



## HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 after golf**

Present: Lady Captain - Viv Leech (VL), Secretary – Mandy Wickison (MW), Competition Secretary - Susanne Wilson (SW), Fun Competitions - Julia Hill (JH), Handicap Secretary - Sara Higgins (SH),

#### **1. Apologies**

Barbara Dennis (BD), Cathy Judd (CJ)

#### **2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

Agreed and signed by VL

#### **3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

#### **4. Lady Captain's Report**

Firstly, an update to the Joint Captains Drive In where a net £3975 was split 3 ways between the captains' charities, plus an additional £535 added from my 'shave' a total of £1860 was sent to St Elizabeth's. In addition to this was the Just Giving pot of £1272 so total of £3132 raised. Thanks to all who donated, this is an amazing amount.

So, from the good news to the sad- the resignation of my Vice Captain Julie Cooper. To say I was shocked and saddened is an understatement as I really enjoyed working with Julie and felt we were doing well. But I thank her for her help and support since I stepped up last year. To date no one has offered to step up as VC despite our email and my individual approaches so I will continue to do the friendly matches and the search goes on.

The usual Easter Egg competition was held on Good Friday and hopefully it was enjoyed by all who played as we certainly had fun organizing it. My thanks to Julie & Sara.

The season always seems to really take off with the start of the 'matches' and our first friendly v Woodbridge at home organized very well by Julie, but we were unfortunately second best on the day. Great fun though.

The first Trophy competition -The Candlesticks – took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and was won by Barbara & Sian with a great score of 39 points.

And our first Weston took place under the leadership of Lesley against Newton Green at their very quirky but very enjoyable course, where we ran out 4-1 winners. Well done, Les.

And so, the year gets busier...I am so grateful to you all for your continued support, advice and help as I stumble on through.

Thank you so much

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Lots of income is being generated this month from all the summer knockout entry fees plus competition fees for each Sunday and Thursday. For April this will bring in nearly £900 which won't show in the accounts until May but reflected at the bottom of the monthly report. The start of County competitions have commenced and we are starting to see expenses coming through and these will increase once the season really gets on its way.

All the Captains Drive in Charity monies have now been paid out together with Viv's Sponsorship monies.

Even though the account looks healthy – this is because Dementia Day fees are being entered through our section – and these will be paid to the charity once the final figures have been worked out. Also reflected at the bottom of the monthly report.

We are always carefully monitoring the accounts and competition prize allocations.

**APRIL 2026**

Transactions			Receipts					
DATE	Detail	Amount	Captains Joint Drive in	Captains Sponsored Shave	Captains Charity	County Comps & Exps	Comp Fees In	Sundries
07-Apr	Morris A F - Dementia Day	£ 60.00						£ 60.00
07-Apr	Junction - Felixstowe 4B voucher	£ 150.00	£ 150.00					
08-Apr	Hawk M & Hawk - Dementia day	£ 120.00						£ 120.00
10-Apr	HGC March fees	£ 252.50					£ 252.50	
15-Apr	Morse - Dementia Day	£ 180.00						£ 180.00
17-Apr	B&B Dennis Dementia Day	£ 60.00						£ 60.00
20-Apr	Rita Fossey - Dementia Day	£ 75.00						£ 75.00
23-Apr	Viv Leech - for charity	£ 20.00			£ 20.00			
24-Apr	Summers - Dementia Day	£ 75.00						£ 75.00
24-Apr	Sillett - Dementia Day	£ 45.00						£ 45.00
24-Apr	Drury - Dementia Day	£ 30.00						£ 30.00
24-Apr	Summers P&R - Dementia Day	£ 45.00						£ 45.00
24-Apr	Suffolk Car Centre - Dementia Day	£ 150.00						£ 150.00
27-Apr	Perkins A - Dementia Day	£ 45.00						£ 45.00
27-Apr	Bolster C - Dementia Day	£ 45.00						£ 45.00
27-Apr	Leech - Dementia Day	£ 30.00						£ 30.00
27-Apr	Mattocks EO - Dementia Day	£ 150.00						£ 150.00
27-Apr	Binder MG & CR - Dementia Day	£ 75.00						£ 75.00
28-Apr	Anthony Lock - Dementia Day	£ 45.00						£ 45.00
29-Apr	Gibbs D&V - Dementia Day	£ 30.00						£ 30.00
29-Apr	Julie Cooper - Dementia Day	£ 60.00						£ 60.00
29-Apr	Robert Steven - Dementia Day	£ 30.00						£ 30.00
30-Apr	Obrien E&K - Dementia Day	£ 30.00						£ 30.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,802.50</b>	<b>£ 150.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 20.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 252.50</b>	<b>£ 1,380.00</b>

