

## **HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

#### **Members:**

Ben Townsend – Managing Director (BT)  
Richard Davies – Club Professional (RD)  
Ellie Andrews – Assistant Manager (EA)  
Paul Kent – Club Captain (PK)  
Gerry Jackson – Club Vice-Captain (GJ)  
Barbara Dennis -- Ladies' Captain (BD)  
Viv Leech – Ladies' Representative (VL)  
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, VL, RS, CH, KPB, DW

**Apologies:** DT, AF

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes of AGM accepted as a true record

**Matters Arising:** DW thanked PK for taking the March minutes in his absence. There were no other matters arising that would not be discussed later in the meeting.

**Club Update:** BT gave the following update to the Committee.

- There is a Junior Open this Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> April) to showcase the Junior section and to acknowledge the work done by Jeremy Jenkins, Steve Ward and of course our two professionals.
- There is a social event with live music in the clubhouse this Saturday evening.
- From 14<sup>th</sup> April onwards the bar will be open until 7.00pm every evening with a Wednesday night meal on offer from 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It is hoped that this will attract some evening golfers who will also take advantage of the meal on offer and make it something of a social night as in the past.
- Scarifying on the two courses is now complete and this will be followed by some light dressing on the greens in the coming few weeks.
- The Greenkeepers update sent out on the club news has been well received by members.
- Some of the honours boards have been updated and the photo-frames and photographs for the Captains' downsized pictures will be back next week.

#### **Ladies' Captain Report:**

It was a privilege to go to Southwold Club on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> March to support Sue Millard and Julie Cooper who were playing in the First Round of the Daily Mail Foursomes against Southwold. This was always going to be a tough match against a strong Home Team from Southwold. On the 1<sup>st</sup> green Sue sunk a 15ft put to win the hole. Not to be out done Julie decided to sink another 15ft put on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to win the hole..... There were some great golf seen by all 4 ladies but sadly for Sue and Julie the home team fought back to even the match on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This just left the 18th. And as everyone knows the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Southwold are tough holes for anyone and it could have gone either way – but today it was Southwold's day and they won the last hole. Sue and Julie you should both be proud of your achievements and also the way you handled defeat. Thanks to Sara and Rita for caddying the ladies today and thanks to everyone who came along to support the ladies, it was lovely to see support around the course.

It seems odd to report on the Captains Drive In so many weeks after actually becoming Lady Captain but this was held on the 9th March to enable as many members as possible a chance to play. The day was perfect, weather couldn't have been better and the atmosphere in the club and on the course great. A total of 140 members played of which 19 were ladies and I am pleased to see that Clare Woods and Mary Pickering were in the winning team with a great score of 123 points – well done ladies. Thank you to everyone who played on the day and also to everyone who sent good wishes but were unable to play all the Captains felt supported. An amazing amount of over £4,200 was raised on the day – my charity British Heart Foundation will receive £1,400. Unfortunately, the actual "drive in" was done whilst a number of teams were still playing on the course. There have been discussions at the main

committee that perhaps this should have been a Shotgun start – this is something all the new incoming captains can decide upon nearer the time.

The following day the 10<sup>th</sup> March saw a number of ladies attend the Winter League Gala at Rookery. Over 80 ladies attended of which 14 Halesworth ladies. This was a lovely day held at the end of the Interim Year Winter League for any lady who had played in it from Bungay, Diss, Gorleston, Halesworth, Rookery and Southwold clubs. For the Interim Trophy I am pleased to say that Halesworth came 2<sup>nd</sup> losing out to Diss by just 1 point. Thank you to everyone who played in this years matches and I am looking forward to next winter's matches and Gala to be held again at Rookery in March 2026

We had our first friendly away to Seckford on the 13<sup>th</sup> March - Everyone had a lovely day with some lovely ladies – however, every match had to give 3 or more shots. This was always going to be tough and unfortunately we lost every match. I did get a Hole in One on the 11<sup>th</sup> but this was after our opponents getting a fabulous 70ft Chipmunk on the 6<sup>th</sup> and then a birdie on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who played – its not always about the winning its about having fun with some good golf along the way. Our next Friendly is on the 4<sup>th</sup> April away to St Audreys – Wishing the squad a good day.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April we have our first friendly at Home. We are trying something new. There will be two friendlies going on at the same time, 18 hole on the Blythe and also 9 holes on the Valley. They should both finish around the same time to enable everyone to eat together. We are playing against Felixstowe – Wishing everyone who is playing in each team a great day.

