

HALESWORTH GOLF – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024

Ben Townsend – Managing Director (BT)

Richard Davies – Club Professional (RD)

Ellie Andrews – Assistant Manager (EA)

Paul Kent – Club Captain (PK)

Paul Butcher – Club Vice-Captain (PB)

Gary Slaymaker – Past Club Captain (GS)

Sara Higgins – Past Ladies' Captain & Competition Secretary (SH)

Barbara Dennis—Ladies' Vice-Captain (BD)

Karen Forster Ladies' Secretary (KF)

John Meggison – Seniors' Captain (JM)

Dave Tower – Seniors' Vice-Captain (DT)

Rob Sherington – Competition & Handicap Secretary (RS)

Ken Parry-Brown – Treasurer Secretary (KPB)

Don Wellman – Secretary (DW)

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Present: BT, PK, GS, SH, JM, DT, DW

Apologies: RS, PB, KPB, KF, BD, RD, EA

Minutes of the Last Meeting. Accepted as a true record

Matters Arising: With reference to the analysis of scores on each hole produced for the Committee by RS for the August meeting the comment was made that it would also be interesting to see if there was much difference with the relative difficulty of scores per hole in the summer months compared to those in the winter.

Three trophies (Seniors Championship, Juniors Championship and Land Trophy) have been given out and all returned within the stipulated two-week period. SH asked whether they had been signed out and signed back in again and whether there were any potential insurance issues. BT said he would look at the insurance issues and decide whether the holder of the trophy would need to sign that they were responsible for its safe return if it was not covered by our own insurance.

On the question of the Ben Townsend Award it was agreed that it would be appropriate to posthumously award the trophy to the late Eric Felgate. The Committee were in no doubt that he was most deserving of the award and that it was also appropriate for this to happen in the year following his death. In future years the idea put forward at the last Committee Meeting would be followed with the captains of each section putting forward their suggestions to BT and then jointly coming to an agreed decision for the award. With the decision already made for this year's award there was time to modify this idea of selection if that was thought to be necessary.

Club Update: (from BT)

On the social side the Abba Night had been a success and great fun but there was the likelihood that the upcoming Music Night would need to be postponed due to lack of support. DT is hosting another Quiz Night on 12th October and there is good support for this. Posters for Christmas and New Year events are already in evidence.

With autumn now upon us the bar will close either at 6.00 pm or 6.30 pm and the shop at 5.00pm.

On the course the greens have been cored and already they are showing signs of new growth. On the Valley Course the tees have had heavy wear over the summer months and the mats are now in operation to allow the tees to recover. The efforts of the stone-picking volunteers, led

by PK, have been much appreciated by Mark and are ongoing at the present time. New GUR signs have now arrived and can be in place wherever they are needed on the course.

Competitions:

Ladies' Competition Report (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 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

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 – Caldecott & 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, Thorpeness, 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.

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!

Ladies' Handicap Secretary Report: (Lesley King)

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)