Transactions			Payments					
DATE	Detail	Amount	Captains Joint Drive in	Captains Sponsored Shave	Captains Charity	County Comps & Exps	Comp Prizes Paid	Sundries
15-Apr	Ladies Eclectic & April medal	£ 83.00					£ 83.00	
15-Apr	St Elizabeth charity - ladies charity	£1,860.00	£ 1,325.00	£ 535.00				
15-Apr	V Leech - expenses re ladies	£ 60.00						£ 60.00
16-Apr	Addedbrooks - Seniors Charity	£1,325.00	£ 1,325.00					
16-Apr	Suffolk Family - Gents Charity	£1,325.00	£ 1,325.00					
16-Apr	Ladies Winter Knockout	£ 27.00					£ 27.00	
21-Apr	Ladies Australian Spoons	£ 80.00						£ 80.00
23-Apr	Ladies Candlestick	£ 38.00					£ 38.00	
27-Apr	Newton Green - re Weston comp	£ 3.30				£ 3.30		
30-Apr	Ladies April stableford	£ 60.00					£ 60.00	
30-Apr	V Leech - Hamper fillings	£ 20.69						£ 20.69
30-Apr	S Wilson - re Race to Woodhall Spa	£ 55.00				£ 55.00		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,936.99</b>	<b>£ 3,975.00</b>	<b>£ 535.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 58.30</b>	<b>£ 208.00</b>	<b>£ 160.69</b>

	Opening Balance as at 1/1/25			<b>£4,990.19</b>				
	Receipts		£ 1,802.50					
	Payments		£ 4,936.99					
	Closing Balance as at 31/1/25			<b>£1,855.70</b>				
	<b>Expected Receipts</b>							
	Competition money for April		£ 896.50					
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 896.50</b>				
	<b>Expected Expenditure</b>							
	Prize monies Summer Summer Knockouts 2026		£ 184.50					
	Dementia Fees		£ 1,380.00					
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,564.50</b>				
	<b>Available funds</b>					<b>£1,187.70</b>		