This week saw the first of my weekly “Golf Rule of the Week” So if anyone has questions or needs some rule explained then this is an ideal way of doing it – please contact me or anyone on the committee.

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> March I attended the Delegates meeting with Rita – we will hear more from Rita in her report. Whilst there I got chatting to Tina Daubney from Fynn Valley who showed an interest in also doing an 8 hole Valley friendly alongside the 18 Blythe. We will be in contact to arrange.

Not long now before the start of our County Matches and I want to thank all the captains involved and all the very best for a great season, Sara with the Stearn, Viv with the Weston, Rita with the Cranworth and Caroline with the Jubilee. Sara and Rita will be representing us in the Haskell this year with the first round being played at Stowmarket. Wishing you both every success.

As part of my Charity of year British Heart Foundation I have just signed up to do a “30 days Strong Woman Challenge” in aid the Foundation and have set up a Just Giving page in this regard – should anyone wish to support me I would be very grateful but there is no pressure from me at all. At nearly 70 this is also a personal challenge I feel I need to undertake to improve my fitness and gain some strength that has been lost over the years, good for golf too!

Happy golfing to everyone.

#### **Ladies' Competition Secretary report March 2025 – Sara Higgins**

It must be warming up out there as the shorts are coming out and the winter jackets going back in. Lovely to see the club house full and spectators using the lovely balcony, of which we should now make more of with the new flooring and some heat in the sun.

We started March off with our combined medal, the first of the year for the ladies having been in winter medal hibernation. Some great scores across the board.

#### **Results combined March Medal 24 players signed up 02/06 - 03**

##### **DV 1**

1st	Judith Bedwell(15)	73	<b>£10.50</b>
2nd	Rita Fossey(8)	73	<b>£6.25</b>
3rd	Susanne Wilson(21)	74	<b>£4.25</b>

##### **DV 2**

1st	Cathy Judd(27)	78	<b>£10.50</b>
2nd	Sonia Lord(26)	79	<b>£6.25</b>

3rd	Julia Hill(27)	82	£4.25
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### **Flag Competition 13 players signed up on the valley course 13/03**

The ladies love the flag competition which is always very competitive, especially seeing where the last place the flag ended and whether you can take it one step further! Certainly these 3 ladies did!

1st	Jennifer Read(47)	63	£7.50
2nd	Sue Hellman(23)	65	£5.00
3rd	Susan Fraenzel(18)	67	£2.50

Ben kindly donated some prizes for the winners on the day which we are very grateful for. We had to play on the valley course due to the Winter Alliance on the Blyth. The Valley does keep your short game in check so it's always good to play out there.

### **R&A 9 hole challenge 24 ladies signed up 16/20 - 03**

This year I added in the R&A 9 hole challenge competition. There are two ways we can find our winners, either by running the report of WHS platform over the past 12 months from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 and the two lowest net scores will be listed across all sections. The way the ladies have opted is to play for the position which we did with an alternate day competition. This year as the standings go so far we have Gerald Jackson & David Graves on the leader board and their score will be combined at 53 and entered via England golf. Always another year ladies.

### **R&A alternate day stableford competition results**

#### **DV1**

1st	Mandy Wickison(10)	20	£12.50
2nd	Sara Higgins(4)	18	£7.50
3rd	Sally Mccoy(11)	17	£5.00

#### **DV 2**

1st	Mary Wildish(20)	22	£12.50
3rd	Sue Hellman(14)	19	£7.50
4th	Karol Perley(18)	18	£5.00

On the back of the 9 hole competitions a few ladies have requested more of these throughout the year. I have set up 9 hole competitions throughout the year which will be qualifying. At the end of 2025 we can assess and see if these should be carried forward to 2026.

