



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Thursday 8th May 2025 at 1.30pm

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

1. Apologies

Susanne Wilson (SW)

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 10th April were approved and then signed by BD

3. Matters Arising

Mr and Mrs Hunt have purchased land adjoining the golf course to the rear and side of the 6th and 7th holes.

4. Lady Captain Report – 3rd May 2025

So lovely to see the sun out this week – lots of sunscreen being used. The Blyth Course is looking so lovely – spring has sprung in abundance. All the greenkeepers are working so hard to make our courses great. NO more preferred lies now.

Lots of golf has been played since my last report. Sunday the 30th April saw 84 play in the Anniversary Cup – only 9 ladies though. Please look out for further mixed events happening.

Three friendlies have been played in April – we were away to St Audrys on Friday the 4th – a friendly half. On Monday the 7th April saw a first for Halesworth Ladies. Two friendlies were played against Felixstowe Ferry. One over 18 holes on the Blythe and the other was 9 holes on the Blythe. Initially this was going to be played on the Valley course but as it was greens week, we moved it across to Blythe. We won both matches convincingly. Our last Friendly of the month was played away at Woodbridge captained by Mandy and Julie – thank you. This was always going to be a tough match to play but to come away with 1.5 to 2.5 was great. Well done to all the ladies playing in these matches. If you have not played in one yet then please look under Matches and add your availability. Such a lovely day of golf played with great company and some lovely food to finish off the day. Our next Friendly is on May the 9th at home against Fynn Valley.

On Good Friday we had our annual Easter Bunny Day. This was over 10 holes on the Blythe. The competition was capped at HI 36 with the remainder playing off 100%. This was felt to be the fairest way. £5 per lady charged – 100% to go towards the ladies section.

The weather was almost perfect... it was dry but windy which chilled a few ladies. Those dressed up in full bunny outfits were nice and snug. This year saw a record number of ladies – some 21. Lots with bunny ears and a number of teams in fancy dress.

Everyone had a buttered hot cross bun to take out with them – which went down very nicely. Once everyone were in we moved upstairs to the Wenhaston room – ladies ordered their own drinks and food if they wanted to and took upstairs too.



I arranged for a couple of games upstairs –

Lots of laughter had trying to play a game with little Velcro golf balls and a plastic club. Sally Slaymaker and Cathy Chandler were the ladies with the highest score – although Sally has inside knowledge as she has one at home.

We also played Bingo for one line and then a full house – I need to get Ged to do the calling next time – I was useless. Prizes chocolate bunny for one line and an Easter Egg for the two lines. Everyone was given a little easter party bag containing a key ring, sweets and various little chocolate eggs

Now to the winners for the day: -

1st Sally Baxter, Jennifer Read & Julia Hill (Easter Sheep with dangling legs and easter egg)

2nd Sally Slaymaker, Jo Calver & Cathy Judd (china egg with a rabbit on and an easter egg)

NTP in two on the 2nd – HI 20 and above – Julia Hill (a Mug and Easter egg)

NTP in two on the 5th – HI 19.9 and below – Rita Fossey (a Mug and Easter egg)

Best Dressed Team – Rita Fossey (Angry bunny) and her security team of Sara Higgins &

VivLeech – (Light up bunny and an Easter Egg for each)

Each week I have started to do a Rule of the week which appears to have gone down well so will be continuing to do these. These provoke conversations around rules which is always good. We all need reminders which in turn gives us confidence when confronted when playing.

We had our first group teaching lesson from Ali to help with course management. These are for the ladies who are playing in The Haskell, The Weston, The Stearn, The Cranworth or the Jubilee Shield. There are two more planned over the month of May. Many thanks to Sara, Rita, Caroline and Ali for organising us so well.

The golfing season is now really in full swing – Yesterday Friday the 2nd May saw our Weston team ably captained by Viv Leech play our first match away at Stowmarket. We are now in Division 1 which is a great achievement for our ladies section. These are played Home and Away. It was a very tight fought battle against some very good golfers – their lowest HI was 3.7 whilst ours was 7 and their highest HI in the squad was 12 whilst ours on the day was 17. So to come away with one win out of 5 was a score to be proud off. Many thanks to Viv.