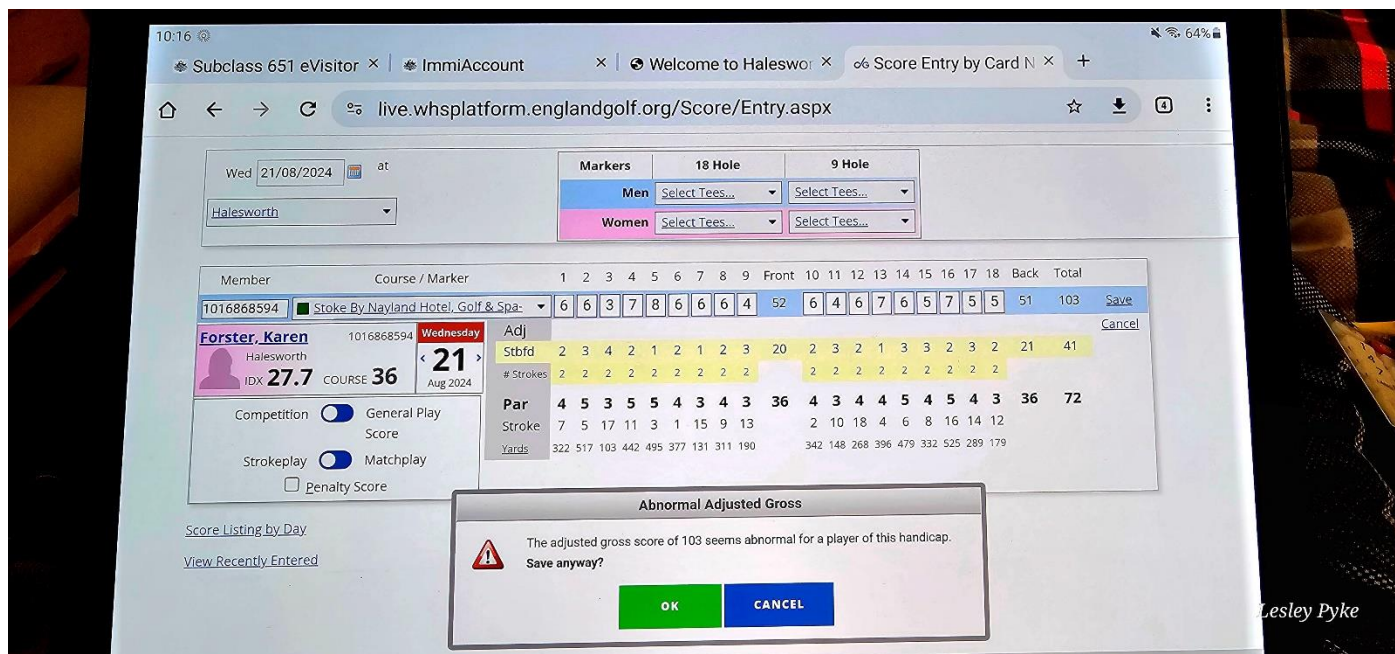
Position	Player	Starting Age	Ending Age	Starting Handicap	Ending Handicap	Strokes Difference
1	Janice Sausman	76	76	50.9	43.9	7.0
2	Karol Perley	64	64	39.9	36.4	3.5
3	Julia Hill	62	63	32.7	29.7	3.0
4	Ged Moreton	69	69	26.5	25.0	1.5
5	Sian Tutak	63	63	16.9	15.5	1.4
6	Karen Forster	67	67	28.9	27.8	1.1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

I was asked by Karen Forster to include a recent card at Stoke By Nayland. Karen had had a superb game but was unable to get the scores in. I put them straight into WHS and this affected her handicap immediately as I knew it



would. The interesting thing is what came up on the screen: It had also said this when I added a good card for Cathy Judd the other month.

I think it is quite rude in fact! The score is not "abnormal" it is just a really good score, so I say Well Done Karen!!

Ladies' Treasurer's Report: (Viv Leech)

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.

Club Captain's Report:

Since the August Committee meeting on 21.08.24 –

1. I have now played with **79** different members since being appointed captain.
2. Captains' duties this month have included –
 - **23.08.24** I supported JM at the Senior Championship, staying till the end to co-present the Trophy to this year's Seniors Champion Gary Slaymaker.
 - **24.08.24** I captained the Gents to a 3.5 – 2.5 win at home against Stowmarket. Weather was not great but all had a god time and feedback about the course was very positive.
 - **26.08.24** I partnered Sara Higgins & Dennis Higgins as we defended the Mixed Land Salver. I presented the Trophy to this year's victorious team of Bob & Cathy Judd & Chris Haslam.
 - **30.08.24** I was unable to attend the Pear Tree Day, having already committed to a trip to Thetford, using a charity four ball voucher purchased earlier in the year. The day was a great success with £10,300 raised. Well done to all involved.
 - **31.08.24** Halesworth Golf won the **Thursday Night finale** which involved over 80 players from different clubs which we hosted. **Cliff Brown** won the individual **Tony Daniels Trophy** with 42 points. **Team Rob** won the **Millennium Cup** team prize. £350 was given to HG which has been passed on to the **Halesworth Volunteer Centre**.
 - **02.09.24 & 03.09.24** 21 members joined me in the stone picking evenings, focusing on the 1st & 2nd, 10th, 18th and 5th and 6th holes initially. 13 full buckets of stones were removed across the two evenings. More days are now arranged for **24th & 25th Sept.**
 - **09.09.24** I travelled with Rita Fossey to the **Ping National 4BBB** final held at Thonock Park Golf Club on **10.09.24**. Rita & I enjoyed our experience but could not compete with the high handicappers racking up high scores. The winners posted a score of 52 points!
 - **17.09.24 Halesworth Golf Past Captains** had an excellent day at Gorleston, competing in the **Suffolk Past Captains** event. **Bob Judd** won the day with 35 points, the **team event** was won by **Bob, KPB, Dave King & Gary Slaymaker**. The **individual Millennium Salver** was won by **Gary Slaymaker**. It's great to see HG continuing to win throughout the year. **Well done to all this year.**
 - I continue to meet with BT on a regular basis to discuss developments around the club.
 - I have confirmed all Seniors Winter League dates and arrangements with the other four clubs.
3. **Congratulations** to our **2024 Seniors Champion** Gary Slaymaker with an impressive Gross 86 and 34. Given that the competition was played in 40+mph winds it was impressive that GS managed the conditions so well.
4. It has now been announced that PB will no longer take on the captain's responsibility for 2025, due to a change in personal circumstances.
5. **Williams Trophy** – The Gents contributed £19.99 toward the small trophies presented to the winners (James Coby, Rita Fossey, Jeremy Jenkins and Neil Coby). **£105** from the entry fees were deposited for the **Junior's fund**.

