	55	
5th Caroline Emeny, Emma Hawkins, David Watson, Sally Watson	55	
6th Adrian Heard, Brian Lee, David Tower, Michael Tuck		55
7th David McGregor, Tanya McGregor, Christopher Reeve, Harry Waller	56	
8th Stephen Bloss, Carlton Ford, Mark Hurst, Paul Wright	56	
9th Patrick Cole, Julie Cooper, Cathy Judd, Gary Kent	56	
10th Sally Baxter, Simon Baxter, Shaun Bennett, Christopher Turner	57	
11th Christopher Baker, William Bird, Lesley King, Tony Miles	57	
12th Mick Binder, Barry Johnson, John Summers, Tessa Summers	57	
13th Robin Gwillim-Douce, Stephen Lord, Martin Percival, Paul Smith	58	
14th Barbara Dennis, Brian Dennis, John Pamment, Sian Tutak		59
15th Rita Fossey, Sara Higgins, Viv Leech, Judy Taylor		61
16th Kevin Bowe, Ronald Clark, Graham Drury	63	

County matches and practices – Jubilee, Haskell, Stearn, Cranworth & Weston

For the pre county season, we approached Ali Hall, our assistant pro, to offer county training for all teams. Ali created a plan to improve the county players' course management, play, and putting skills. These sessions have been well received, and we appreciate the ladies' participation and Ali's proactive encouragement. We aim to continue these sessions next year with the help of the team Captains, Caroline, Rita, Viv and myself.

Mixed Withey Cup played Bank holiday 5th May – 16 pairs signed up to play

1st	Andrew Millard (20) & Sue Millard (24)	46	£15.00 each
2nd	Simon Baxter (12) & Sally Baxter (21)	41	£10.00 each
3rd	Kevin Bates (9) & Sue Hellman (26)	41	£7.50 each

Super scoring to the top three pairings and handicap cuts for the Millards. It seems year on year the scores are getting bigger and bigger! Well played to all that took part on a lovely Bank Holiday Monday.

Halesworth Golf Ladies Handicap Secretary Report

New Ladies - Four juniors this month and Helen Jones who has returned. Previously played at Halesworth between November 2021 and September 2022

Name	Handicap	Joined	Category
Leonie Coby		23/05/2025	Junior
Charlotte Holden		06/05/2025	Junior
Helen Jones	47.5	01/06/2025	Ladies
Phoebe Mawson		01/05/2025	Junior
Beatrix Morphey		27/05/2025	Junior

Handicap Changes

The good weather to bring out some good golf and changes in handicap

Overall in May, 22 ladies reduced their handicaps and 15 had increases.

Notable changes were:

Sue Millard	a reduction of	1.5		down to 24.5
Karol Perley	“	“	1.2	down to 32.5 (3rd month in a row)
Cornelia Fitzroy	“	“	“	1.1 down to 19.7
Sally Baxter	“	“	1.0	down to 22.5 (2nd month in a row)
Sue Hellman	“	“	0.8	down to 27.3

Soft CAP

	HCP Index	Low HCP Index	Soft CAP in Effect	Hard CAP in effect
Hilary Jeffrey	28.8	24.2	Yes	No
Cathy Judd	27.0	23.6	Yes	No
Anne Legg	25.3	22.2	Yes	No
Angela Middleton	36.2	33.1	Yes	No

Eclectic - Summer 2025

It's all change on the leaderboard with Sara jumping into the lead but closely followed by Viv and Sian who still have a couple of bogey's on their cards!

1 st	Sara Higgins	60.6
2 nd	Viv Leech	61.2
3 rd	Sian Tutak	62.6

Birdie Tree

A birdie from Sara this month means that she is sharing the lead with Rita. However, Viv has jumped into contention with an additional birdie and is in joint 3rd with Lesley.

1 st	Rita Fossey & Sara Higgins	5
3 rd	Lesley King & Viv Leech	4

Stroke Index Review

With the course being reassessed later this year I have done some preparatory work looking at the empirical data of the last two years to consider potential changes to the Ladies' Red Tee Stroke Index. I have discussed these with Sara and Judith and attached our conclusion.

Susanne Wilson
Handicap Secretary
2025

Dated 11th June

Seniors' Captain's Report: Wednesday 18th June 2025

Support remains high for friendly matches and competitions, and it has been good to see so many new members getting involved.