## Halesworth Ladies Section

November 2025 to April 2026

	FIRST QTR	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	2ND QTR	YEAR END
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>CAPTAINS CHARITY</b>						
Captains Drive In (Ladies)	£ -	£ -	£ 1,551.67	£ 50.00	£ 1,601.67	£ 1,601.67
Captains Joint Drive in	£ -	£ -	£ 3,103.33	£ 100.00	£ 3,203.33	£ 3,203.33
Sponsorship - head shave	£ -	£ 155.00	£ 380.00	£ -	£ 535.00	£ 535.00
Captains Charity	£ 593.00	£ -	£ -	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 613.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 593.00</b>	<b>£ 155.00</b>	<b>£ 5,035.00</b>	<b>£ 170.00</b>	<b>£ 5,360.00</b>	<b>£ 5,953.00</b>
<b>COMPETITION</b>						
County Competition Fees	£ -	£ 16.67	£ 16.65	£ -	£ 33.32	£ 33.32
Competition Fees	£ 794.00	£ 107.50	£ 76.00	£ 252.50	£ 436.00	£ 1,230.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 794.00</b>	<b>£ 124.17</b>	<b>£ 92.65</b>	<b>£ 252.50</b>	<b>£ 469.32</b>	<b>£ 1,263.32</b>
<b>SUNDRY</b>						
Xmas Lunch 2025	£ 942.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 942.00
Sundries	£ 260.00	£ -	£ 120.00	£ 1,380.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,075.00
Other Section Income	£ 28.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1,230.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 120.00</b>	<b>£ 1,380.00</b>	<b>£ 1,500.00</b>	<b>£ 3,045.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>CAPTAINS CHARITY</b>						
Captains Drive In (Ladies)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,325.00	£ 1,325.00	£ 1,325.00
Captains Joint Drive in	£ -	£ -	£ 830.00	£ 2,650.00	£ 3,480.00	£ 3,480.00
Sponsorship - head shave	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 535.00	£ 535.00	£ 535.00
Captains Charity	£ 593.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 593.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 593.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 830.00</b>	<b>£ 4,510.00</b>	<b>£ 5,340.00</b>	<b>£ 5,933.00</b>
<b>COMPETITION</b>						
Competition Fees	£ 263.67	£ 30.00	£ 113.00	£ 208.00	£ 351.00	£ 614.67
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 263.67</b>	<b>£ 30.00</b>	<b>£ 113.00</b>	<b>£ 266.30</b>	<b>£ 409.30</b>	<b>£ 672.97</b>
<b>SUNDRY</b>						
Xmas Lunch 2025	£ 942.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 942.00
Sundries	£ 370.84	£ -	£ 13.99	£ 160.69	£ 174.68	£ 545.52
Other Section expenditure	£ 48.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 48.00
Deposit Account	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00	£ 50.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1,380.84</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 43.99</b>	<b>£ 160.69</b>	<b>£ 204.68</b>	<b>£ 1,585.52</b>
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 2,617.00</b>	<b>£ 279.17</b>	<b>£ 5,247.65</b>	<b>£ 1,802.50</b>	<b>£ 7,329.32</b>	<b>£ 10,261.32</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 2,237.51</b>	<b>£ 30.00</b>	<b>£ 986.99</b>	<b>£ 4,936.99</b>	<b>£ 5,953.98</b>	<b>£ 8,191.49</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 379.49</b>	<b>£ 249.17</b>	<b>£ 4,260.66</b>	<b>£ 3,134.49</b>	<b>£ 1,375.34</b>	<b>£ 2,069.83</b>
<b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b>						
Previous year income transaction	£ 78.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 78.50
Previous year payment trans	£ 1,675.09	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,675.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1,596.59</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 1,596.59</b>
<b>OPENING CURRENT BALANCE</b>						
Transfer from deposit		£ 480.36	£ 729.53	£ 4,990.19		
Receipts		£ 279.17	£ 5,247.65	£ 1,802.50		
Payments		£ 30.00	£ 986.99	£ 4,936.99		
<b>CLOSING CURRENT BALANCE</b>		<b>£ 729.53</b>	<b>£ 4,990.19</b>	<b>£ 1,855.70</b>		
<b>OPENING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</b>						
transfer to/from current		£ 20.99	£ 20.99			
Interest added		£ -	£ 0.04			
<b>CLOSING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</b>		<b>£ 20.99</b>	<b>£ 51.03</b>			

## **6. Competition Secretary's Report**

The British are known for always talking about the weather which is unsurprising as you never really know what you are going to get. Is there not a saying about April showers? Well, where have they been. Having had a very wet start to the year April has been the exact opposite and now the course would benefit from some water! The beginning of year Greens work has been completed with very little disruption to play; the Greens have recovered well and along with the rest of the course looks fantastic and is in excellent condition.

Preferred Lies (Winter Rules) will cease at the end of play on 30th April.

### *Club Competitions*

A full schedule of competitions was completed during April. The standard Medal and Stableford Qualifiers along with our first Trophy competition, Hall Candlesticks Foursomes and a qualifier for an external competition the Australian Spoons. Full details of winners can be found at the end of this report:

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> April – No competition**

No formal competition was arranged, regarded as a practice day and an opportunity for Ladies to play any outstanding Knock-out matches, eclectic etc.

#### **Ladies MEDAL, 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April (Q)**

The second Medal qualifier for the season with three Ladies playing to or below their handicap. The Sunday element of this competition was our first outing with Ladies sharing tee times with the Men. All appears to have gone well with very little feedback which must be a good thing!

#### **Ladies Australian Spoons Foursomes, 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April**

The winners were Sue Fraenzel & Sally Watson who were put forward to the regional final at Stowmarket on Thursday 23rd July. We await to see if their score is good enough to take part.

#### **Anniversary Cup – Sunday 19th April – OPEN to ALL**

Played in teams of three. In a field of 93 entrants, 8 Ladies took part with the highest placed being Joanne Calver in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Ladies Hall Candlesticks Foursomes, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

The course was playing beautifully, and the winning pair Barbara Dennis & Sian Tutak came in with 39 points.

**Ladies Stableford, 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April (Q)**

Beautiful conditions, bright, sunny but a bit of breeze to challenge us. This did not appear to hamper the Division 2 ladies, five came in with over 36 points.