6. **Apollo Golf** (Sprowston) donated £150 to the club following the home match on 04.09.24. This was passed on to the **Pear Tree Fund**.

7. GENTS MATCHES –

All this year's Gents matches are now completed for this year. From the 10 matches we secured 6 wins, whilst losing 4 times.

Results –

05.06.24	H	Southwold	4-2 win	IS
12.06.24	H	St Clements	5.5 – 0.5 win	RS
26.06.24	A	Southwold	4-2 loss	IS
10.07.24	A	Eaton	3-2 win	JC
13.07.24	A	St. Clements-	5.5-0.5 loss	RS
31.07.24	H	Eaton	3-2 loss	JC
07.08.24	H	Police	3-2 loss	IS
09.08.24	A	Apollo	6-1 win	RS
24.08.24	H	Stowmarket	3.5 – 2.5 win	PK
04.09.24	H	Apollo	5-3 win	RS

21.09.24 Gents 'away day' to Eaton GC. We currently have 24 of the 32 places booked up, offering a first come, first served booking system. Eaton will be bringing 32 players here on the same day. A number of players who initially signed up have had to withdraw due to 'weddings', holidays and change of work circumstance.

8. **The Golf course** has held up well this summer, considering the lack of rain for much of July & August. I am delighted that members stepped forward to volunteer their help in removing as many **stones from the bunkers** as possible, which tied in with greenkeepers work the same week on the greens. 21 volunteers assisted. A review with MC has determined that this work has offered significant support to the greenkeepers and that further support will be appreciated.
 9. **The Juniors Fund** – My appeal, (in order to raise funds for the junior section), has somewhat plateaued. To date the members have raised over **£2000.00. My thanks to all that have contributed.** Posters are up around club as the appeal runs 'continuously'.
 10. We have moved the joint **Captains Charity Day** from the 6th Oct as that is the date of the Ladies Stearn Final at Woodbridge. It will now be played on the 27th October.
 11. I wish the Ladies Jubilee and Stearn Team the best of luck in their forthcoming respective finals. **Another great year for Halesworth Ladies Golf which goes from strength to strength.**
 12. **Matters raised with me**, by members, since my election as Captain continue to be contained within this report
- A. Potential new committee member. CH is interested in discussing the Handicap secretary's role. CH advises that RS will talk through the role with him upon his return from holiday.

- B. There has been an appeal by several Gents who hope that, given we know when greenkeepers hollow tine the greens, we could possibly avoid Trophy and /or qualifying competitions in all sections for at least two weeks following this work in September. ***I have discussed this with Ben and it makes sense to offer members 'team events' such as scrambles and better-ball competitions during the period where the greens are recovering.***
 - C. As requested by them, and previously discussed at committee, two members will be observing today's meeting. They are **Matthew Friend & Mark Winwood**. We shall see if there will be a future clamour to also 'observe'.
 - D. **Saturday competitions** – RS has added some competitions in calendar
 - E. **Surplus in Gents accounts** – I am still attempting to understand our balance, expected costs and potential year-end balance so a contingency amount can be discussed at the AGM and a vote by members on how to use any potential surplus.
13. **Suffolk Golf AGM** – held at Newton Green on **22.03.24**. I previously contacted PL to highlight the minutes had not been uploaded onto their website. PL has now confirmed that these are now available on the SGU website.