### **Results combined March Stableford 35 players signed up 23/27 – 03**

#### **DV 1**

1st	Judith Bedwell(16)	39	£15.00
2nd	Viv Leech(13)	35	£9.00
3rd	Clare Woods(21)	35	£6.00

#### **DV 2**

1st	Julia Hill(27)	39	£15.00
2nd	Karol Perley(37)	39	£9.00
3rd	Emma Hawkins(36)	36	£6.00

**Slow play** – The most talked about topic at the golf club is unfortunately slow play. I have put together a few pointers to read and digest that I'm sure we will all benefit from, so we are aware of our surroundings. Slow play can hinder everyone's golf experience but so too can pressure to rush players. With that in mind, we have come up with some helpful tips designed to help improve your pace of play.

**Ready golf:** This is one of the simplest tips to improve pace of play. Invite others to play if they're ready and set and you're not.

**Time management:** Mark your card after your tee shot or during another player's next tee shot. Don't do it on the green or before your tee shot.

**Pace check:** Stay aware of your group's speed and course flow. Try and make sure you're keeping up with play.

**Stay focused:** Minimise chatting on the course and use waiting time to plan your shot.

**Swift movements:** Walk briskly between shots and from greens.

**Keep score:** Tally your score continuously and don't delay for others.

**Pre-shot routine:** Try and keep it under 15 seconds for efficient play.

**Equipment placement:** Leave bags near the exit to the next tee.

**Assistance matters:** Offer help, rake bunkers and handle flagsticks where possible.

**Search and mark:** If balls are lost, split up to search and mark locations.

**Readying for play:** Plan putts in advance, save time on the green.

**Team effort:** Ensure everyone's contributing to pace and not slowing the group down.

Remember, golf is about enjoyment. Don't hesitate to let faster groups play through for a stress-free round.

### **Future Competitions**

\*All knock out competitions are drawn and now displayed in IG under matches. Please keep an eye on the play by dates so these do not hold up any rounds.

\*Eclectic starts April 1<sup>st</sup> so first comp is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – please text Viv or myself to sign up for this if you can't get to the club to sign up.

\*Dementia day – please support this vital charity for Dementia sufferers and their hard-working carers. May 7<sup>th</sup> Texas scramble teams of 3.

\* Australian spoons 13/17<sup>th</sup> April for h/c of 15-54

\*And finally, our Easter bunny fun comp is back again by bunny demand. Easter Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, teams of 3 playing a rumble. Please sign up and have some fun and definitely no angry bunnies allowed.

### **Ladies Trasurer's Report:** (Viv Leech)

Four competitions completed this month with a total fee income of £332.50 and a total of prizes paid out of £167.00 so retaining 50% for the section.

In addition, the ladies' section was asked to 'control' the resulting income from the Captains Drive In held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and so another £700 will be received, at the beginning of April, being the fees from the competition. I will then be paying out equally between the three Captains charities a share of £4227.85 raised (£1409.29). This is an increase on 2024 of £1073.21 or £357.73 to each charity. A great achievement well done Barbara and her fellow captains. Please see the attached sheet for the full details.

We have also started receiving entry fees for the Dementia Day taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Currently we are holding £795 in fees and hopefully we will beat last year's amount of £2706.18.

I will, by the time of this meeting, have paid out the winners of the winter's singles and eclectic, whilst also receiving the fees from the summer's singles, pairs, mixed and eclectic competitions. The account is looking healthy and I'm happy with our position after the first quarter of the year.

### **Club Captain's Report:**

**Since the last General Committee Meeting on 13.03.25 –**

1. I have decided to once again to note the different players I play golf with throughout my term as captain. This is to a) demonstrate the variance of players I join during my second year as captaincy b) ensure I interact with as many members I can during my second year and c) be 'visible' as captain to as many members as possible. Since the AGM I have accompanied **47** different players on the course.

