



Halesworth Golf Club AGM

Friday, 21st November 2025 at 7pm.

Ben Townsend BT (Managing Director), Chair - Paul Kent PK (2024/25 Club Captain), Gerry Jackson GJ (2026 Captain), Ken Parry Brown KPB (Treasurer), Ben Jewell (Club Pro) + 25 Members

1. **Apologies for absence** – Ian Stannard, Matthew Friend, Susan and Werner Frenzel, Sara & Dennis Higgins, Steve & Angela Morris, Brian Lee, Tom Fletcher
2. For those attending a gentle reminder was given by PK to sign in on the attendance sheet provided.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM** - PK asked those present to agree to adopt last year's minutes, unless there was objection. No objection therefore 2024 AMG minutes adopted.
4. **Matters Arising** – No matters arising were shared.

5. Treasurer's Report

Gentlemen's Section Treasurer's Report 2025

I have pleasure in presenting my report as Treasurer for the year to 31st October 2025.

The accounts show that there was a deficit for the year of £1,146.40.

This was as a result of a deliberate policy of your Committee to reduce the funds held by the section to about £2,500. The extra funds had arisen through the charges for competitions, so it decided that during the summer entrance fees were deliberately reduced, but without a change to the prizes paid.

The effect of this was to increase the prize payout from 76% to 94%. As the funds are now at the target level, I would not expect there to be a similar adjustment next summer and that the payout next year might be expected to be back at about 80%.

There is a big reduction in the money paid out in respect of County Competition expense. Your Committee decided that practice rounds etc. should not be an expense of the section but of the players. We still pay for the lunches on all-day matches.

The Bank accounts you may note show a balance of £11,538.54 – rather more than the £2,500 I referred to – but this does not all belong to the Section; indeed, most belongs to the Juniors, £6,482.15. Some of this money has come from the subscriptions the Juniors pay. This is then used to pay for their coaching both in groups and individually. For ease of fiscal management this is going to be managed by the Club's owners in future.

Please note that half of this balance has arisen as a result of the initiative of our Captain, £3,297 has been raised for the Junior section from the sale of golf clubs.

There are liabilities reserved as usual at the year-end totalling £2,375.80 leaving the free funds of £2,680.59, fairly near the Committee's target of £2,500..

This is my last report to you as Treasurer for the last 13 years as I am not standing for re-election. I would like to take the opportunity to thank various persons for their assistance over past years: firstly, the various Captains and the Competition Secretaries for providing the necessary inputs, to Carol Aldred in the Office without whose work the job of treasurer would have been very arduous and to Richard Day who has reviewed the accounts for the past many years on your behalf.

I wish my successor/Successors, whosoever you may elect, a similar peaceful period in office.

I commend this accounts for your approval.

Proposed by Dave Tower.

Seconded by Paul Kent

Accounts thereby approved.

Gentlemen's Competition Money

Competition entry fees	£17,645.00		£16,785.81	
Competition prizes	£16,517.86	94%	£12,773.00	76%
Cost of trophies	£871.95		£1,435.25	
Surplus from competitions	£255.19	1%	£2,577.56	15%