After playing a hard battle yesterday at Stowmarket, Sara and Rita went back to Stowmarket today to play them in The Haskell – this is one of the hardest ladies matches in our calendar – Scratch Foursomes over 36 holes to conclusion. Viv and I went to watch the ladies and we were hiding in the trees to watch what was a very close match. By lunch our ladies were only 3 holes down.... But they were not deterred by this – they came back fighting – there were birdies and pars by both pairs. For Viv and I it was tense seeing the score going up and down. What a valiant effort but despite pulling back home advantage came into play and the home team won through and the final score was 4&2. It was a privilege and honour to watch our ladies today. We are very proud of you both.

On Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, the mixed Withey Cup Trophy is being played. Unfortunately, I am unable to play in that as I'm away, I hope everyone has a great day. And on Wednesday the 7th the annual Mixed Dementia Day is being held with 64 players. This is a great day of golf and making lots of money for a very good cause. Many thanks must go to Sara Higgins who has done such a great job of organising this along with John Giles.



5. Treasurer's Report April

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	Spookie	Trophies & Similar	Dementia Day	Sundries	Other Section Income	Deposit Account
02-Apr	Ref from Mens rewh/hall spa	£ 70.00													£ 70.00	
04-Apr	HGC Mch Comp Fees	£1,015.00			£ 700.00					£ 315.00						
04-Apr	Dem Day-Baker	£ 30.00											£ 30.00			
08-Apr	HGC-Comp Fees	£ 14.00								£ 14.00						
22-Apr	Dem Day-Cooper x2 & Harris	£ 105.00											£ 105.00			
25-Apr	Dem Day-Baxter x 2	£ 60.00											£ 60.00			
25-Apr	Dem Day-Summers x2	£ 75.00											£ 75.00			
25-Apr	Dem Day- Johnson	£ 30.00											£ 30.00			
25-Apr	Dem Day-Bennett	£ 30.00											£ 30.00			
28-Apr	Dem Day-Emery	£ 30.00											£ 30.00			
	Total	£1,459.00	£ -	£ -	£ 700.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 329.00	£ -	£ -	£ 360.00	£ -	£ 70.00	£ -

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02-Apr	ENG GOLF-Wd/hall-Ladies	£45.00													£ 45.00	
02-Apr	ENG GOLF-Wd/hall-Juniors	£25.00													£ 25.00	
02-Apr	HGC-Winter Eclectic Prizes	£41.00								£ 41.00						
02-Apr	HGC-Winter K/D Prizes	£22.50								£ 22.50						
07-Apr	H/W Dementia Care-D/IN	£1,425.95			£1,425.95											
07-Apr	Ref to SHiggins-W/Hall Spa	£45.00													£ 45.00	
08-Apr	Suffolk Fam Carers-D/IN	£1,425.95			£1,425.95											
10-Apr	BHF-LC Charity Donation-D/C	£2,274.25					£2,275.25									
10-Apr	HGC-April Medal	£44.00								£ 44.00						
28-Apr	Norfolk LG-Aus Spoons	£72.00								£ 72.00						
28-Apr	Marie Curie Charity Don	£112.00								£112.00						
30-Apr	V Leach Ref County Hamper	£27.81								£ 27.81						
	Total	£5,560.46	£ -	£ -	£2,851.90	£ -	£2,275.25	£ -	£211.81	£ 107.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£115.00	£ -

Opening Balance 1/4/25				£5,884.64						Treasurers Account		£ 19.81				
Receipts		£1,459.00														
Payments		£5,560.46														
Closing Balance as at				£1,783.18												
Expected Receipts																
Competition money for Apr				£ 754.50												
				Total	£ 754.50											
Expected Expenditure																
LC Funds see sheet																
Dementia Day		£1,155.00														
				Total	£ 1,155.00											
Available to Spend					£1,382.68											

A busy time this month with five competitions, collection of the summer competitions and payout for the winter ones.

Competition fees this month amounted to £387 of which £72 will go out to Golf England in respect of the Australian Spoons competition and £112 to charity, leaving £203 retained in the section's funds.