#### **2. Captains' duties this month have included –**

- 19.03.25 - Organised a 'rules night' by Mike Rees
- 22.03.25 – Organised/attended a practice round for the Tolly team at St Audry's
- 22.03.25 Dealt with an incident between members.
- 28.03.25 Attended the SGU AGM, held at Rookery Park, with Gerry Jackson
- 29.03.25 Hosted Diss Golf Club for a Tolly practice

- 01.04.25 Chaired the Handicap Committee meeting.
  - 05.04.25 Hosted Suffolk Juniors u16's Tolly match
  - I continued to meet with BT on a regular basis to discuss developments around the club.
3. Unfortunately, I caught the Norovirus, which wiped out Monday to Friday of week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March. I gave apologies for the Rules night.
  4. **New Captains Drive In – update.** I am delighted to confirm that this event raised **£4,277.85**, a magnificent amount. Each of the 'captains' charities will receive £1,425.95. Our thanks again to everyone who participated in the day, the helpers, the players and those that bought raffle tickets. These charities (British Heart Foundation, Suffolk Young Carers and Halesworth Dementia Care) will all appreciate these donations.
  5. **SGU AGM** – As Club Captain I attended this year's event on 28.03.25. alongside my Vice Captain Gerry Jackson. The course was in great condition and we put up a good show, scoring 41 points. Under AOB I raised the issue of 'neutral venues' for the county competitions and the chair agreed that the SGU committee would discuss at their next meeting.
  6. **"Fore" Get Me Not.** I am liaising with SH (and JG when he is able to return) about the potential for linking this to our Dementia Day competition in 2026 (too late for this year). Sky Sports video can be viewed based on Seckford's initiative.
  7. **Suffolk County Competitions** - I have liaised with Stenson/Hambro Captain Mark Coby and Parks Captain Ian Stannard re this year's competitions. Both are using me for information and communication with their squads. Plans are well under way for the upcoming matches.
  8. **Greenkeepers** – Mark & his team continue to work hard to ensure the course plays as well as can be expected for this time of year. The recent work on the greens has not impacted on golfers' ability to score well too much and all golfers recognise how necessary the work is and how we benefit in the long run. Members feedback has been very positive about the programme of work shared via email recently. It helps to dispel myths and demystifies the reason for each bit of work carried out. Recent visitors from other clubs have been very complimentary about the course.
  9. **Race to Woodhall Spa 2025** – congratulations to Paul Raynes who has qualified to represent HG in the regional qualifier at Sheringham Golf on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Paul is just awaiting information about the day.
  10. **Congratulations** to Richard Drake & Chris Haslam for winning the Gents winter foursomes. Congratulations to Rowan Naismith-Robertson for his win in the Gents Winter Singles
  11. **Gents Finance surplus** – process in place.
  12. **Summer competitions** – *Seniors closes 14.04.25 Gents 20.04.25. Can we encourage entries all.*
    - a) Seniors Singles (37 entered – 36 entered last year)
    - b) Seniors Pairs (60 entered – 54 entered last year)
    - c) Quaich (24 entered – 22 entered last year)
    - d) Ashurst Cup - Gents Singles (26 entered – 34 last year)
    - e) Judd/Jennings Trophy - Gents Better-ball Pairs (38 entered – 62 last year)
    - f) Gents scratch (5 entered – 14 entered last year)
  13. **Juniors Fund** – I now have approximately 50 further clubs and five bags to process thanks to members continued support and donations. I have also sold a very old trolley this month. \*\*I notice the flyer on the Gents display board has been removed and would ask that they be left up as it is an ongoing appeal.
  14. **Gents AWAY DAY** – negotiations continue for this year's trip with both Eaton and Felixstowe possibilities.
  15. **Main item for discussion** – Perceived barriers to joining HG committees

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

- A. Why are we redistributing a surplus but then charging an enhanced entrance fee to the Gents Spring Trophy of £8? I have discussed this with RS and committee will have a discussion & vote today.
- B. There have been several incidents at the club in the past three weeks which the Gents/Senior Captains are working with BT to resolve.

