



HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 9.00am

Present: Lady Captain - Viv Leech (VL), Treasurer - Barbara Dennis (BD), Secretary - Mandy Wickison (MW), Competition Secretary - Susanne Wilson (SW), Fun Competitions - Julia Hill (JH), Handicap Secretary - Sara Higgins (SH), Social -Cathy Judd (CJ)

1. Apologies

Vice-Captain – Julie Cooper (JC),

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

Amendment made to wording in Captain 's report and AOB before signed as approved.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Lady Captain's Report

Well, we are already into the second month of the year and the committee has already seen 3 holidays and one wedding!! Good to have you all back and I would like to minute congratulations to Julie and Gary on their nuptials.

January has as usual been a slow month dominated by the wet weather but in the circumstances the course is in great condition considering the amount of rain we have seen. My thanks to all the green keepers who have been working hard all month. The bunkers especially are looking really smart.

Only three competitions have been completed- the January Stableford with 10 players, the N/Q Medal with 8 players (only 3 brave enough to do all 18 holes) and the Romford Rumble with 8 teams competing. Hopefully Susanne has been working her spreadsheet magic on this.

The Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association AGM took place on Saturday 10th January and all reports can be found on the website. The main thing to come out of it for me was the confirmation that for all county competitions this year (except the Haskell, Division 4- and 9-hole competitions) players will be required to have 10 qualifying cards in the rolling year, 5 of which must be Qualifiers.

All the County Team competitions (Haskell etc.) and Championships have now been drawn and all the Divisions and team comps open for entry. I will be sending out an

email to all the ladies regarding the Division comps to see if we can raise the interest in these and our number of ladies taking part.

Captains Drive In is fast approaching so you may see me practicing my Drive. Maybe with a pitching wedge.!!

5. Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 2026					
Transactions			Receipts		
DATE	Detail	Amount	Previous Year	Xmas Lunch 2024	Comp Fees In
09-Jan	HGC DecFees	£ 212.00			£212.00
	Total	£ 212.00	£ -	£ -	£212.00
Transactions			Payments		
DATE	Detail	Amount	Previous Year Trans.	Xmas Lunch 2024	Comp Prizes Paid
15-Jan	Jan Stableford prizes	£ 22.50			£ 22.50
26-Jan	Jan NQ Medal prizes	£ 11.00			£ 11.00
29-Jan	Jan Romford Rumble prizes	£ 15.00			£ 15.00
	Total	£ 48.50	£ -	£ -	£ 48.50
	Opening Balance as at 1/1/26			£316.86	
	Receipts		£212.00		
	Payments		£ 48.50		
	Closing Balance as at 31/1/26			£480.36	
	Expected Receipts				
	Competition money for Jan		£ 99.50		
			Total	£ 99.50	
	Available funds			£579.86	

The month of January has been very quiet – the weather has resulted in many of the planned competitions being cancelled, with only 3 competitions finalised. The retained funds for the month of January following competition pay out results in £51. Every penny counts. The month on month report now relates to the first quarter of the year showing the funds forwarded to our Lady Captains Charity so far. The next quarter will see a lot more activity with spring round the corner and lots of competitions lined up.