The summer competition fees of £367.50 were slightly down (£42) this year on 2024 (£409.50) due to the reduced players in the mixed and eclectic comps but increases in the Rabbits and



singles were seen. The winter competition prizes (eclectic & singles) pay out totaled £63.50, in line with 2024.

On the Charity front, I finalized the Captains Drive In, paying out £4277.85 to the three Captains Charities, and we raised £112 for Marie Curie from the April Stapleford competition.

Continuing the charity theme, Dementia Day is approaching and we are currently holding the fees for this so whilst the bank account is looking healthy at £1783.18, £1155.00 relates to DD, leaving £628.18 to the section. However, after adding the April fees due, we will have a balance of £1382.68.

This will hold us in good stead for the approaching Weston, Haskell, Stearn, Cranworth and Jubilee County matches.

6. Competition Secretary Report

Results Combined April medal played 6/10th April 23 ladies signed up to play

DV 1

1st	Susan Fraenzel (24)	70	£11.00
2nd	Barbara Dennis (16)	72	£6.50
3rd	Viv Leech (13)	74	£4.50

DV 2

1st	Ged Moreton (27)	69	£11.00
2nd	Sonia Lord (26)	69	£6.50
3rd	Cathy Judd (27)	69	£4.50

Results combined Stableford played 20/24th April 30 ladies signed up to play – Yearly we support the Marie Curie charity in the combined April Stableford. This year we raised £105 which Viv has sent to the charity from our entry fees, so no money vouchers on cards

DV 1

1st	Sian Tutak (14)	38
2nd	Mandy Wickison (20)	35
3rd	Susanne Wilson (21)	35

DV 2

1st	Karol Perley (36)	41
2nd	Angela Middleton (38)	40
3rd	Joanne Calver (29)	37

Australian Spoons played 13/17th April 18 ladies signed up to play – no money vouchers on cards as external competition

1st	Sue Hellman & Clare Woods	45	
2nd	Lynda Baldry & Nicky McQueen		41
3rd	Sue Millard & Karol Perley	37	

Unfortunately, Sue and Clare can't make the regional event at Bawburgh on July 25th, so Lynda and Nicky have been put through. Best of luck Lynda and Nicky, fly that Halesworth flag for us all! Excellent scoring from Sue and Clare, think that's a Halesworth record!



The yearly Easter competition was played in tradition on Good Friday, 18th April. 21 ladies entered and all supported the 'Easter' theme. Some good bunny scores and some not so good bunny scores were posted on the day, every bunny out there behaved extremely well, no angriness was seen. Thanks to Barbara for arranging all the prizes and treats for us all. I'm sure Barbara will be reporting in more detail on the day and with monies raised for our ladies section.

Results for 2 out of 3 Rumble

1st	Sally Baxter (26), Jennifer Read (36) & Julia Hill (28)	53
2nd	Sally Slaymaker (24), Joanne Calver (31) & Cathy Judd (28)	52
3rd	Clare Woods (22), Sally Watson (34) & Karol Perley (36)	52

County matches

With an ever-increasing ladies section and golfing talent to go with it, choosing teams for our up and coming inter county matches is always hard with so many ladies to choose from. This year, Caroline, Rita, Viv and myself as team Captains wanted to put forward training and course management sessions for the squad players. With the help of Ali Hall, we have managed to put 3 training dates in the diary throughout April and May. Each session accommodates 4 pairs playing on the course for 2 hours. We had our first training session last week which we all thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from Ali's way of teaching. We look forward to more of these and are thinking of extending this to the entire section to brush up on course management thinking. Thanks Ali! 😊

Knockout matches

The knockouts seem to be jogging along nicely, everyone is managing to get their matches in nice and early before we get too busy in the season. With changes we made to the HI in the singles knockouts it has slightly increased the numbers in the draw. We have as follows: -

Rabbits' trophy	6 entries
Summer pairs	28 entries
Summer singles	16 entries

I'm sure Susanne will keep you updated in the eclectic and birdie tree standings. The only competitions I will expand on are as follows. The Goldsmith Bowl (Best of series on IG) which is the combined lowest aggregate scores from 4 medals played between April and October. Results so far this year (too early to call) but some steady scores. The figure on the right is the combined medal score, so far from two medals played. IG will work out the best scores across the time parameter finishing end of October. Very tight at the top – Keep going Rita!