## **Captains Diary April / June 2025**

13.04.25 Round 1 Tolly match v St Audry's (away)  
13.04.25 Round 1 Hambro match v Diss (home) best wishes given.  
02.05.25 Weston match v Stowmarket (away)  
07.05.25 Dementia Charity Golf Day (currently 49 players)  
09.05.25 Gents friendly match season begins with Apollo (Sprowston) away  
11.05.25 Gents Invitational Day (18 currently entered)  
\*\* 10.06.25 Seniors Open Pairs (70 entrants currently)

## **Senior Captain's Report :**

Firstly, please accept my apologies once again. I cannot be there for this month's meeting, but Vice Captain Andy Frances will again be a more than adequate replacement.

The good weather throughout most of the past month has been very welcome, with some excellent scoring for the seniors. Numbers for our competitions remain very healthy.

### **Golf and Matches**

We had another very good victory at home to Southwold on 18<sup>th</sup> March, winning 6.5 to 1.5.

We then hosted Woodbridge on 1<sup>st</sup> April, whose highest handicap was 17, with the next highest 12 and no fewer than six in single figures. We ended up having a close fought match in good competitive spirit, and came out with a 3.5 to 2.5 win.

Yesterday saw our away fixture against a Southwold team determined to gain revenge, and they duly did so, 6 to 2.

As we are now used to hearing, both visiting teams were highly complementary about the condition of the course and the standard of catering.

In the coming month we have matches against Caldecott Hall away (15<sup>th</sup> April), Fynn Valley away (22<sup>nd</sup> April), Sprowston Hall at home (29 April), Ufford Park at home (2 May) and Barnham Broom away (7<sup>th</sup> May).

With teams selected up to and including the Ufford Park match, 38 members will have represented the club in six seniors' friendlies so far this year.

We have added Fynn Valley to our rota of friendly matches, and now have 36 friendlies scheduled, which I hope will allow many more members to make themselves available and enjoy what are always good days.

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

Stableford Qualifier	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Troy Wilson	38 points
Medal Qualifier	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Robert Steven	Nett 72

The Seniors Winter Eclectic was won by Dave Hopkins with a nett score of 60.5.

The Seniors Winter Accumulators (best three scores from the Stableford qualifiers between November and March) were won by:

Div 1	Paul Raynes	111 points
Div 2	Mike Slater	110 points
Div 3	Robert West	105 points

### **New members**

Since the last meeting, four new members have been notified to us and they have been welcomed by Steve Bacon.

### **Committee**

The next Seniors Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Competition Secretary's Report:**

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

#### **Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> – 'OPEN to ALL' Stableford – 38 Entrants**

**Winner Jordan Payne 40 Pts**

2<sup>nd</sup> Connor Adams 36 Pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Pickering 35 Pts OCB

#### **Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> –GENTS Foursomes – 56 Entrants**

**Winner Kevin Bates & Warren Tydeman Net 68 OCB**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Last & Tony Mardon Net 68

3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Cook & Darron Ridgeon Net 71

#### **Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March Stableford – 88 Entrants**

**Winner Kevin Bates 44 Pts OCB**

2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Last 44 Pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Rowan Naismith-Robertson 40 Pts

#### **Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> – ANNIVERSARY CUP – 84 Entrants**

**Winners Richard Rhodes, David Veasy & Chris Mitchell 82 Pts**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Payne, Dale Pearse & Dan Blowers 78 Pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Ed Bowles, Steve Driver & Keith Pickering 77 Pts

#### **Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> – April Stableford – 92 Entrants**

**Winner Rob Sherington 40 Pts**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Mitchell 37 Pts OCB

3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Busby 37 Pts

**Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - Current Leader is Mark Coby 56 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Last 54 Pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Sherington 47 Pts**

**Gents WINTER Eclectic – FINAL RESULT winner Mark Coby Net 57 OCB, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Payne Net 57, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Sherington Net 58 OCB**