Captains Diary Sept / Oct 2024

- 18.09.24 Ladies Jubilee Final at Aldeburgh (my apologies given as I have prior engagement)
- 21.09.24 Gents 'away day' to Easton with 22 members
- 06.10.24 Ladies Stearn Final at Woodbridge
- 16.10.24 Seniors Winter League match at home v Bungay
- 17.10.24 Seniors Away Day at Hintlesham

Seniors' Captain's Report:

Golf and Matches

The Seniors Championship was held on 23rd August and was won by Gary Slaymaker with a 27 hole total of 120.

The net prize went to John Morley with the runner up in both comps being Chris Peach.

The Seniors Stableford on Friday 6th Sept was won by Paul Raynes with 40pts.

The Seniors Stableford on Tues 10th Sept was won by Paul Raynes with 35pts.

The Blyth Trophy on Friday 13th Sept was won by Paul Raynes with a net 64, six shots clear of the field.

We have a Seniors medal coming up on 24th September and the Enticknap Cup on the 27th September.

The Seniors Captains Away Day at Hintlesham for 17th Oct 2024 currently has 26 Seniors signed up.

We have 7 Seniors friendly matches yet to play. On 11th Sept we completed a notable double by winning home and away to Thorpeness. Unfortunately, we lost the last match we had, away at Easton on Monday of this week.

So far, we have played 25, won 12, drawn 4 and lost 9. We have just been informed that the previously cancelled fixture with Southwold has been reinstated so we are looking to fit it back into our fixture list for next year.

Winter League

The Winter League fixtures kick off with a home match for us against Bungay on 16th October. We have 29 Seniors currently registered for the squad. The HGC Winter League team for 2024 will be captained by Larry Gazzard.

Senior Captains Charity

I have recently made the final donation from monies received for the Seniors Charity Shield Day. We donated £1,050 to the British Heart Foundation (BHF), my nominated charity. Earlier in the year, we donated £1,051.54 also to the BHF from the Capts Drive In. That makes a cumulative total so far of £2,101.54.

New members

No new members have been notified to us in the last month.

Committee

The Seniors held their last meeting on Tues 13th August 2024. The minutes are now on the club web site. The next Seniors Committee meeting is on Tues 5th November 2024 (every quarter).

We are still searching for a Vice Captain for next year.

The rest of the committee have indicated a desire to stay on apart from John Ashton who has informed us that he will retire from the committee at the end of his term.

The Seniors AGM is booked for 1pm on Friday 29th Nov 2024, directly after a 10 hole roll-up stableford competition on the Blyth course. We have previously agreed to move the presentation of our trophies to after the AGM instead of at our Christmas Dinner.

(The Club AGM will be held later the same day – Friday 29th Nov - at 7pm).

I am in the process of ordering the glassware from Lesley Pike. I am also speaking to Rob re the engraving of our trophies.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting, **the following competitions have been completed.**

Sunday August 25th – SEPTEMBER STABLEFORD - 74 Entrants

Winner Dale Pearse 42 Pts

2nd Will Pye 41 Pts

3rd Jordan Payne 40 Pts

Friday August 30th – PEAR TREE GOLF DAY - 132 Entrants (A Record Number)

Winners Susan Soar, Jon Soar, David Beckett & Jennifer Beckett (Eaton Golf Club) 132 Pts

2nd Judith Bedwell, Jon Barber, Michael Barber & Neville Chubbock 131 Pts ocb

3rd Carl Goodwin, Ash Canham, Marcus Payne & Toby Payne 131 Pts

+ £10300 raised for charity

Saturday August 31st – Tony Daniels Trophy (Finale of Thursday League) - 81 Entrants

Winner Clifford Brown (Halesworth 'Rob') 42 Pts

2nd Colin Block (Bungay Black Dogs) 39 Pts

3rd Bradley Reynolds (Halesworth 'Rob') 38 Pts ocb

As part of the same competition - Millennium Cup Team (5 players)

Winners Halesworth 'Rob 1' – Rob Sherington, Jeremy Jenkins, Paul Sherwood, Ken Parry-Brown & Tony Good – 165 Pts

