

Halesworth Golf Club

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Thursday 29th August 2024 1.30pm

Those Present: Sara Higgins (SH), Lesley King (LK), Barbara Dennis (BD) Viv Leech (VL), Karen Forster (KF), Sonia Lord (SL) and Cathy Judd (CJ).

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 25th July 2024, were approved and were signed by the Secretary – KF

3. Update on previous minutes actions:

- a. **Recent Correspondence** – It was confirmed that the Super Seniors competition was a qualifier. The trophy sheet has been amended to reflect this.
The trophy sheets have now been amended and the latest version is on the website and in the folder in the changing room.
- b. **Log of Locker Keys** – TBD VL
- c. **Slow Play and Sunday Comps.** - Complete
- d. **Review of Competition Divisions** – see below
- e. **Update on items for the Spooktacular.** - CC still has some items in her garage. VL to collect.
There was concern about decorating the Wenhaston room. BD to discuss with Ellie.

4. Competition Secretary report

Competition Secretary submitted a report which was noted. (attached)

5. Handicap Secretary report

Handicap Secretary submitted a report which was noted. (attached)

6. Treasurer Report

Treasurer submitted a report which was noted. (Attached) BD discussing with Club Captain about splitting the proceeds of mixed competitions irrespective of who organises it.

Treasurer to move majority of money from Deposit to Current account to give more flexibility. The deposit account pays so little interest that it will not affect the funds. A small retainer will be left in the deposit account to keep it open for future.

7. AGM – proposed nominations and items to be discussed

- a. Items to be proposed at the AGM
 - Shots on Knockout competitions – to set a maximum of 18 to be given to any player
 - Zones – to continue with the zones on a permanent basis.
 - Draft constitution – to accept Draft Constitution

AGM papers to go out 17th October. Final detail to be agreed before then.

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b. Nominations

Not seeking re-election – Karen Forster & Lesley Pyke.

Vacancies therefore currently are Vice-Captain, Handicap Secretary, Secretary and ANO. It is likely that Sara will not seek re-election the following year.

Email to be sent out asking for people to step up with the option of shadowing the current officers. People will be invited to attend a meeting to see what goes on.

Action KF

8. Update on Draft Constitution

KF reported that Ben Townsend had approved the Draft Constitution with two small changes that she has made. It was agreed to put that forward to the AGM for approval.

9. Update from the main Committee

SH had circulated a report. It was appreciated that the Golf Shop will now be open from 7.00 on a Thursday.

10. Email regarding triangular friendly from Bungay GC

The Committee agreed that we did not wish to move to a triangular friendly in 2025 but we will review for the arrangements in 2026. SH to reply to Bungay.

11. Future Event days:

a. Section Day

Proceeds towards the Christmas lunch

Members to be asked to bring in raffle prizes.

KF to sell tickets. Proceeds for the section.

KF to sell mulligans £1 each – maximum 2 per person.

Putting competition on the putting green. Mark to be asked to mark up.

Putting Competition to be done after 18th.

Airball drive – longest drive off the yellows on the first. Then start the game.

BD to send Whatsapp about the day to lady members.

b. Invitation Day –

The Section are to do the Halfway house – CJ to organise

Pairs betterball 100% Handicap, NTP and Nearest the Line.

Raffle for Bobby Moore

c. Joint Captains Charity day – 6th October. Being organised by Rob Sherington.

d. Spooktacular events

Section are to do the Halfway house – CJ to organise

VL to contact CC to see what items she still has for the Spooktacular

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12. Engraving the Trophies

The Committee agreed to take over the engraving of the Ladies trophies. SH has discussed with an engraver and reported that if we can take them in before end of October it would cost between £4 and £5 each. SH to organise a group to get the trophies to him. There is also the matter of the ones that are wrong and SH is to discuss these so that they can be corrected going forward.

The Committee also agreed to have the trophies engraved bi-annually so as to spread the cost and to keep the trophies up to date.

13. Divisions

SH proposed and the Committee agreed that the divisions should be reviewed. With the additional number of ladies who play regularly in the section the proposal is to move to three divisions. SH to look at the best split.