**Winter Singles knockout now completed: -**

**Winner Rowan Naismith-Robertson**

Runner Up Warren Tydeman

**Winter Foursomes now completed: -**

**Winners Richard Drake & Chris Haslam**

Runners Up Ed Bowles & Brad Reynolds

**Next Competitions due as follows: -**

- Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> No Competition due to Hambro Tolly Matches
- Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> GENTS SPRING TROPHY – Tee times in Handicap Order

- Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> Open to All Stableford
- Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> M.R. King April Medal
- Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> Queen Elizabeth Cup
- Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> Halesworth Dementia Mixed Golf Day
- Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> GENTS INVITATION DAY

*At the meeting RS explained that all the 'big competitions' start now which led to KPB observing that the numbers for the knockout competitions were very low. RS said that he was not unduly concerned at the moment and would give the competitions mentioned some greater publicity.*

## **Handicap Secretary's Report**

### **Penalty Scores –**

There have been no penalty scores added since the last meeting. Those that were starting rounds incorrectly are understanding how it works.

### **Soft Cap/Hard Cap**

Currently 23 players with 'Soft cap' enabled. No player's with 'Hard cap' enabled.

We have had 2 members drop off the Soft cap list in the last month which will likely be due to the improved weather and playing conditions lowering scores.

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 in 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.

### **Stroke Indexes**

The first meeting of the group set up to discuss and decide on this matter was carried out on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

The relevant information was passed onto Chris Haslam and Ben Brown. Discussions regarding this have been had and both have been fully versed on the guidelines for Stroke Indexes. We will be meeting again in around 3 weeks to bring our information together and have a discussion with a hope to making a decision with plenty of time allowed before the July deadline.

*As a ryder to the report a discussion took place regarding cards submitted for handicap purposes. This is a topic spoken about on many occasions in the past and does divide opinion. A number of those present believe that every*



round should count towards a player's handicap but would leave the decision to individual members to decide whether they wish to do this.

### Treasurer's Report:

Bank balances	Deposit Account	£10,521.13
	Current Account	£497.98
		£11,019.11

Of this	Junior Money	£6,179.15
	100 Club	£323.80

### Competition Money

Month	Entry fees	'Subsidy'	Total	Prizes	Nett	%
November	£1,472.00		£1,472.00	£1,224.50	£247.50	83.2%
December	£1,381.00		£1,381.00	£1,278.18	£102.82	92.6%
January	£814.00		£814.00	£520.00	£294.00	63.9%
February	£1,529.00		£1,529.00	£1,269.00	£260.00	83.0%
March	£1,134.00	£336.00	£1,470.00	£1,256.00	£214.00	85.4%
April	£1,100.00	£350.00	£1,450.00	£1,200.00	£250.00	82.8%
May	£1,250.00	£350.00	£1,600.00	£1,200.00	£400.00	75.0%
June	£1,250.00	£350.00	£1,600.00	£1,200.00	£400.00	75.0%
July	£1,500.00		£1,500.00	£1,200.00	£300.00	80.0%
August	£1,400.00		£1,400.00	£1,000.00	£400.00	71.4%
September	£1,500.00		£1,500.00	£1,400.00	£100.00	93.3%
October	£2,000.00		£2,000.00	£1,200.00	£800.00	60.0%
	£16,330.00	£1,386.00	£17,716.00	£13,947.68	£3,768.32	78.7%

### Year end Provisions - October 2024

	Provision	Cost	Variance	Budget 2025	Actual 2025
AGM Buffet	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	
Captain's Charity	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Trophies & Engraving	£1,500.00	£970.63	£529.37	£1,000.00	
Captain's Sweaters	£100.00	£105.00	-£5.00	£125.00	
	£2,200.00	£1,675.63	£524.37	£1,425.00	

### Current Year Expenses

	Budget	Actual
County Matches	£1,200.00	£30.00
Sundry Matters	£300.00	£313.40
Bank charges		£4.25
Bank Interest		-£22.13

£1,945.00

£370.52

## Junior Money

### Coaching

Brought forward		£1,173.00
Junior coaching income	£7,000.00	£3,200.00
Junior Coaching expense	£7,000.00	-£1,689.00
	£0.00	£2,684.00