Halesworth Ladies Section

First Quarter November 2025 to January 2026

	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	FIRSTQTR	YEAR END
INCOME					
CAPTAINS CHARITY					
Captains Charity	£ 298.00	£ 295.00	£ -	£ 593.00	£ 593.00
SUB TOTAL	£ 298.00	£ 295.00	£ -	£ 593.00	£ 593.00
COMPETITION					
Competition Fees	£ 316.50	£ 265.50	£ 212.00	£ 794.00	£ 794.00
SUB TOTAL	£ 316.50	£ 265.50	£ 212.00	£ 794.00	£ 794.00
SUNDRY					
Xmas Lunch 2025	£ 516.00	£ 426.00	£ -	£ 942.00	£ 942.00
Sundries	£ -	£ 260.00	£ -	£ 260.00	£ 260.00
Other Section Income	£ 28.00	£ -	£ -	£ 28.00	£ 28.00
SUB TOTAL	£ 544.00	£ 686.00	£ -	£ 1,230.00	£ 1,230.00
EXPENDITURE					
CAPTAINS CHARITY					
Captains Charity	£ -	£ 593.00	£ -	£ 593.00	£ 593.00
SUB TOTAL	£ -	£ 593.00	£ -	£ 593.00	£ 593.00
COMPETITION					
Competition Fees	£ 121.50	£ 93.67	£ 48.50	£ 263.67	£ 263.67
SUB TOTAL	£ 121.50	£ 93.67	£ 48.50	£ 263.67	£ 263.67
SUNDRY					
Xmas Lunch 2025	£ -	£ 942.00	£ -	£ 942.00	£ 942.00
Sundries	£ 45.84	£ 325.00	£ -	£ 370.84	£ 370.84
Other Section expenditure	£ -	£ 48.00	£ -	£ 48.00	£ 48.00
Deposit Account	£ -	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 20.00	£ 20.00
SUB TOTAL	£ 45.84	£ 1,335.00	£ -	£ 1,380.84	£ 1,380.84
INCOME TO TAL 2025	£ 1,158.50	£ 1,246.50	£ 212.00	£ 2,617.00	£ 2,617.00
EXPENDITURE TO TAL 2025	£ 167.34	£ 2,021.67	£ 48.50	£ 2,237.51	£ 2,237.51
	£ 991.16	-£ 775.17	£ 163.50	£ 379.49	£ 379.49
PREVIOUS YEAR					
Previous year income transaction	£ 38.50	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 78.50	£ 78.50
Previous year payment trans	£ 1,604.09	£ 71.00	£ -	£ 1,675.09	£ 1,675.09
TOTAL	-£ 1,565.59	-£ 31.00	£ -	-£ 1,596.59	-£ 1,596.59
OPENING CURRENT BALANCE					
Transfer from deposit	£ 19.00	£ -	£ -		
Receipts	£ 1,197.00	£ 1,286.50	£ 212.00		
Payments	£ 1,771.43	£ 2,092.67	£ 48.50		
CLOSING CURRENT BALANCE	£ 1,123.03	£ 316.86	£ 480.36		
OPENING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT					
transfer to/from current	-£ 19.00	£ 20.00	£ -		
Interest added	£ 0.04	£ -	£ -		
CLOSING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£ 0.99	£ 20.99	£ 20.99		
Expected Receipts					
Competition fees for January		£ 99.50			
Available funds		£ 579.86			

6. Competition Secretary's Report

Halesworth Golf Ladies - Competition Secretary Report

January has been wetter than previous years, and along with the intermittent cold snaps the course has been closed a number of times. Organising any form of competition has proved challenging particularly team events as there have been frequent changes to who wants to play. Happily, those that have chosen to play have been able to get out every Thursday and have enjoyed the opportunity,

But it would be my recommendation that in the future no team events that require more than two be arranged for January.

Club Competitions

The following competitions were held during January, details can be found at the end of this report:

NO Competition on 1st January

Ladies Roll-up – 8th January

A few ladies ventured out for 10 holes thinking it was going to rain, but the course and conditions tempted them to complete the full 18 and the rain held off!

Ladies Stableford – 15th January

10 played

Despite it not being cold on the day, the forecast of incoming heavy rain saw a number of individuals withdrawing from the competition. A few of the greens were saturated which made putting tricky but, the scores were not bad given the conditions

Ladies Non-Qualifying Medal – 22nd January

8 played

Only three ladies managed the full 10 holes. The turnout on the day was disappointing, with two having scheduled their knockout match and a further six wanting to play but not be part of the competition. There is a question mark over the word MEDAL, does this deter people from playing?

Combined Romford Rumble Part 2 – 29th January

16 played, 8 pairs

Well attended for the time of year, again very fortunate with the weather. No rain and very still conditions but cold, you needed to wrap up warm.

Adapting to the Times

Nothing new to report on the Club initiative to have a more integrated Sunday golf schedule.

On another front I am taking on the challenge of having a competition that gives the Ladies the option to play off either the Red or Yellow Tees. We now have a Course rating for the Ladies off the Yellow Tees, so it makes sense to use it. It was announced to the section and appeared it be well received, many have indicated that they would be interested in giving it a try. I am optimistic that over 50% of the field will give the Yellow Tees a try.

The trial 'Ladies RorY Tee Stableford' will be held on Thursday, 12th February

Ladies Competition Results -January

Ladies January Stableford, played 15th January

Division 1				Division 2					
		HCP	Score	Prize		HCP	Score	Prize	
1 st	Barbara Dennis	16	29	£7.00	1 st	Julia Hill	28	30	£7.00
2 nd	Susanne Wilson	18	29	£5.00	2 nd	Karol Perley	32	27	
3 rd	Judith Bedwell	12	28	£3.50					

Ladies Non-Qualifying Medal, played 22nd January

		Nett	
1 st	Ged Moreton	77	£5.50
2 nd	Karol Perley	80	£3.00
3 rd	Sally Watson	91	£2.50

Romford Rumble Part 2, played on 29th January

				8 pairs played
1 st	Jean Berry & Hilary Jeffrey	35	points	£7.50 each
2 nd	Sally Baxter & Julia Hill	35	points	
3 rd	Sue Fraenzel & Sally Watson	33	points	

7. Handicap Secretary's Report

January was quiet, with the course occasionally closed due to bad weather. We're hoping for better conditions soon.