2nd Halesworth 'Bob 3' -Connor Adams, Lee Adams, David Pryke, Gary Slaymaker & David King – 163 Pts

3rd Caldecott Crusaders 2 – Geoff Hall, Jess Steele, Chris Lambert, Kirk Bardsley & Ed Fryer – 161 Pts
+ £350 raised for charity

Sunday September 1st – OPEN to ALL Mickey Holland Texas Scramble – 112 Entrants

Winners Paul Coby, Mark Coby, Will Coby & Paul Sherwood Net 53.4

2nd Chris baker, Tony Miles, Jack Rawlinson & Andy Bennett – Net 53.5

3rd Kurt Leech, Craig Stammers, Ash Canham & Robbie Ling 53.6

VERY CLOSE – as you see

Best Mixed

Chris Mitchell, Richard Rhodes, Keith Jackson & Karen Jackson Net 58.0

Best Ladies

Sara Higgins, Sonia Lord, Lesley King & Sally Slaymaker Net 62.5

Sunday September 7th – SEPTEMBER MEDAL - 70 Entrants

Winner Bradley Reynolds Net 66

2nd Brett Lockwood Net 68

3rd Kevin Ramsbottom Net 69 ocb

Sunday September 14th – STANNARD Foursomes Trophy - 56 Entrants (max hcp restricted entries)

Winners Tyrone Prins & Connor Adams Net 72

2nd Kevin Bowe & Ben Morris Net 73

3rd Richard Drake & Chris Haslam Net 74 ocb

SUMMER SERIES 4 VALLEY COURSE Wednesday 18th September – 13 Entrants – Results not yet available

18 Holes

9 Holes

Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - Leader is JUST STILL Danny Smith 77 Pts, 2nd Michael Fulton 76 Pts 3rd Clifford Brown & Clive Seward 71 Pts VERY CLOSE Finishes OCT 31st

Gents Summer Eclectic – Current Leaders Paul Coby Net 57, 2nd Clifford Brown Net 57, 3rd Dennis Higgins Net 57, 4th Simon Hunter Net 57 all ocb

- **Summer Singles knockout** – Final – Danny Smith v Defending Champion – Clive Seward
- **Scratch Knockout – Winner Danny Milne** runner up Graham Shillings
- **Summer Betterball pairs – Winners Ed Bowles & Brad Reynolds** runners up Rowan Naismith-Roberston & Jack Payne

Winter Knockouts are now available for sign up

Next Competitions due as follows: -

1. Wednesday September 18th FINAL SUMMER SERIES 4 VALLEY COURSE
2. Sunday September 22nd GENTS Daily Mail Foursomes
3. Sunday September 29th SHERWOOD Bogey

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| 4. Saturday October 5 th | OPEN to ALL Stableford – can play anytime on the day (3 entrants so far) |
| 5. Sunday October 6 th | GENTS October Stableford |
| 6. Sunday October 13 th | GENTS October Medal |
| 7. Sunday October 20 th | TONY KNOX Trophy |
| 8. Sunday October 28 th | JOINT CAPTAINS Charity Day |

I have scheduled in all the competitions for next year, however I urge caution regarding this. We do not know the dates yet for County Competitions – these will need to be fit in. I also believe flexibility is crucial and as such do not feel we should be aiming to print out a fixture schedule as a hard copy – things will change due to weather and often other unknown circumstances we should be encouraging members to embrace the fluidity of IG rather than rely on a printed sheet which may become inaccurate once a change is made.

Something to consider – Charity Event Entry Fees

It is great to see how much we raise as a club to a range of different charities through the generosity of our members, however we need to be conscious of these increased demands on members. I have worked out this year my additional contributions outside of membership and competition entry fees for senior and gent competitions have been :-

Matches

Seniors

Home 6 = £16 + £20(drinks) =£36 X 6 = £216

Away 5 = £16 X 5 = £80

Total Seniors £296

Gents

Home 6 = £16 + £20(drinks) =£36 X 6 = £216

Away 5 = £16 X 5 = £80

Total Gents £296

Team Rob

Home 8 = £15 + £20(drinks) =£35 X 8 = £280

Away 7 = £15 X 5 = £75

Total Team Rob £355

Total Matches = £947!!