Golf and Matches

Our friendly matches continue to be over-subscribed and we are making all efforts to ensure that selections are fair and that everyone gets a chance to play in at least some of the matches. Our policy remains that priority is given to those who played in, or are available for, the corresponding home or away fixture. To date, 51 different players have represented us in friendlies this year. Visiting teams continue to be highly complementary about the condition of the course and the standard of catering. We have also agreed an additional fixture for next year, with Bawburgh Golf Club.

Since the last meeting we have played the following friendly matches:

16 May – Seckford (home) – won 5-1
20 May – Fynn Valley (home) – lost 3-5
21 May – Sprowston Manor (away) – lost 2-4
27 May – Diss (away) – drew 3.5-3.5
3 June – Gorleston (away) – lost 0-6

The Parks team won their first round match against Fynn Valley in a competitive match. They play Diss at home on 19th June in the second round.

The Beaumont team played Southwold on 5th June and emerged with a 4 up victory. They play away at Haverhill or Stowmarket on 3rd July.

In trophy and qualifying competitions off white tees this month, the following were successful:

Seniors Spring Trophy	23 rd May	Andrew Jennings	42 points
Medal Qualifier	6 th June	Richard Fernley	Nett 65 (gross 77)
Stableford Qualifier	13 th June	John Ward	41 points

Committee

The seniors' policy for all individual competitions from standard tees to be considered for handicap is now live. The initial response from senior members has been very favourable.

The policy will be reviewed at the AGM in November.

The next Seniors Committee meeting will be held on Friday 8th August 2025 at 3pm.

Dave Tower

Seniors Captain

16 June 2025

Club Captain's Report:

Club Captains Report 18th June 2025

Since the last General Committee Meeting on 14.05.25 –

1. I continue to note the different players I play golf with throughout my second term as captain. This is to a) demonstrate the variance of players I join during my year as captain b) ensure I interact with as many members I can during the year and c) be 'visible' as captain to as many members as possible. Since the AGM I have accompanied **67** different players on the course. At this stage last year, the total was **60**. I also had several weeks out following my hand operation last summer so I am looking to exceed last year's total of **104** different playing partners.
2. **Captains' duties this month have included –**
 - 15.05.25 – Supported the Parks team 6 up victory at home to Fynn Valley
 - 19th & 20th May and 2nd June led the stone picking bunker volunteers removing 11 buckets of stones from our bunkers
 - 24.05.25 – attended the SGU Scratch Team competition, acting as ball spotter with SP.
 - 25.05.25 – gave my apologies to Hambro captains, as unable to attend fixture as they lost 9 down at Rookery Park
 - 30.05.25 – attended farewell breakfast for RW who retired after 20 years' service
 - 04.06.25 – Captained Gents team to 3 up win at home to Southwold.
 - 05.06.25 – Supported the Beaumont Team at home to Southwold
 - 05.06.25 – Presentation of cheque to Dementia Care for £7,100
 - 07.06.25 – Supported the Stenson Team away at Woodbridge
 - 10.06.25 – assisted DT with the Seniors Open competition, acting as starter for the competition.
 - 14.06.25 – hosted the Past Captains Brassie at HG
 - 18.06.24 – hosted the inaugural Juniors mentoring session

