

Halesworth Golf –

Gents Committee Meeting Tuesday 24th Feb 2026

Attendance:

Ben Townsend (MD), Gerry Jackson (CC), Rowan Naismith- Robertson (CVC), Colin Hillier (HCP Sec), Rob Sherington (C&FS), Chris Haslam (T), Danny Milne (CM), Paul Coby (CM)

Apologies:

Jermy Jenkins (T), Ben Brown (CM)

Minutes from the meeting on Tuesday 27th Jan where approved.

1. Facilities Update – Ben Townsend

Shoe Cleaning Area

- Shoe cleaning station now live; some users splashing mud on walls due to balance issues.
- Plan to install a **floor-mounted metal boot scraper/bar** to provide stability.
- Additional sleepers to be added to raise height and reposition station to reduce wall mess.

Gym Extension

- Extension remains pending planning approval, linked to the new Greenkeepers building.
- Planning decision expected **within the next two weeks**

Course Materials & Signage

- New **scorecards** ordered with updated slope ratings and stroke indexes.
- New **tee signs** ordered with matching updates.
- Delivery:
 - **18-hole signs** expected within a couple of weeks.
 - **9-hole signs** expected in about a month.

Social Events

- Restaurant Night (13 Feb) was successful.
- Upcoming events:
 - **Mother's Day Lunch – Sunday 15 March**
 - **Quiz Night – Saturday 11 April**, hosted by Dave Tower.

Online Lesson Booking & Coaching

- New online lesson booking system live via the website (Golf Lesson page) and IG app context.
- Ben currently the only bookable coach; demand high and feedback excellent.

- Newsletter sign-up available in the shop for weekly updates and booking links.

Health & Safety / IG Member App

- Bridge damage from buggy incident noted; all H&S issues should be reported immediately.
 - Intelligent Golf will release a **new mandatory member app** this year following software acquisitions.
 - Competition setup remains unchanged; only the member-facing app will differ.
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2. Treasurer's Report – Chris Haslam

Bank Balances

- Charities: **£353.80**
- Juniors: **£5,012.97**
- Gents: **£3,105.55**

Competition Finances

- One gents' competition paid out more than it took in; accepted.
- Juniors' summer knockout shows a **£7.50 discrepancy** (in £7.50, out £15); under review.
- Discussion needed with Jeremy on aligning purchase approvals between Juniors and Gents.
- Committee must retain **20% of competition proceeds** for financial stability.

Debit Cards

- Previous debit cards were shut down; Jeremy may still hold one.
- Clarification required on issuing cards to both responsible parties.

3. Competition Administration – Rob Sherington

Recent Competition Issues (ref : gents Medal 15th Feb)

- IG configuration error: results sent to WHS and cannot be deleted.
- Some holes removed; scoring completed via Excel.
- IG will not display official results for this competition.
- **Player of the Year points (15)** will be manually added for affected players.
- Eclectic tracking unaffected.

4. WHS Monitoring – Colin Hillier

- Monitoring registration, score entry, and attestation times for general play scores.
- Issues identified: late registrations, unrealistic timings, solo rounds, selective score submission.
- Plan to send **friendly warning emails**; repeat offenders may receive penalty scores under WHS rules.
- Tracking cancelled rounds and reasons; some appear invalid.
- Draft warning email to be circulated; monitoring to continue.

5. Suffolk Union AGM – Gerry Jackson

- Gerry and Rowan attending AGM on **27 March**.
- Invitation for agenda topics from committee.
- Danny Milne proposed restructuring the **Stenson competition**:
 - Smaller clubs often get only one match when drawn against top-tier clubs.
 - Proposal: split into **Premier and B tiers**, with promotion/relegation, league tables, or A/B knockout brackets.

Sunday Participation & Tee-Time Coordination

- Gerry and Rob attending meeting with Lady Captain and Fixture Secretary.
- Ladies to run their own comp, likely teeing off earlier.
- Formats to align with gents' competition type.

Air Ambulance Charity Event

- Gary Slaymaker requested use of the Gents' bank account to handle event funds.
- Charity has no bank account.
- Chris Haslam sees no issue but will check for potential bank charges.

6. Matters for Discussion

Junior Participation & Scorekeeping

- Concerns raised about juniors playing without adults and inconsistent scorekeeping.
- Suggestion:
 - Maximum **2 juniors per group**.
 - Tee times allocated at the **back of the field**.
 - Adults to volunteer for at least **3 rounds**.
- Noted that similar issues occur among gents due to complacency.
- Rob suggested trialling **random partner selection** to improve social interaction and clubhouse atmosphere.

Slow Play

- Issues include late starts, early starts, unrealistic waits, bag placement, and visibility on certain holes.
- Rob volunteered to act as **starter** for a Sunday comp and provide feedback.

Mid-Round Refreshments

- Proposal for winter tea/coffee urn in the shed.
- Constraints: no power, labour requirements, and H&S considerations.

Health & Safety

- No additional issues raised.

7. Any Other Business

- None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- **Wednesday 1st April 18.30pm**
- Aim: Gents' meetings every **two months**, with club meetings in between.