1st	Rita Fossey	2	167
2nd	Sara Higgins	2	171
3rd	Viv Leech	2	172

The Order of Merit OOM (player of the year) is well under way. The first column denotes games played, second column is 1st place winning within the monthly competition, third is accumulative points from 10 points for a win and 1 point for 10th place. Early days but Viv has leapt out of the starting grid! Keep it going ladies.

1st	Viv Leech	8	1	47	
2nd	Rita Fossey	7		34	
3rd	Susanne Wilson		7	1	25
4th	Judith Bedwell	5	1	23	
4th =	Ged Moreton	6	1	23	
4th =	Karol Perley	6	1	23	
7th	Clare Woods	4		22	



8th	Julia Hill	6	1	20
9th	Sian Tutak	7		19
10th	Sue Millard	7		18

May is set to be a busy month with diaries already full. Much to report in May where we see the Withey Cup, Dementia Day, Haskell County match, Kyocera matchplay, with Jubilee and Cranworth kicking off looks to be a big report to compile.

7. Handicap Secretary Report

New Ladies - Two new juniors this month

Name	Handicap	Join Date	Category
Delilah Bird		04/04/2025	Junior
Jessica Hewson		01/04/2025	Junior

Handicap Changes

The good weather in April has brought out some good scores particularly from the newer players. I still haven't worked out why WHS gives a more complete picture than IG when reporting handicap changes, but I think it is linked to qualifiers, and the number of cards held on the system.

Overall, in April 24 ladies reduced their handicaps and 15 had increases.

Notable changes were:

Ged Moreton	reduction of	1.3	down to 25.2
Karol Perley	“ “	1.3	down to 33.7 second month in a row
Sally Catt	“ “	1.1	down to 26.4
Sally Baxter	“ “	1.0	down to 23.5

Soft CAP



	HCP Index	Low HCP Index	Soft CAP in Effect	Hard CAP in effect
Hilary Jeffrey	27.8	24.2	Yes	No
Cathy Judd	26.3	23.3	Yes	No
Anne Legg	25.6	22.2	Yes	No
Angela Middleton	36.5	33.1	Yes	No

Eclectic - Summer 2025

A quick start for the eclectic helped I am sure by the good weather in April the current leader is Sian on count back: -

1 st	Sian Tutak	64.6
2 nd	Sara Higgins	64.6
3 rd	Lesley King	66.71

Birdie Tree

Currently a strong showing from the top three, Rita is just leading Sara and Lesley

1 st	Rita Fossey	5
2 nd	Sara Higgins	4
	Lesley King	4

8. Laptop for Ladies Section

BD approached Ben regarding having a laptop for the ladies section, Mrs Hunt has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the laptop. It would be used by the secretary and can be passed between committee members as the need arises. The laptop would remain the property of the ladies section and hold all the sections history. Most of the committee agreed this was needed rather than having the information stored on the secretary's personal computer. It was discussed that we should look at various models and prices and that a policy of rules and regulations should be set out in respect of the laptop. SH agreed to get some quotes and share these with the committee

9. 9 Hole Competitions

SH reported that these competitions are not well supported and perhaps we should look at changing the entry fee to encourage ladies. After discussion the committee decided to reduce



the charge to enter a qualifying 9 hole competition to £1.50 which would go to the Ladies Section, therefore no prize pay-out and no minimum requirement of ladies.

10. AOB

A) Charity Competition instead of EG Trust

As the England Golf Trust have currently dropped their competition, as they have sufficient funds, they have suggested clubs that have this in their diary could run it as a charity competition

B) Google Drive for Sharing Documents

We need to consider using google drive as it makes the sharing process quicker and easier

C) Split Role of Competition Secretary

SH to consider asking ladies to become Competition Secretary and if the role was split the job could be shared. She presented a sheet of the duties involved

D) Hold meetings less frequently

It was agreed that we should have meetings less frequently from November to April (6-8 weeks apart) and monthly from May to October

E) Calendar to go on noticeboard

BD would post the remaining calendar, which is subject to change, onto the noticeboard

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 12th June at 1.30pm

Secretary Mandy Wickison

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