Big Charity Events

Dementia - £25 -WELL DONE reduced rate for members - £20 raffle - £20 drinks = £65

Air Ambulance £60 - £20 raffle - £20 drinks = £100

Pear Tree £50 - £20 raffle - £20 drinks = £90

Thursday Night Finale - £27.50 - £10 raffle - £20 drinks £57.50

Another £255 creating a staggering total of £1259.50! (Please don't let my wife see this!)

I have never really wanted to do this calculation but I feel it helps understand the generosity many of us give back to the club so I am suggesting we follow the lead from the Dementia day and for the big charity events **provide a members rate and a visitors rate as an acknowledgement of the support many of the same people give**, I feel in this way we can show we have addressed comments I have

heard regarding cost of these events and will continue to get the great support from our members we currently are getting.

Handicap Secretary's Report :

An Annual Review will need to take place around Mid October.

We currently **have 27 players who have their soft cap enabled** slowing the rate at which their handicap is increasing – **No player has their hard cap enabled** which is not surprising during summer months.

I have attached a document showing all our current players (27) with the cap enabled

In my last report I produced a hole statistics report. In this report I would like to **explain a little about the soft cap.**

The soft cap is triggered when a players handicap increases quickly over time, it is not an accurate calculation but normally triggers if a players handicap index goes 3 above their low handicap index. The low handicap index is the lowest they have been in the last 12 calendar months and is fluid so moves as dates change.

The soft cap slows the rate at which a players handicap changes by not adjusting to the full amount a new score may give.

As Handicap Secretary I use the soft cap report on a weekly basis to see players moving in or out of it. If a player moves in it is important for the handicap secretary to investigate why – is it just bad form OR is it because there has been an increase in poor general play cards submitted which would give clear evidence of a player they may be trying to manipulate their handicap. If this occurs this would be brought to members of the handicap committee and a decision made as to how to progress with the player concerned.

I would be happy to talk this through with you at the next meeting as a numerical example is often easier to understand.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance in the Bank Account is £9,952.13

Of this	Juniors	£4,588.60
	100 Club	£ 292.80
	Charity	£ 20.00
Balance		£5,050.73

Why do we need this money?

We have expenses at the yearend for the AGM, Captain's sweater etc. say £1000

We have to pay for the cost of County Competitions. Each home draw brings a cost of £250, but each away draw £500 and this is for 4 competitions and for each round of them. You may remember we seemed to be drawn away a lot – that would mean £4,000 if we reach round 2 in each of them. That we swallow up our balance.

How do we adjust the balance, whether we have too much or too little. This is done by adjusting the payouts on the competitions. Last year the payout was about 78%, but this year it is 83%, a higher percentage, but part of this is from increased participation rather than increased payout amounts.

If there are projects to be paid for (it was suggested to me that funds could be used for a seat for 4 players, with cover over like a bus stop, placed by the 5th teebox), then the payout can be adjusted to account for it.

Matters for Discussion:

1) Aims & Objectives Document

PK talked through the items on his Aims and Objectives document and updated it for the Committee as follows:

Aim and Objectives for 2024

Aim – To meet the requirements as laid out within the Members General Committee constitution (particularly section 2)

Objectives – ** agreed and implemented actions now at end of document.

Work in Progress

1. **Facilities.**

- To have an improved 'on course' **toilet facility** Club continues to review options

2. **Club identity / history**

- To capture all our Trophies history on the website. **Agreed action Sept 24** - Each section to liaise with EA in order to transfer photos from card onto IG site in appropriate place. To also confirm donor in summary section of competition so all members know history of competition
- To set a criterion for any new trophy consideration. **Agreed Sept 24** PK to share with BT draft for consideration.
- To review and update all current documents and name and date stamp each one. **Agreed Sept 24** – Each section to update its relevant policies and date accordingly.
- To review any perceived barriers for joining committees. **Outstanding item Agreed Sept 24** that we will keep current process for this year but review in committee in 2025.

3. Competitions

- To align each sections financial process so that we have commonality and transparency across the club. – **Outstanding item.**
- To review the clubs use of IG generally in March 24 meeting. **Outstanding item - Agreed Sept 2024** to use future committee meeting to review how we use IG as a club.