So as to not cost anymore and not raise the fees, the Committee agreed to pay prizes for the first two for each division as opposed to the first three. KF to work through the prizes that would therefore result.

Next meeting Thursday 26th September

K Forster

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Competition Secretary Report July/August 2024 – Sara Higgins

Ladies Queens Platinum Jubilee stableford competition

D1			
1st	Mandy Wickison(22)	38 –	Trophy winner
2nd	Rita Fossey(11)	37	
3rd	Clare Woods(19)	37	
D2			
1st	Ged Moreton(27)	37	
2nd	Nicky McQueen(34)	35	
3rd	Sally Watson(31)	35	

August Stableford

D1		
1st	Sian Tutak(17)	42
2nd	Judith Bedwell(16)	40
3rd	Rosie Owen(22)	36
D2		
1st	Ged Moreton(27)	36
2nd	Jean Berry(29)	36
3rd	Sally Mccoy(26)	35

Candlestick Foursomes – Trophy competition

1st	Sara Higgins & Lesley King	37	Trophy Winners
2nd	Julie Cooper & Sian Tutak	37	
3rd	Viv Leech & Sue Millard	36	

Sunday Trophy

1st	Sue Millard(31)	43	Trophy Winner
2nd	Sally Catt(30)	42	
3rd	Nicky McQueen(36)	37	

Seniors Championships 18 hole stableford

1st	Susanne Wilson(23)	42	Trophy Winner
2nd	Nicky McQueen(36)	35	
3rd	Karen Forster(30)	34	

Ladies club championship x 36 holes over a day

Gross Leaderboard switch	R1	R2	Total	Par		
1st	Sara Higgins (8)	78	81	159	+15	Trophy Winner
2nd	Rita Fossey (10)	84	88	172	+28	
3rd	Viv Leech (14)	92	88	180	+36	

Nett Leaderboard switch	R1	R2	Total	Par		
1st	Sara Higgins (8)	70	73	143	-1	Trophy Winner
2nd	Sally Catt (27)	68	77	145	+1	
3rd	Sonia Lord (26)	77	73	150	+6	

I would like to say a few words about the club championships this year. We took a vote at our AGM to decide on the length of the championships, 18/27/36, Blyth only, Blyth and Valley and I am pleased to say all the players decided we made the correct decision playing 36 in one day. It is a test of golf ability, strength and stamina and being the main competition of the year, I feel it should be tough on all levels. From the players entered this year, all felt it was the right decision. We also reduced the age cap down to 65 in the super seniors championship, that also proved to be the right decision, we had more ladies sign up than I can ever remember. However I don't feel the ladies at 65 are seniors, in fact far from it so possibly a change of name to superb semi seniors next year. We also changed the ruling in the club championships on a lady player

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being able now able to win gross and net, prior to this it was not allowed which has always been incorrect in my eyes, not because I happened to win both this year but I strongly feel if you have played well and won your placing this should not be given to the runner up as the winner, it also makes that player feel they have won a trophy on someone else's merit. There were some great scores across the board accompanied with some well-earned reductions.

Fun Competitions – only one this month as very busy with other competitions

Red/Yellow/White

1st	Rosie Owen (23), Angela Middleton (38) & Ged Moreton (28)	68
2nd	Caroline Emeny (21), Maggie Bennett (30) & Jean Berry (30)	68
3rd	Julie Cooper (27), Mandy Wickison (21) & Nicky McQueen (36)	67

Mixed Competitions at Halesworth

The Richard Whiting trophy was played on July 26th. We have had feedback that the competition should really get back to how it was first set up. Players from Rookery and Bungay are usually invited as this is where Richard Whiting was also a member. We are aiming that this will be the case next year and can report back to Eileen of our progress.

1st	Michael Hansell & Steve Morris	39
2nd	Andrew Millard & Sue Millard	39
3rd	Rita Fossey & Sara Higgins	38

Mixed Land Salver

We had 33 players signed up for the 3BBB mixed Land Salver with all entry fees donated to the Captains Charities. Most players stayed for the presentation which was great to see. Club Captain proudly gave the winners the Land Salver and spoke of the history of Nick and Carol Land who donated the salver. Congratulations to all players for taking part on yet another glorious bank holiday Monday.