- I continued to meet with BT on a regular basis to discuss developments around the club.
3. **County Competitions** - Mixed results with our county teams as we faced stiff opposition away from home for our Hambro Team, going down by 9 away at Rookery Park & the Stenson Team who had a heavy defeat away to Woodbridge. The Beaumont Team faced Southwold at home where the tough conditions did not dampen the spirits as the team won comfortably in the end. Tomorrow the Parks team hopefully keep up their winning streak at home under Ian Stannard's excellent captaincy.
 4. **Past Captains Brassie** – 14th June 2025. We had an excellent 30-year anniversary celebration of the event (which Richard Handley set up originally), with 6 ex members joining us for the day. We had 14 ex captains playing and 2 joined us for a meal only. We had a further six ex captains away on holiday or unavailable on the day, all of whom offered their apologies. Ian Stannard won on countback from Andy Jennings the current captain coming third.
 5. **Trophies.** –I will eventually find time to upload all the Trophy photographs to go alongside competition enhanced details.
 6. **Halesworth Golf** hosted this year's Suffolk Golf Union scratch competition on **24.05.25**. Danny Milne captained our team which also included Tony Mardon and Paul Coby. We finished a creditable tied 8th out of fifteen teams. DM also finished 20th out of 45 players. Very positive feedback from the SGU about the presentation of the course and also that it was the largest field yet (15 teams) in this competition.
 7. **Greenkeepers** – Our continued thanks to Mark and his team for battling against very challenging conditions currently. Visitors feedback remains positive. The heavy rainfall on Friday night meant all bunkers were deemed GUR for the weekend's competitions.
 8. **Stone Picking – Bunkers.** Three more sessions completed by our superb volunteers with 11 buckets of stones removed from 17 bunkers cleared. We noticed that, having cleared the worst bunkers last year of larger stones, this year we were mainly dealing with mid to small size stones. The cohort are keen to continue. Next stage will be some 'picking' out of the Valley Course bunkers. Special mention to Matthew Friend who purchased a super Temu special sieve!
 9. **Race to Woodhall Spa 2025** – Alfie Rackham, Suzanne Wilson & Brian Dennis faced really tough conditions as they represented HG in this competition held at Sheringham Golf Club on 25th May 2025. Unfortunately, we were unable to progress further in the competition. Good experience for Alfie following on from his excellent performance in the Tolly this year.
 10. **Gents Finance surplus 2024**– process in place. Update on agenda today.
 11. **Junior mentoring** – initial session held this afternoon to assist in the continued development of course etiquette and management by our juniors. Volunteers assisted JJ & myself.
 12. **Juniors Fund** – Members continue to give old clubs and equipment generously. This now exceeds £2,800 and moving rapidly toward £3k. Both Junior Captains tops have been ordered and the plan is to purchase 20 tops of varying sizes that can be loaned out each season to those picked for matches / competitions. BT has agreed a discounted price. The fund will remain for Junior's members only.
 13. **Gents Matches** – GJ will captain some of this year's matches as part of induction to his captaincy role next year.

14. **'Opens'** – it is great to see that we already have 74 entries (now closed) for the **Seniors Open on 10.06.25**, 20 entries for the **Junior Open on 05.07.25** and an amazing 88 entries for the **Mixed Open on 16.08.25**.

15. **Halesworth Golf Pro-Am** – I have made contact with Sizewell with regard potential sponsorship for a Pro-Am tournament in 2026. At the early stages and I'm awaiting contact from their media team. Terence Broome had a discussion with me re using his expertise with Suffolk pro's (as President of Suffolk PGA) as we move forward with this ambition. ***DT pointed out the restrictions for the Community Fund budget. PK/BT confirmed no plan will go forward that risks clubs reputation.***

16. **Gents AWAY DAY** – I am still looking to negotiate this with another club. Two potentials.

17. **Suffolk Punch Competition** - Liaised with Colin re support for 25.08.25

18. **Main item for discussion** –

Matters raised with me, by members, since my re-election as Captain continue to be contained within this report

1. **Slow play**. I referred the member to the reminders sent out by competition secretaries, the information in the starters hut and the ability to call the pro shop should there be a particular issue on the course.
2. **Societies** – concern raised by behaviour of the larger societies. I was able to advise that LK now meets & greets societies and sets out some basic expectations as well as local requirements e.g., not crossing white lines with trolleys (some clubs this applies to buggies only)

Captains Diary April / June 2025

19.06.25 – Supporting Stan with the Parks home match v Diss
20.06.25 – Supporting GS and his team at the Air Ambulance Day
21.06.25 – Gents match at Stowmarket (A)
25.06.25 – Gents match away at Southwold. (A)
28.06.25 – Part of HG team (with SH, AR & SB) playing in Southwold's Gun Hill Cup
30.06.25 – Stone Picking with Volunteers
01.07.25 – Stone picking with Volunteers
02.07.25 – Gents match v Apollo (Sprowston) (H)
03.07.25 – Supporting Beaumont team at Haverhill GC
05.07.25 – Starter for Juniors Open
16.07.25 – Gents match v Eaton (A)

Paul Kent
Halesworth Golf Club Captain 2025

6. Treasurer's Report June 2025

Balances in the Bank Accounts are as follows: -

Current Account	£ 881.98
Deposit Account	£13,543.23

- Of this £9,922.15 belongs to the Junior Section leaving £3,621.08 of which £2,500.00 is the reserve fund.
- £1,126 has been paid to support competitions out of the £ 1,300 agreed.
- The balance with the 100 Club money £283 and £474 Entry Fees for knock-out competitions leaves only a small 'surplus' towards the end-of-year costs

- County competitions have cost £612, last year the cost was £1,472.