4. Constitution

- To Review the club's constitution. – **Outstanding item.**

Previously Agreed and implemented –

1. **Actioned** - To trial the creation of a temporary **half-way house refreshment area**. Actioned - Captains Drive in as first occasion to trial. **Work completed to provide better surface area outside hut.** Club management continue to review options.
2. **Purchase of 80 Bunker Rakes. Agreed Jan 24** that club will contribute 50% then Gents & Seniors will each provide 25%. Recognition Ladies section much smaller and limited available funds currently.
3. **Confirmed** that the club colours for all Male teams representing Halesworth Golf are white shirts & blue tops
4. **Confirmed** two new 'board" trophies following current review – Judd / Jennings & Ransby.
5. **Completed** - We are now capturing all match details and results on IG
6. **Completed** - We have set up 4 x Valley competitions as well as the Eric Felgate Trophy.
7. **Completed** - We have aligned all four sections competitions so that results are finalised and circulated promptly.
8. **Completed** - We have aligned all competitions so that members winnings are paid within 5 working days of the competition.
9. **Completed** - We confirmed that no changes be made to a donated board trophy competition without consent of Club Committee and reference to donor if possible.
10. **Mixed Competitions** – we confirmed closer communication between three sections when setting up and running the mixed competitions
11. **We agreed** to support the proprietors review and updates of the club website
12. **We will** all demonstrate members views are brought to its monthly meeting
13. **Actioned** - All sections to provide management with relevant items for consideration for inclusion in the monthly Club newsletter.

14. **Completed** - We agreed and implemented having three parking spaces, one for each sections captain with the remaining five parking spaces being available to any committee member of each section on a 'first come first served basis'.
 15. **Agreed** - To ensure all sections are aware of their obligations under safeguarding and recognition that this area is the responsibility of the Club Management.
 16. **Completed** - To improve the **GUR notices** in bunkers. Purchased by Club Sept 24.
 17. **Agreed** - To set a criterion for any new trophy consideration. **Agreed Sept 24** PK to share with BT draft for consideration.
 18. **Completed** - To increase the participation of members in the summer and winter knockout competitions. **Sept 24** Achieved as numbers now back up.
 19. **Completed** - Hole in one disc's – each section to provide club with names that need to be added to display. **Sept 24** Actioned and should be complete.
 20. **Completed** - To Review whether a separate Gents committee meeting is required. Agreed to leave as is currently.
 21. **Completed** - To have identified steps required to continually move the club forward in its equality agenda. **Agreed Sept 24** This is an area overseen by the management of the club.
 22. **Achieved** - To support all our teams and players in reaching their potential in Suffolk Golf Union & (Ladies affiliation) & Junior's competitions.
 23. **Ongoing** - Club Captain to raise the issue of neutral venues for County Competitions in the men's section. PK has & will continue to raise with PL and those at SGU.
- 2) Finance (PK) In the absence of KPB and RS it was agreed that any discussion about surplus money in the accounts should be left until the next meeting.
 - 3) AGM & Appointment of Committee members:

With the AGM and Prize Giving Evening booked for Friday, 29th November notices to inform members will need to go out soon. PK suggested that we should change the format for election of officers that has been used in the past with the hope of attracting new committee members who might be reluctant to put forward their names if they believe that all of the committee members had been pre-selected. DW argued that it had always been possible for a member's name to be put forward for any of the committee positions provided they had support from the member concerned and, in the case of captains and vice-captains, that they also had management approval. It was agreed that this question would be re-visited at the next Committee Meeting and a decision made so that notices could be posted on the boards and on iG to inform members.

Health & Safety: Nothing to report

Any Other Business:

The Ladies section have photographed all of their trophies and able to put them on iG together with any description that is needed. This is extremely helpful and it was suggested that the

Gents and Seniors might follow this example. All trophies were photographed by Beth before she left and are on a memory stick in the possession of EA. Senior and Gents reps just need to liaise with EA in order to get the correct photo in the correct place on IG so that all associated trophies and competitions can be seen by all.

JM felt that the share of the engraving costs by the Seniors needs to be discussed with KPB together with the Seniors share towards the expenses for the Parks and Beaumont teams. DW said that he would try to locate any relevant information from earlier Committee Meetings related to this and it was agreed that the funding of Gents County Competitions would need to be looked at and updated if necessary at a future date.

100 Club Draw:

This would take place for September and October at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 16th October, 2024 at 7.00pm