New scorecards are being printed to reflect the updated course structure, allowing all players to play from different tee markers: ladies can use yellow or red, and men can choose white (comps only), yellow, or red on either course. We plan to review hole-by-hole stats once more data is available and will discuss these changes throughout the year.

General play cards submitted
Competition cards submitted
Handicap reductions

25 cards by 11 ladies
7
6 (well done Lesley & Clare)

NAME	START INDEX	END INDEX	CHANGE	SCORES RETURNED IN PERIOD
Barber, Ava	40.7	41.1	0.4	2
Dennis, Barbara	15.6	15.9	0.3	1
Jones, Helen	43.7	44.3	0.6	3
King, Lesley	14.2	13.9	-0.3	2
Watson, Sally	26.8	28.1	1.3	4
Woods, Clare	18.8	18.6	-0.2	1

Standings as of 31 January

Eclectic

B. Dennis (17) –64.4 Barbara has played 10 times so getting a good head start on us all!

L. King (16) - 66

V. Leech (11) –66.1

Birdie Tree

Sara Higgins – 1

Sue Fraenzel – 1

Julia Hill – 1

Soft and hard cap report

Only two ladies have had a soft cap applied to date, being Hilary Jeffery and Karol Perley. 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%. I will be discussing this with both ladies, but it is nothing to be overly concerned with.

PCC report

During January the PCC (playing course conditions) kicked in four times during the month which activated +1. A Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) of +1 means the golf course played one stroke harder than normal on that day. As part of the [World Handicap System](#), this adjustment is automatically applied to score differentials to reflect difficult conditions (e.g., high winds, difficult setup), potentially benefiting a player's Handicap Index.

Key Details on PCC of +1:

Meaning: The course played harder than expected, requiring a positive adjustment to scores

Impact on Score: A score of 36 points might become 37, making it a better result for handicap purposes

Frequency: A+1 is the most common adjustment when the system is triggered

Application: It is calculated automatically at the end of the day if at least eight acceptable scores are posted

Range: The PCC ranges from -1 (easier) to +3 (much harder)

Handicap Support – I have left this in from last time and will be sending an email out regarding any handicap issues over the next few weeks

As I step into the HS* role, one of my main priorities will be helping the ladies' section understand handicaps, score differentials, course conditions, and how these factors influence your scoring history.

The question I'm most often asked is: *"Will my handicap change after a competition?"* In 2026, I plan to set aside specific dates for open discussions where we can explore these questions and work through the calculations together.

With mixed golf becoming a key focus, we anticipate some interesting challenges around handicaps and competition formats—but we'll tackle them together.

I look forward to working with you all in 2026 to make our competitions enjoyable and inclusive, and to ensure everyone feels confident about handicaps and scoring.

8. Main Committee Meeting Update

- Members now receive 10% discount off purchases in the golf shop (including drinks and snacks)
- Scorecards are in the process of being redesigned then printed and will include new indexes and team scores

9. Club Procedure for Marking Team Scorecards

- A new club rule on the procedure for 2 ball teams left without playing partners is being finalised and is to be announced shortly

10. Suffolk County Update

- The 2 Suffolk Golf Days have a change of playing format this year. The 4 Ball Betterball competition will be entered as a team of 4 but then played in pairs alongside a pair from another club. The team pairings will have their betterball scores added together to create the leaderboard.
- The County 100 Club is open to all lady members and it's not too late to join
- To enter Handicap Division 1,2 or 3 SLCGA competitions you require 10 cards for handicap in a rolling year, 5 must be in a Qualifying Competition
- To enter the Division 4 (32.0 H/C and above) and the 9 hole SLCGA competitions no scores are required but a CDH no. is required

- You may enter any of these competitions through golf genius, click the following link: -

<https://slcga-suffolkladiescountygolfassociatio1.golfgenius.com/pages/10958509813243324689>

If you have any problems with this Sara will be happy to help.

11. Air Ambulance

- After the recent main meeting BD had been approached regarding having the monies go through the ladies account since the closure of the AA account due to charges
- The ladies committee discussed this further and took a vote, the majority were against this due to the large amounts involved

12. Captains Drive-In 8th March

- 118 members have signed up for the Captains Drive-In which is on the 8th March.
- Hampers will be provided by the committees and to be in with a chance of winning purchase your lucky numbers

Viv's charity head shave will take place after the golf, so please support her in raising lots of money for St Elizabeth's Hospice. There is a poster on the board in the clubhouse corridor with the Just Giving QR code, or you can donate to Barclays Bank:-

The Halesworth Golf Club Ladies Section

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or text your pledge to Viv on 07584570441

13. AOB

Cathy Judd informed the committee that due to health reasons she has had to suspend her membership but wishes to continue to support Viv as social secretary. The committee were happy for her to do so but she would not have a voting ability with decisions during this time.

Meeting closed at 10.11am

14. Next meeting

Tuesday 10th March by zoom at 9am

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