1st	Bob Judd (16), Cathy Judd (23) & Chris Haslam (13)	82 OCB – Trophy Winners
2nd	Clive Seward (9), Karen Last (17) & John Cunnell (8)	82
3rd	Paul Sherwood (10), David Tower (14) & Viv Leech (13)	80

Mixed Ladies and Juniors

This competition has to be a firm favourite of the year. We had 8 ladies v 8 juniors playing a 4BBB match play. Very kindly supported by Jeremy Jenkins who sponsored the Plate and for the second year won by 'The ladies' Well played to everyone as we know that each year that passes the juniors get stronger and stronger so it's only a matter of time juniors! Thanks to Freddie, Freddie, Archie, Alfie, Georgie, James, Ethan and Louie – we enjoyed our matches with you all.

Mixed Open – a report from our Vice Captain Barbara Dennis

Saturday saw 80 golfers arrive for the Mixed Open – the weather was kind to us – the course in perfect condition. It was looking to be a fantastic day especially with the help of happy smiling volunteers – namely Andrea Hood, Dave Tower, Ged Moreton, Cathy Judd, Bod Judd, Gary Slaymaker, Arthur Blackburn, Keith Forster, Dennis Higgins, Steve Waldmeyer, Rita Fossey, Viv Leech, Karen Forster, Sara Higgins and myself.

This would not have been such a success without volunteers for which the Club and myself are very grateful to. Thanks must also go to Richard, Ellie, Ali, Sally, all the front of house staff plus all the catering staff who also made the day the success it was.

The halfway house looked good and apparently tasted even better. The only slight niggle we had from one of the ladies was that there was nothing suitable for her being a celiac other than fruit which she felt wasn't enough to sustain her over the next 8 holes.

The raffle raised a fantastic £237 after costs which was split between the Men's charity Young Carers and the Ladies charity Bobby Moore Cancer Trust.

There was a rolling meal after each group came in which appeared to go down very nicely and we heard nothing but praise for the food.

The prizes were

- NTP 2 nd Ladies Sue Drysdale – Colne Valley
- NTP 2 nd Men's Maurice Barnes – Ipswich
- NTP 4 th Ladies Lesley Barnes – Ipswich
- NTP 4 th Men's Chris Hawson – The Springs

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NTP 11 th Ladies Liz Barrett – Haywards Heath
NTP 11 th Men's David Beckett – Eaton
NTP 16 th Ladies Sue Drysdale – Colne Valley
NTP 16 th Men's Alexander Boath – Ipswich
Longest Drive Ladies Penny Summers – Bramford
Longest Drive Men's Ian Perridge – Hintlesham
Best Front Nick & Jill Hallett – Rookery Park
Best Back on c/b Tony & Jane Gurney Read – Cromer
6th on c/b 44 pts Derek & Judith Wybrow – Chelmsford
5th 44 pts David Chipperfield – Caldecot & Tracey Vincent – Rookery
4th 46 pts Neil & Tracey Booth – Gorleston
3rd on c/b 47 pts Jennifer & David Beckett – Eaton
2nd 47 pts Liz Barrett & Andy Crook – Haywards Heath
1st 49 pts Clive & Gill Storey – Royal Cromer

Everyone I spoke to were very complimentary about the whole day and were looking forward to coming back next year.

County Matches

The Senior Jubilee took place at Fynn Valley playing against Woodbridge. I personally went to spectate and witnessed some solid golf. Once again Captain Caroline took her squad of players to a win 3/1 and now in the final v Aldeburgh. Congratulations to Rita for getting a hole in one during her round. We can do it ladies!

The Stearn squad are going from strength to strength and certainly wanting to retain the win (and silverware) from last year. It seems we are the team to beat and very firmly placed on the ladies map of golf! We played at Gorleston v Ipswich and pushed them hard securing our win. And it was a good win on a tough course against a tough opposition. We are now through to the semi-finals to play Rookery at Bungay on September 2nd.

Weston – A message from Viv. July saw us play our third match of this year's Weston competition, against Fynn Valley at home. Previously we had won against Gorleston at home and Thorpness away, so we were looking to extend our unbeaten run.

