

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 10.05am

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

1. Apologies

All Present

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 12th June and 13th July were approved and then signed by BD

2. Matters Arising

Election of Vice-Captain Viv Leech at the short meeting held on 13th July

3. Lady Captain's Report

Well the month of June has seen so many weather scenarios from being so very dry to having so much rain in just a few hours causing so much damage to our bunkers just as the course was looking at its best. Lots of bunkers were then Ground Under Repair. However, with a lot of hard work and determination from our greenkeepers it wasn't long before we could all say – "what rain". It's so easy to just take our course for granted but there are many many hours behind the scenes to make it so on a daily basis. So it's a huge Thank you to all our Greenkeepers, we think you are all wonderful.

Can't believe I am halfway through my captaincy and entering the busiest time of the year and I go and get my 2nd Cataract op done. Thankfully this went without any hitches and I only missed 8 days of possible golf.

Two Weston matches were planned for June – bad weather meant that the home match against Stowmarket had to be postponed. This is now being played on Tuesday the 29th July. The Aldeburgh Away match was played on the 9th June – where despite Viv and her squad playing so well Home advantage once again played its part. Well done Viv for captaining our Weston Squad in what was always going to be a very tough year. But getting to play some lovely ladies at different courses is always a bonus. Good luck to Viv and all the squad for the remaining matches in Division 1.

On the 10th June there were a number of ladies who played in the County Coronation and Centenary Foursomes at Bungay. Halesworth ladies did us proud with Rita Fossey and Clare Woods coming 3rd in the Coronation Foursomes. And then Sally Watson and Sue Fraenzel Won the Centenary Foursomes. Congratulation ladies well played.

The following week on Wednesday the 18th June – At Gorleston we played the County Seniors Jubilee Shield against Bungay. Caroline our Jubilee captain was biting her nails to the very end but with guts and determination we won through to the next round. Well done Caroline for organising us so well. We are all looking forward to the next round to be played at Bungay against Fynn Valley on Wednesday the 16th July. Good luck to Caroline and all the squad.

And then the following week on the 26th June Rita Fossey our Cranworth Captain led the squad to Woodbridge where the team played against Fynn Valley. 2 x foursome matches followed by 4 single matches. Sadly despite everyone playing out of their socks we were beaten. Every lady who played should be very proud of their efforts as some ladies this was their first county match experience. Rita, all the team and caddies, we are all very proud of you.

During the month we also had 4 friendlies – 3 ladies and 1 mixed.

Ladies v Bawburgh – Home	Lost 3/1
Ladies v Ufford Park – Home	Won 4/0
Ladies v Thorpeness – Away	Lost 2.5/1.5
Mixed v Thorpeness – Away	Lost 6/2

Our scores do not reflect how well our teams played – in every friendly we were giving so many shots. So its a big thank you for playing in these – Always competitive fun and played in the right spirit.

On Friday the 20th the annual East Anglia Air Ambulance fundraising day took place. This has become an annual event in which Gary Slaymaker has gone from strength to strength organising and this year was not exception raising over £20,000 on the day. It was my pleasure to help on the day with other volunteers with registration and scoring. Some interesting cards came through which we had to decipher, thankfully Colin Hillier, the mens Handicap Secretary was with me to help. The cheque presentation to the Air Ambulance will take place at the club on Tuesday the 5th August at 10.30am. Tea, coffee and biscuits from 10am. So if you are free then please come along to show your support.

July is looking equally as busy – so good luck to any ladies playing in these.

7th July – Stearn – 2nd round at Stowmarket
10th July – Ladies Open
12th July – Weston – Div1 – at Home against Woodbridge

14th July – Ladies Friendly v Gorleston at Home
16th July – Senior Jubilee Shield v Fynn Valley playing at Bungay
23rd July – Weston – Div1 – at home against Aldeburgh
29th July – Weston – Div1 – at home against Stowmarket

Barbara Dennis
Lady Captain 2025

4. Treasurer's Report June 2025

Not very much to report this month with only five competitions played, with the funds from the July Medal for the Sunday ladies played on the 29th being received in this month's income and Thursday's fees due in the July payment received in August, totaling £227.00.

Meanwhile the County competitions are coming thick and fast with expenditure for this standing at £222.00 this month but being covered by our income, so no pressure on the section's funds.

Sally Baxter will be reviewing the financials over the next couple of weeks to ensure that all is in order.

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5.Competition Secretary report June 2025 – Sara Higgins

Combined June medal – 14 ladies signed up to play 01/05 - June

DV 1 – 8 players

1st	Judith Bedwell(16)	71 £6.25
2nd	Karen Last(16)	72 £4.25
3rd	Susanne Wilson(20)	74 £3.50

DV 2 – 6 players

1st	Anne Legg(26)	73 £6.25
2nd	Ged Moreton(26)	74 £4.25
3rd	Sally Watson(32)	79 £3.50

Combined June stableford - 29 ladies signed up to play 08/12 – June

DV 1 – 16 players

1st	Lesley King(17)	37 £12.00
2nd	Rita Fossey(8)	37 £7.00
3rd	Barbara Dennis(17)	36 £4.50

DV 2 – 13 players

1st	Jean Berry(29)	36 £12.00
2nd	Angela Middleton(38)	35 £7.00
3rd	Hilary Jeffrey(30)	33 £4.50

Texas scramble fun competition – played 22/26th June 9 ladies signed up and a two ball on the Sunday

1st	Julia Hill, Hilary Jeffrey, Clare Woods	59 £3.00
2nd	Lynda Baldry, Rosie Owen, Karol Perley	66
3rd	Jean Berry, Lin Markham, Angela Middleton	67
4 th	Lynda Baldry and Sally Catt	69

9-hole competitions – these comps have proved they are needed as we have a few ladies opting to play these over 18 holes. In this heat they have been very successful. Let's hope these continue and can plan them again on a rolling basis.