*County Competitions*

**Weston** – 2 matches this month

Newton Green (AWAY) Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April a Win 4-1  
 Fynn Valley (AWAY) Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May a Win 3.5 - 1.5

*External Competitions*

**Race to Woodhall Spa** –Sue Fraenzel has been accepted into the regional event, at Colne Valley on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

*Adapting to the Times*

The integration of the Men’s & Ladies tee times for Sunday competitions continues to move forwards.

MAY we will see a further two Sundays with shared tee times, then a third where we have the Harmony Cup which is open to all. In JUNE we are currently looking to combine three Sundays.

*Ladies Competition Results - April*

**Ladies MEDAL, 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April (Q)**

**27 ladies played**

Division 1				Division 2					
	HC	Sco	Prize		HC	Sco	Prize		
	P	re			P	re			
1 <sup>s</sup>	Sian Tutak	13	71	£9.0	1 <sup>s</sup>	Julia Hill	28	75	£9.0
t			0		t			0	

2 <sup>n</sup> d	Rita Fossey	9	72	£5.5 0	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karol Perley	32	75	£5.5 0
3 <sup>r</sup> d	Susanne Wilson	18	72	£3.7 5	3 <sup>r</sup> d	Sue Hellman	28	76	£3.7 5

**Ladies Australian Spoons Foursomes, 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April** **10**  
**teams played**

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1 <sup>s</sup> t	Sue Fraenzel & Sally Watson	38	point s	*
2 <sup>n</sup> d	Sally Catt & Mary Pickering	37	point s	-
3 <sup>r</sup> d	Caroline Emeny & Emma Hawkins	35	point s	-

\*No Prize money for this event, as all the entry fees are forwarded to the EG Regional Organiser.

**Ladies Hall Candlesticks Foursomes, 23<sup>rd</sup> April** **11 teams**  
**played**

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1 <sup>s</sup> t	Barbara Dennis & Sian Tutak	39	point s	£9.50 each
2 <sup>n</sup> d	Jean Berry & Sue Millard	34	point s	£5.75 each
3 <sup>r</sup> d	Judith Bedwell & Lesley King	33	point s	£3.75 each

**Ladies Stableford, 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April (Q)** **ladies played**

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Division 1	HC P	Sco re	Prize	Division 2	HC P	Sco re	Prize
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1 <sup>s</sup>	Susanne	18	35	£15.00	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sally Watson	33	41	£15.00
t	Wilson								
2 <sup>n</sup>	Julie	23	34	£9.00	2 <sup>n</sup>	Sue Millard	25	40	£9.00
d	Cooper				d				
3 <sup>r</sup>	Sara	7	33	£6.00	3 <sup>r</sup>	Cathy Judd	29	38	£6.00
d	Higgins				d				

## 7. Handicap Secretary's Report

### April statistics

General play cards submitted	43
Competition cards submitted	70
Handicap reductions cut)	22 (2.3 Naomi Lane – excellent
Handicap increases	11
Handicap zero change	35
Awaiting handicaps	12

### Standings as of 30 April

#### Eclectic

1st, Sara Higgins (8)	69
2nd, Viv Leech (11)	72
3rd, Rita Fossey (9)	77

#### Birdie Tree – ongoing

1st, Sara Higgins	6
2nd, Sian Tutak	2
3rd, Viv Leech	2

#### Player of the Year (OOM) – ongoing

1st, Barbara Dennis	35
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2nd, Susanne Wilson 35  
3rd, Rita Fossey 33

### **Goldsmith Bowl - ongoing**

1st, Sara Higgins 159  
2nd, Rita Fossey 165  
3rd, Sian Tutak 168

Since the new stroke indexes have been implemented, we have a hole statistic report that I ran off covering March 18th to current day. Whilst it makes interesting reading it is a bit too early to read anything into this due to not enough playing data. Once we have a few more competitions under our belt, I can run this off end of the season and see how we stand.