### Clubs Project

Brought forward	£1,949.00
Current year sales	£330.00
	£2,279.00

### Other Money

Brought forward	£962.15
Junior Competitions	-£65.00
100 Club contribution	£309.00
Donations	£10.00
	£1,216.15

Total junior funds £6,179.15

## **Matters for Discussion**

‘Perceived barriers to becoming a General Committee member’

CH said that he thought that it was worth considering that committee members should have a maximum time for serving on the General Committee. PK added that at present the only way to come off the Committee was to resign or in the unlikely event of being replaced by a vote at the AGM. With Captains and Vice-Captains this does not apply as they have their own timeframe but is relevant for the Treasurer, Secretary, Handicap Secretary and Competition Secretary.

BT felt that with the club having so many more members than in the past the time had come to have 3 separate Committees in addition to a General Committee thereby adding an official ‘Gents Committee’ to the existing committees and that a ‘job description’ of what members do might help to encourage members to come forward to join a committee within their section.

KPB felt that a degree of expertise was needed by committee members and that it would be a good thing if each committee had an additional three members ‘without portfolio’ so they could see how the committee works at first hand. PK felt that we needed to make a decision that would lead us into this modified committee arrangement at the meeting and CH believed that we could publicise this in the present year so that it could be out in place in 2026. RS agreed with the idea in principle but thought that we might be overestimating members desire to put themselves forward for positions of responsibility.

3 votes were then taken:

- 1) Proposal: Three separate committees, Gents, Seniors, Ladies for 2026:  
Vote: Agreed (7 for, 1 abstention)
- 2) Proposal: Increase Gents Committee membership to include 2/3 non-portfolio members in the present year:  
Vote: Agreed-unanimous
- 3) Proposal: General Committee membership to be Captains, Vice-Captains + BT for 2026:  
Vote: Agreed 7 for, 1 abstention

All of this subject to the AGM (or EGM) and / or the agreement of management.

**Health & Safety:** The tragic death of a member on the Valley course was reported. The person concerned died of natural causes despite the staff being on the scene within minutes and the defibrillator being used. It was agreed that a defibrillator in the new halfway house should be considered.

#### **Any Other Business:**

It was agreed that the main agenda item for the May meeting would be a decision on whether a Charitee Committee should be set up and if so, who the members might be. The feeling has been for some time that due to the incredible generosity by club members giving time and money to so many different charities over the year that some agreed guidelines were needed in order to deal fairly with new and existing charity requests from members.

PK, as Club Captain, raised the question of entry fees to the Gents Spring Trophy. Having heard from a number of members he felt that the £8 entry fee was excessive and that the current entry numbers reflected this. He acknowledged the fact that RS, as Competition Secretary, had made it fairer for the lowest handicap players by introducing more prize-money divisions but also felt that these same players had the best chance of winning money for the nearest the pins and longest drive prizes were this was applicable.

In response RS argued that apart from the Club Championship the Spring Trophy was the only major trophy in which there were separate gross and nett categories which therefore catered for both the lowest and highest handicap entries. He also felt that the entry numbers were not excessively low and that they would increase nearer to the competition whilst acknowledging that medal competitions are not as popular as stableford competitions and that going out in handicap order was never as popular as when members could play with friends which was the usual format for Sunday competitions. He felt that members should have been directed to him, as Competition Secretary, for an explanation if they were unhappy with the entry fee or format of the competition whereas PK argued that he was simply reflecting the views of members that had spoken to him about this.

A number of other members gave their view without an overall agreement being made,

A vote was then taken on whether the entry fee should remain at the £8, as advertised, using a £4 subsidy or not.

It was agreed that the entry fee would remain at £8 with a vote of 5 in favour, 2 abstentions and 1 against. It was also acknowledged that we could discuss this again but to change two weeks before the competition was not suitable.

On another issue BT was able to confirm the sale of Mells Court to the Club management. This is a significant area of land extending to 6 acres in all and gives the management a number of options on its future use.

#### **100 Club:**

1. J. Jennings
2. G. Jackson
3. R. Sherington

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

*Don Wellman*