19th June – 2 ladies signed up

1 st	Jennifer Read	20 No payout
2 nd	Mary Wildish	20

Ping external competition played 15/19th June – 12 pairs signed up 15/19th June

1st	Sue Millard (23) & Karol Perley (30)	51	No payout as external
2nd	Lesley King (15) & Viv Leech (12)	48	
3rd	Sally McCoy (20) & Judith Bedwell (14)	43	

In the history of competing in the Ping, I don't think we have ever had any pair card a 51 so many congratulations to Sue M and Karol, best of luck to you and fingers crossed you get to Thonock Park on September 8th. We will all be thinking of you.

Goldsmith Bowl – order of merit current standings

This is tightly contested so far with only a few points between me, Viv and Barbara. **First** column is number of times played, **second** column is total best 4 gross scores, **third and fourth** column is best/worst score

1st	Sara Higgins	4	346	81	90
2nd	Viv Leech	4	353	85	94
3rd	Barbara Dennis	4	377	88	99

Birdie Tree - current standings for the fledglings :-)

1st	Sara Higgins	7
2nd	Lesley King	6
3rd	Rita Fossey	5
4th	Viv Leech	5

External Comps

Gun Hill Cup – Southwold Golf Club

I was invited to play at Southwold on June 19th to represent Halesworth in their yearly Gun Hill Cup, kindly sponsored by the Cripps family who are heavily involved in the club. The entire day was paid for by the Cripps family who also had family members playing in it and created to support junior golf. Our team consisted of Club Captain Paul Kent, me, Alfie Rackham and Sam Bowden who all played exceedingly well on the day and came off winning the Gun Hill Trophy which has never been lifted by Halesworth before. Sam also won best junior score on the day and as a team £500 for our junior development at Halesworth. It was a super day out but possibly played on the hottest day of the year. Well done Alfie and Sam and thanks to Paul for inviting me.

Sunday competitions for ladies – an update

I have been liaising closely with the ladies that predominantly play golf on a Sunday due to their working criteria. Due to the lack of numbers, which is not anyone's fault, it has been difficult to put in social comps as this varies in numbers from

week to week. Sally Catt has agreed to be the rep for the Sunday ladies so we can better judge the comps and agree the format based upon numbers. We will be keeping a close eye on this and see how things are working. All comps on a Sunday apart from the qualifiers and some mixed etc will now be a Sunday roll up; I have changed the settings to sign up a month in advance so Sally and I can forward plan. The Sunday what's app group has been removed as this was a slight step back in terms of limited communication to a few ladies.

Handicap Secretary Report for July Meeting

New Ladies

No new members this month

Handicap Changes

The good weather and excellent playing conditions has seen some wonderful scores with many handicap reductions and only a couple of increases

Overall in May, 13 ladies reduced their handicaps and 5 had increases.

Notable changes were:

Karol Perley	a reduction of	4.2	down to 28.3 (4th month in a row)
Judith Bedwell	" "	2.6	down to 12.9
Lesley King	" "	2.4	down to 14.2
Sue Millard	" "	1.5	down to 23.0 (2nd month in a row)

Soft CAP

	HCP Index	Low HCP Index	Soft CAP in Effect	Hard CAP in effect
Jeffrey, Hilary	29.5	25.9	Yes	No
Judd, Cathy	27.0	23.6	Yes	No

Eclectic

With all golf that is now being played there has been significant changes to the ranking of the top spots. Good scores and handicap cuts coming into play. Sara has been pushed down to 4th place with Lesley powering into 1st, Karol 2nd and Viv holding onto her 3rd place.

1 st	Lesley King	57.4
2 nd	Karol Perley	58.4
3 rd	Viv Leech	59.2

Birdie Tree

1 st	Sara Higgins	7
2 nd	Lesley King	6
3 rd	Rita Fossey & Viv Leech	5

Susanne Wilson
Handicap Secretary

Dated 10th July 2025

5. AOB

A) It has come to our attention that the “Halesworth Group” App is becoming clogged-up with many greetings and some social items when this site is meant for informing lady members of golf that is happening in our section. We are therefore going to limit it to **one** good luck wish or congratulations on behalf of the ladies which might come from the Captain or whoever posts the news. We would then encourage you to use the social website for posting individual good luck/congratulation wishes.

B) Sally Catt has agreed to be the Sunday players representative.
Sara received an email from Sally with enquiries regarding Sunday fun competitions which she will respond to but before she replies she welcomes the committee's input.
A discussion took place around the question of a Sunday players championship and SH would invite each of the working ladies for their opinion as it was considered not workable if not enough ladies entered.

Meeting ended at 11.45am

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th August at 10.30am

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