Halesworth Golf Club

## **HOLE STATISTICS REPORT**

For course Halesworth Women's Red  
For 142 rounds played between 18 March 2026 and 16 May 2026  
For all handicaps (including Pending)

<b>Hole No</b>	<b>Par</b>	<b>Average Score</b>	<b>Difference to Par</b>	<b>Present Stroke</b>	<b>Empirical Stroke</b>
1	4	5.47	1.47	16	11
2	3	4.49	1.49	12	10
3	5	6.46	1.46	8	12
4	3	4.45	1.45	14	13
5	4	5.07	1.07	18	18
6	5	6.81	1.81	6	7
7	4	5.30	1.30	10	16
8	4	6.09	2.09	2	1
9	4	6.03	2.03	4	2
10	4	6.03	2.03	3	3
11	3	4.30	1.30	17	15
12	5	6.96	1.96	1	4
13	4	5.85	1.85	5	6
14	4	5.64	1.64	7	8
15	4	5.40	1.40	13	14
16	3	4.14	1.14	15	17
17	4	5.58	1.58	11	9
18	5	6.87	1.87	9	5

## Soft and hard cap report

Five ladies have had a soft cap applied to date, being Judith Bedwell, Hilary Jeffery, Sally Watson, Sally McCoy and Rosie Owen. Sally Watson has both soft and hard cap in place. Karol Perley and Helen Jones have had their soft cap removed which is great to see their handicaps balancing out.

A soft cap in the world handicap system limits excessive upward movement of a player's Handicap Index, triggering when a new score increases the index by more than 3.0 strokes over their lowest index in the previous 12 months (Low Handicap Index). It reduces any increase above this 3.0-stroke threshold by 50%.

### **What the Soft Cap Actually Does:**

- **Suppresses Upward Mobility:** If your handicap index calculates to more than 3.0 strokes above your 12-month **Low Handicap Index (LHI)**, the soft cap kicks in.
- **50% Reduction:** It takes the amount *above* that 3.0-stroke increase and reduces it by 50%.
- **Example:** If your LHI is 10.0 and your current scores would push your handicap up by 4.0 strokes to 14.0, the soft cap triggers. The amount over 3.0 (which is 1.0) is halved to 0.5. Your new index becomes 13.5 (10.0 + 3.0 + 0.5) instead of 14.0.
- **Trigger Condition:** It only activates once you have at least 20 acceptable scores in your record.
- **No Cap on Good Play:** The cap only limits how fast your handicap *rises*. It does not limit how fast it can drop if you play well.

If the soft cap is triggered, it will be clearly indicated on your scoring record. It is not a punishment, but a mechanism to keep your index reflecting your "demonstrated ability".

A hard cap acts as an absolute limit on how much your Handicap Index can rise in a 12-month period, preventing it from increasing more than **5.0 strokes** above your lowest index (Low Handicap Index) in that timeframe. It prevents excessive, rapid handicap inflation while ensuring scores still reflect recent ability.

### **Key Aspects of the Hard Cap:**

- **5.0 Stroke Limit:** It kicks in after a "soft cap" (which triggers at a 3.0 stroke increase) fails to prevent further spikes.
- **Low Index Reference:** The cap is calculated based on the lowest Handicap Index you held within the previous 365 days.
- **Protects Integrity:** It serves as a safeguard against potential handicap manipulation by stopping extreme, rapid inflation of your handicap.
- **Context:** It only applies after a player has established a Low Handicap Index (typically requiring at least 20 scores).

*Example:* If your lowest index in the past year was 10.0, your handicap cannot increase above 15.0, even if your recent scores are poor enough to suggest a higher number. I have set up a what's app group discussing this with all ladies, but it is nothing to be overly concerned with.

### **PCC report**

During April the PCC (playing course conditions) kicked in 5 times during the month which activated between -1 and +1 . This affected both the men's and ladies score differentials on the day.

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## **8. Progression Planning**

The email sent out last month had failed to find a vice-captain therefore MW would follow up with a further email to try to encourage interest in coming onto the committee next year as 3 positions would become available, Handicap Secretary, Vice- Captain and Captain. A replacement fourth position for Social had already been found.

Without a vice-captain Viv is currently organising the ladies friendlies and the mixed friendlies – these could be handed over to the men's vice-captain to run next year, VL to speak to Rowan.

## **9. Past & Present Captains Day – 16th July**

- VL has sent invites out
- 8.30am start ahead of other ladies competition
- 1pm meal

## **10. Opens – Current Entries**

**Ladies Open 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**88**

**Mixed Open 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**96**

- VL will put a message out on WhatsApp for volunteers to do registration and ball spot

## **11. AOB**

- VL to respond to Clare regarding Sunday Competitions and trial of 4 balls, we appreciate you are aware of keeping up with speed of play.
- VL thanked Susanne for the amount of work she has been doing as Competition Secretary
- England Golf has updated their website so please make sure your app is updated

Meeting closed at 2.25pm

**Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June 1pm (after golf)**