Other income

100 Club	£722.00	£342.00
Captain's Charity	£818.00	£2,268.99
Interest	£69.81	£0.00
	<u>£1,865.00</u>	<u>£5,188.55</u>

Other expenditure

100 Club	£589.00	£639.80
Captain's Charity	£1,118.00	£1,968.99

County Competition expenses	£812.50	£2,099.70
Sundry expenses		
Rake Holders		£187.80
Computer contribution	£22.90	
Bank charges	£34.00	
Past Captain's Tie	£33.00	£25.00
Captain's Jumpers	£105.00	£100.00
Team Sweaters		.
AGM buffet	£300.00	£300.00
	£3,014.40	£5,321.29
Deficit on Gentlemen' Activities	-£1,149.40	-£132.74
Movement in Juniors Funds	£2,398.00	£1,396.15
(including income from Sale of Clubs £1,348)		
Cash surplus in Year	£1,248.60	£1,263.41
Bank Account		
Opening Balance	£10,289.94	£11,026.53
Closing Balance	<u>£11,538.54</u>	<u>£10,289.94</u>
Comprises		
Current Account	£1,501.48	£10,289.94
Deposit Account	£10,569.81	
Less Outstanding	-£532.75	£0.00
	<u>£11,538.54</u>	<u>£10,289.94</u>
Outstanding at year-end		
AGM Buffet 2024	£300.00	£300.00
Captain's Charity	£0.00	£300.00
Trophies and Engraving	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
100 Club	£425.80	£173.80
Captain's Sweaters	£150.00	£100.00
Junior Funds	£6,482.15	£4,084.15
	<u>£8,857.95</u>	<u>£6,457.95</u>
Available funds	<u>£2,680.59</u>	<u>£3,831.99</u>

Ken then made the final draw of the 100 Club –

1st prize £100 –

2nd prize £80 –

3rd prize of £70 –

4th prize £60 –

5th prize £50 –

6th prize - £12

KPB thanked all those that had contributed to the fund over the years.

6. Election of Officers – We have each post nominated and seconded, PK proposed that we elect all members names on sheet as one vote. Those present agreed. Officers therefore duly elected en bloc

Club Captain – Gerry Jackson

Club Vice Captain – Rowan Naismith - Robertson

Gents Treasurer – Chris Haslam / Jeremy Jenkins

Gents Competition Secretary – Rob Sherington

Club Handicap Secretary - Colin Hillier.

Committee Member – Paul Coby

Committee Member – Danny Milne

Committee Member – Ben Brown

7. Retiring Captain's Report

I would like to start by saying what an absolute honour it has been to be the 31st Club Captain (in Halesworth's 35 years) for the past two years.

A few achievements –

1. We had a record turnout of 140 members for our New Captains Drive in earlier in the year, tremendous support.
2. We have implemented 'Open' competitions on a Saturday as requested to those that struggle to be available for Sunday competitive golf
3. We have provided more detail in our reports, now moving toward giving a monthly financial update to ensure true transparency
4. We have introduced two new 'board competitions' (The Judd/Jennings Trophy & the Ransby Trophy)
5. We are now finalising competitions within 24 hours in most cases and prizemoney is paid very promptly
6. We have a separate Gents Committee meeting – giving more time just for Gent's agenda items. We have also expanded the Gents committee and now have low handicappers amongst the ranks.

7. We have throughout my captaincy, sought feedback from members. I have played with (99 in 2025 and 104 in 2024) different members in each of my years as captain, always ensuring I ask members opinions about the course and the club
8. We have been dealing with a Gents finance surplus and always consulted members views whilst doing so.
9. We have invited non committee members to attend Gents committee meetings to encourage a wider take up of roles within committee.
10. We have conducted the clubs first golf survey linked to a range of popular issues
11. We continue to be a generous membership with an estimated £100,000 raised either by the members and local sponsors at the club through the various charities. That is something we can be truly proud of over the past two years
12. The generosity of the membership has enabled me to raise £3,000 for the Juniors fund – just by donating old clubs, trolleys and equipment.
13. We celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Past Captains Brassie, where I hosted 15 past captains to a round of golf & a meal on 14th June. Many others would have also come but for the fact they had pre planned holidays. A great tradition.

I would like to thank all of those members who have been so supportive of the club and myself during these past 24 months.