7. Competition Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting **the following competitions have been completed.**

Sunday May 18th – MAY MEDAL – 78 Entrants

Winner Mark Coby Net 67 OCB

2nd Ashley Canham Net 67

3rd Harry Hinsley Net 69 OCB

Sunday May 25th – Additional 'OPEN to ALL Betterball – 64 Entrants (Hambro Team at Rookery)

Winners Mark Swallow & Keith Ellis 52 Pts OCB !! (Double pts on Par 5's)

2nd Chris Mitchell & David Veasy 52 Pts

3rd Curtis Hammond & Ian Price 50 Pts

Saturday May 31st – 'OPEN to ALL' Stableford – 39 Entrants

Winner James Friend 42 Pts

2nd Darren Smith 38 Pts

3rd Naomi Lane 37 Pts OCB

Sunday June 1st – JUNE MEDAL – 72 Entrants

Winner Paul Calver Net 66 OCB

2nd Stephen Vale Net 66

3rd Darron Ridgeon Net 69

Sunday June 8th – May Stableford – 79 Entrants

Winner Liam O'Dnnovan 40 Pts

2nd Nick Bloom 39 Pts

3rd Gerald Jackson 36 Pts OCB

Saturday June 14th – Past Captains Brassie– 12 Entrants

Winner Ian Stannard 34 Pts

2nd Andy Jennings 34 Pts

3rd Paul Kent 33 Pts OCB

Sunday June 15th – BATES n CALVER Founders Bowl MEDAL – 77 Entrants (Max Playing hcp 18)

Winner Wayne Jacques Net 66

2nd Chris Mitchell Net 67 OCB

3rd David King Net 67

Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - Current Leader is Mark Coby 74 Pts 2nd Rob Sherington 57 Pts, 3rd Oliver Last 54 Pts, 4th Chris Busby 53 Pts

Gents SUMMER Eclectic – Current Leader Bob Judd Net 57, 2nd Joe Catt, Rob Sherington & Lee Adams Net 59

All Summer knockouts now underway

Next Competitions due as follows: -

- Sunday June 22nd – Gents Additional Betterball
- Saturday June 28th – Open to ALL Saturday Stableford
- Sunday June 29th – Cpt Ernie Challenge
- Saturday July 5th – Midsummer Madness – NOTE may not take place if not enough entries
- Sunday July 6th – July Medal
- Sunday July 13th – July Stableford
- Saturday July 19th – Open to ALL Saturday Stableford

- Sunday July 20th – OPEN to ALL 2 Ball Texas Scramble
- Sunday July 27th – Handley Cup

Rob Sherington

8. Handicap Secretary's Report

Halesworth Golf Club – Handicap Report 18th June 2025

Penalty Scores –

There have been no penalty scores added since the last meeting.

Still errors when starting rounds on IG in conjunction with entering a competition. Explaining to each player how to add scores.

Soft Cap/Hard Cap

Currently 19 players with 'Soft cap' enabled. One player with 'Hard cap' enabled. The Hard Cap has been enabled on one player who has only just cleared their first 20 rounds for their handicap. Their 3rd round was particularly low and at the time the only counting round for their handicap. Therefore, now there is an even spread of rounds and the total 8 out of 20 counting the players overall handicap has balanced out considerably higher than their initial first handicap. No cause for concern and will continue to monitor.

We have had 5 members drop off the soft cap list in the last month.

There are 8 new additions to the 'soft cap' list. All those members have been looked at and all have played a large majority of competition rounds for score submissions. No cause for concern.

Competition vs General Play

The Comp vs General Play statistics show up any irregularities between a member's scores as above and the comparison between them. This will now be checked monthly, looking back at the previous 3 months. The handicap committee will discuss any members who show up in this list and may need action depending on findings from further checking of their scores and handicap.

No members on this list meet the criteria set by the Handicap committee to require any further action.

We are now producing the above Competition vs General Play report but reproducing it in 'ascending' order of shot differences. This can then be used to identify members whose scores have caused their handicap to go up but may still be struggling to play anywhere near to their current handicap. This will then be discussed by the Handicap Committee at the next meeting.

9. Matters For Discussion

- **2024 Surplus update** – how much is left and when will it be cleared?
KPB states that one more competition and the surplus from 2024 will be cleared.
- **2025 Finances.**
Last month the finance secretary stated we were heading for another surplus (circa £1500).
- PK did not want the committee to be in the embarrassing position of having another surplus this year. Whilst it demonstrates that our finances are healthy it is a clear

indication that the entry fees matched by size of fields each weekend are in excess of the sections needs to pay for its expenses each year.