Fielding an unchanged team for a second match running we recorded a good 4-1 win and continued the target of promotion back to the 1st division.

AUGUST UPDATE Viv who has Captained the Weston squad has really earned her stripes. From playing against 5 clubs being Diss, Rookery, Thorpness, Gorleston and Fynn Valley we have won 4 of them which means we will be promoted to Division 1. A tough road ahead but great experience playing in the top division. I'm sure Viv will update us in due course of our next adventure.

Well done to all the county squads, Captains, reserves and not forgetting the spectators who come and watch, support and cheer from the sidelines.

Ping Mixed 4BBB – Well done to Paul Kent and Rita Fossey winning this years mixed Ping 4BBB with 46 points and securing a place in September at Thonock Park. Best of luck to you both and I'm sure they won't know what's hit them when you both turn up!

R&A Foursomes – Judith Bedwell & Sally McCoy gained a place in the regional finals at Eaton golf club played Friday 23rd August. It was a tough game in the inclement weather we had that day but from their feedback had a lovely day out.

Knockout Competitions

Ladies Summer singles winner – Karol Perley & runner up Mary Wildish (Rabbits Trophy)

Ladies Summer singles winner – FINAL YET TO BE PLAYED (Lady Presidents Cup)

Ladies Summer doubles winners – Barbara Dennis & Viv Leech and runners up Sue Hellman & Mary Pickering

Jay Old Know mixed pairs knockout – FINAL YET TO BE PLAYED

Mixed and ladies friendly matches – None to report on this month. We do have 2 ladies and 2 mixed matches to complete for this year taking place in September and October which will be reported on in due course.

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The diary is still full with another two months of competitive golf then we can start to line our nests for Winter hibernation. The course looks and plays terrifically and is a privilege to be a member of. During our hosting of competitions all we ever hear are words of positivity and envy!

Handicap Secretary Report August 2024

The last month easier conditions has brought down several handicaps (although I cannot 100% trust IG as it seems to miss out players and I have no way of finding out who and why)

Position	Player	Starting Age	Ending Age	Starting Handicap	Ending Handicap	Strokes Difference
1	Janice Sausman	76	76	50.9	43.9	7.0
2	Karol Perley	64	64	39.9	36.4	3.5
3	Julia Hill	62	63	32.7	29.7	3.0
4	Ged Moreton	69	69	26.5	25.0	1.5
5	Sian Tutak	63	63	16.9	15.5	1.4
6	Karen Forster	67	67	28.9	27.8	1.1
7	Sally Catt	59	60	27.4	26.4	1.0

As you know I have been quite out of the golf world for a couple of weeks and so cannot efficiently report on any handicap comments and questions out there.

I had requests for cards to included for general play scores in the Mixed Land Salver which I did.

As the field was quite small and there were no hold ups (certainly not noticed by us) I was quite happy to let the players putt out and hand me their cards afterwards.

Cheers

Les

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TREASURERS REPORT FOR JULY 2024

Committee meeting Thursday 29th August

A total of 6 competitions were played this month with £287.00 being returned from HGC. Of those 6, one, The Medal of Medals was a free competition and another was the Mixed Ping 4 ball better ball from which £35 was collected but all forwarded to England Golf as per the rules. The good news is that Halesworth GC will have representatives at the final with Paul Kent & Rita Fossey playing at Thonock Park on 9th September.

The majority of funds, paid out this month (behind only charity payments) were for County expenses (£575.11) mainly as a result of the ladies' sections continued success in The Stearn and Jubilee competitions which is a great thing to see. However this amount also included £270 paid to Suffolk County Ladies for our competitions in 2025, so a 'one off' payment.

On the Charity side, I have paid a further £1169.84 to The Bobby Moore foundation, raised from the raffle at the Ladies Open (£673.49) and balances of the "666" (£81.80) and "55" (£414.55) challenges, making a total of £4019.70 to date.

We continue to see applications for our Spooktacular event in October with another £500 being added to £600 already received and with nearly 3 months to go I expect to see more coming in.

Finally, included in our available balance is the LC funds (now £319.11) so with just under £300 and the balance of £516 in the savings account we are still covering our costs.

Viv