They are far too many to mention individually but a huge thank you to -

- Anyone who has stepped forward to support the Junior fundraising, by donating old clubs, bags & trolleys - we have a healthy balance of £3000
- To those of you who helped with the Junior mentoring
- To those of you who gave up your early evenings and helped me clear out over 60 buckets of stones from the bunkers across the last two years
- To those of you who gave up your time to act as ball spotters during the various Open, County & Charity competitions
- To those of you who played in the Gents fixtures (sometimes stepping in at the last minute)
- To all the members who helped this magnificent club raise & donate (I believe) over £100,000 to various charities over the past 24 months. This includes the £6k raised for my own chosen charity – The Suffolk Family Carers – which I am delighted that Gerry has decided to keep as his for 2026.
- To Mark & his Greenkeeping staff who work tirelessly through all weather and conditions to provide us with this magnificent course.
- To the various committee members who all give up their time to make sure things run smoothly for everyone,
- To the staff who always have a smile on their face and offer excellent service.
- Lastly, but not least of all, to BEN who, as managing director, has been a joy to work with. Providing support when required and always prepared to listen to members feedback in a constructive manner...it's been an absolute pleasure to represent the club for the past two years.
- Finally, I wish Gerry every success in his year as Club Captain and hope he enjoys the experience as much as I have.
- Thank you.

Paul Kent

Halesworth Golf Club Captain 2024 & 2025.

8. Elected Captain's Address – GJ addressed the attendees -

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen,

What a pleasure and a privilege it is to be the Captain of Halesworth Golf.

I would like to begin by thanking to **Paul** for guidance, advice, and support to me personally over the last twelve months.

To the **Management Team**, thank you for your continued support. To be entrusted with the captaincy of any club is an honour; to hold this position at Halesworth Golf especially during a period of exciting and positive change, is pretty special.

I am looking forward to working alongside:

Paul Smith, Seniors Captain, **Viv Leach**, Ladies Captain
Rowan, my Vice-Captain, Our extended **committee members**

Looking forward, I am pleased to share that the Lady Captain and I will be working together to have a few more mixed competitions on a Sunday.

Hopefully the Stroke Index for the Ladies on the Blyth course will be completed by the New Year so we can begin introducing **Members' Ability Competitions** to encourage more opportunities for mixed play.

I have decided for my Captain's charity to keep with the Suffolk young Carers'

Finally, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all those who have offered their advice, encouragement, and support. very much appreciated.

I hope we can work together to ensure that Halesworth Golf continues to grow, improve, and gain more success. With the shared goal of making Halesworth Golf the very best it can be.

Thank you.

Gerry Jackson

Captain, Halesworth Golf

9. Club Manager's Address

Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee members for all that they do to ensure all runs very efficiently in all sections, and to all the members for helping create an amazing club

Thanks to Paul Kent for his amazing work as Club Captain for the last two years (present Paul with a gift to acknowledge his time as captaincy)

Thanks to Ken Parry-Brown and Don Wellman for their incredible length of service on the committee (presented Ken and Don with a gift)

What did we do in 2025 –

Installed a system which improves the water quality when irrigating the course which has already made a significant difference to the greens root systems

Added a New pond on 1st hole on the valley course

New furniture on the terrace and in the clubhouse

Implemented a new golfing program coaching APP, currently being rolled out across our Juniors but is a great tool for anyone starting golf or wanting to improve

Plus many, many smaller projects ranging from yardage disks, new pins, target on the range, repairs to external cladding on the clubhouse, wood burner back in action, new machinery additions

Both courses have had their slope ratings assessed from all tees, just waiting for one more to come back on the Blyth and we will then update scorecards, tee signs and SI in the new year

Last week - The tree plantation on the 1st of the Blyth Course has started, we have started to mark out the areas which to be planted by semi mature trees and we hope to have this completed by at the beginning of January

Earlier in the year the golf club purchased the sun club which we all know as the old nudist club, this gave us an opportunity that we wanted to jump on straight away,

Subject to planning, we will be building a new green keeper building at the sun club site and we have now got the planning for the current green keepers building into a gym (this will not affect your membership fees, we will just be offering members a discounted rate to join)

While building the gym this will give also give us the right opportunity to improve the locker room, buggy storage and create a much bigger overflow car park

Due to all this going on, we have pushed back a few projects but not cancelled, for example the plan for creating a new shoe cleaning area

10. **AOB** - No items were presented to PK as Captain by the requisite time therefore it is deemed there are no AOB's

Paul Kent thanked all those that attended and invited everyone down to the bar for the 2025 Trophy presentations.

****Kevin Bates** raised a non-related AGM issue which he was invited to discuss with PK & BT after everyone had left.

Paul Kent