- GJ has proposed a method of reducing the surplus for 2025.
- RS would like to ask members opinions on a variety of options including a) no change, b) £3.50, c) £2.50 with 50p option.
- PK reminded committee that when he approached members regarding last years surplus he had over twenty suggestions. Therefore PK felt the members would expect the committee to decide how to manage the situation and decide accordingly. Decisions re fees and changes to divisions had not been one where we consulted, it had been decided in the best interests of the members. All present agreed.
- KPB had put forward a paper for the discussion outlining various options.
- PK wanted to achieve 2 things. 1) to avoid another surplus that we do not require due to having a healthy £2500 contingency fund 2) wanted to demonstrate the committee is on top of the finances and by using projections can anticipate our yearly costs and therefore our 'income' requirement.
- **Decision** – after discussion and sharing of views it was agreed that from the next 'sign up' on 22.06.25 we will have an established entry fee of £3.50 for Gents competitions. This will be monitored and reviewed in two months. We can clearly state why this decision has been made and how we will review. **Action - PK will speak to RS before Sunday when another comp will open. We can advise members of decision and reason behind it.**

10. Health & Safety –

PK thanked BT for the staff ensuring water is made available in the hut behind the 10th Green. However, it is only the early starters who benefit from this as it is often empty by the time those playing later have reached the hut (usually at the hottest part of the day). Could this be replenished to ensure all players benefit? **Action - BT will look into this.**

11. Any Other Business

- Barbara raised the need for 16th July for Ladies county comp be put in diary and tee times protected which **Action - BT did during the meeting**
- **Collections for staff** – discussions re whether there should be a period of time staff have worked at club before having a collection. Lots of turnover over past two years. Recognition the transitory nature of the roles. **Decision – agreed to leave as is with individuals making up their own mind whether to contribute.**
- Gerry raised the need for an 'open to all Sunday competition' which he will put up a trophy. All agreed this was a good idea. **Action - GJ to liaise with RS re date.**
- **Meetings** – PK highlighted the decision to separate all sections into their own meetings which we had previously agreed. This is the last of the 'combined' meetings. From next month the Captain & Vice Captain of each section will meet with BT separately, as one group. It was agreed that we could meet every other month as BT is readily available should the need arise to see him sooner. Therefore the first Gents only committee meeting will be held the month afterward (August). The Gents meeting would also be held on alternate months. Chris Haslam and Ben Brown will attend Gents committee meetings, as previously discussed, but will not have formal roles at this time. **Action – BT is rewriting the constitution to reflect the above.** Dates confirmed below.

12. 100 Club

- Unanimous vote on giving 100 club funds to each section as Juniors are covered. **Action - BT to change 100 club flyer.**
- DT raised issue of using this for Parks match tomorrow – all agreed
- Glassware – LP has stopped engraving. We need to ensure we have a plan for end of year presentations.
- 1st - Judith Bedwell £13
- 2nd – Don Wellman £8
- 3rd – Matthew Friend £4

13. Date of nexts meetings –

15.07.25 Captains & Vice Captains only to meet with BT at 6.30pm.

14.08.25 Gents first Committee meeting as a separate entity at 7pm

Minutes taken by Paul Kent.

Addendum

Items for discussion at Committee Agreed Jan 2025

Course

1. Measurement of course (Completed 28.02.25)
2. Slope Rating Review – externally completed. (Booked for 28.07.25)
3. To review the Stroke index of each hole (Initial discussion March 2025)
4. To review the issue of gender-neutral tees

Club history

1. To capture all our Trophies history on the website. To also confirm donor in summary section of competition so all members know history of competition (CF)
2. To review and update all current documents and name and date stamp each one. Agreed Sept 24 – Each section to update its relevant policies and date accordingly. (CF)

Members

1. We will all demonstrate members views are brought to its monthly meeting
2. As committee members we will actively encourage feedback about our club and the competitions

Finances

1. To review each sections financial process so that we have commonality and transparency across the club. (CF)
2. To review competition entry fees and payments (16.06.25)

3. Charity Days – to review whether we need a ‘charity committee’ in order to better coordinate fundraising at the club - BT confirmed that as we only ‘host’ several of these days we need to be mindful of that fact.

IG

1. To review the clubs’ sections use of IG. Share good practice (CF)

Competitions

1. Mixed Competitions – to continue the aim of closer communication between three sections when setting up and running the mixed competitions (CF)
2. To support all our teams and players in reaching their potential in Suffolk Golf Union & (Ladies affiliation) & Junior’s competitions.

Constitution

1. To Review the club’s constitution and all relevant documents in the Gents section

News

1. All sections to provide management with relevant items for consideration for inclusion in the monthly Club newsletter.