

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Thursday 12th June 2025 at 1.40pm

Those Present: Barbara Dennis (BD), Mandy Wickison (MW), Sara Higgins (SH), Viv Leech (VL), Susanne Wilson (SW), Julie Cooper (JC)

Apologies

Cathy Judd (CJ)

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 8th May were approved and then signed by BD

Matters Arising

None

Lady Captain Report

We could all be mistaken by thinking we were in August instead of May – the weather being so lovely and warm with hardly any rain. Many thanks must go to the Greenkeepers who are doing a great job of trying to keep the course in great condition. And during the month there have been volunteers removing stones from bunkers – which is still ongoing. But many thanks to any lady who volunteered their raking and stone picking skills. Many hands make light work.

As reported at the end of my last report our Weston Team captained by Viv played their first match of the year this month at Stowmarket, fighting a great battle but with home advantage we lost 4-1. The Weston Team were again playing away this time to Woodbridge – and another well fought battle losing against home advantage 4-1. As we are in Division 1 now – we play both home and away matches. Good luck to Viv and all the squad as they prepare to play more matches in June.

Wednesday the 7th May saw the annual Dementia Day with 16 teams of 3 balls playing. Sara and John Giles organised this event ably assisted behind the scenes by Viv raising an amazing £7,100 for the Charity. Well done to all who made it so special.



A cheque for £7,100 being presented by the Club to Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund with John Giles, Sara, Viv, Chris Reeve from Suffolk Car Centre, volunteers from the carers fund and all the 3 captains myself, Dave Tower and Paul Kent.

Not having a Vice means a lot more work for me organising our Friendlies which although busy is also very enjoyable. During the month we played a Friendly match at Home against Rookery Park which saw a lovely friendly HALF. We then had two friendlies on the same day against Fynn Valley – 9 holes on the Valley saw Halesworth winning 3.5 to 0.5 and the 18 holes on the Blythe saw another lovely friendly HALF. A total of 32 ladies have played in the ladies friendlies so far this year. We played our first Mixed Friendly at home against Southwold. Across the team in total we had to give Southwold 49 shots. So to come away with a credible 5-3 loss was excellent. There are 4 friendlies planned for the month of June. Well done to everyone who has played in these friendlies so far and good luck for the matches coming up.

I continue to share a Rule of the Week and hope to continue as long as I can.

Treasurer's Report

Six competitions this month where the ladies section participated, with a total of £455.50 raised and due to be received in early June from HGC. Of this £70 has already been sent to The R & A for the Coronation foursomes entry.

However, not included in the six events, but arguably the most important was the Dementia Day, organized, this year due to circumstances, mainly, but superbly as usual by Sara Higgins. The total amount raised by the club (Halesworth Dementia also raise their own amount £4178.00) was a massive

£2845.00, after deducting HGC charges (food and non member green fees)
£2047.50 was sent to the charity. Well done to all involved.

Not much else to say this month except that the healthy balance we hold (after receipt of Mays fees- £1519.18) will be reducing as the County matches (Weston, Cranworth, Jubilee & Stearn) will be starting and where the ladies section subsidizes the players for food and soft drinks. However, all practice rounds are paid for by the players themselves.

1st	Karen Last (16)	69	£12.25
2nd	Rita Fossey (8)	71	£7.25
3rd	Viv Leech (14)	71	£5.00

DV 2

1st	Sally Watson (32)	71	£12.25
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2nd	Julia Hill (26)	73	£7.25
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3rd	Sally Catt (26)	74	£5.00
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Millennium Plate winner Rita Fossey – trophies only played for on a Thursday which counted Karen out from her score on Sunday – sorry Karen!

Results combined May stableford played 4/8 May - 21 ladies signed up to play

DV 1

1st	Susan Fraenzel (24)	42	£9.00
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2nd	Barbara Dennis (18)	38	£5.50
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3rd	Sonia Lord (25)	37	£3.75
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DV 2

1st	Nicky McQueen (35)	38	£9.00
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2nd	Sally Watson (32)	38	£5.50
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3rd	Sue Millard (27)	37	£3.75
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Rosie Ward Putting is well under way with some lovely putting scores. I am sure Susanne will be detailing in her report.

Results Gilly Bogey played on 15/5 - 15 ladies signed up to play

DV 1

1st	Clare Woods (21)	0	£6.50
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2nd	Caroline Emeny (21)	-1	£4.50
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3rd	Barbara Dennis (17)	-1	£3.50
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DV 2

1st	Karol Perley (35)	-1	£6.50
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2nd	Angela Middleton (38)	-1	£4.50
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3rd	Jean Berry (29)	-3	£3.50
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Gilly Bogey trophy winner Clare Woods (great score Clare)

9 holes stableford competition played 15/05 - no money on cards entry fee for Q only

1st	Emma Hawkins (17)	23
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2nd	Mary Wildish (20)	18
3rd	Sue Hellman (14)	16

R&A foursomes played 18/22-5 14 pairs signed up to play

Results

1st	Cathy Chandler & Sue Hellman	45
2nd	Naomi Lane & Mary Pickering	42
3rd	Caroline Emeny & Susan Fraenzel	37

As this is an external competition there are no payouts to the winners. The entry fees went direct to R&A. Good luck to Cathy and Sue who will be representing Halesworth at Thetford on August 27th.

Multiplier Fun Competition played 29/5 – 9 teams of 3 so 27 signed up to play

I am not sure if to call our fun competitions fun anymore, there seems to be a strong competitive theme running throughout these comps. All teams get extremely excited when entering the clubhouse to see what other scores are and whether their score is in the winning mix! So lovely to see plenty of ribbing and fun banter over the scores of the day! Very close within the top three groups, well played all.

1st	Rita Fossey (8), Viv Leech (14) & Julie Cooper (28)	91
	£6 each	
2nd	Clare Woods (22), Sue Hellman (30) & Sian Tutak (14)	88
	£3.00 each	
3rd	Maggie Bennett (30), Emma Hawkins (37) & Jean Berry (30)	87

Haskell County match played May 3rd

Rita and I travelled to Stowmarket for the 36-hole scratch first round match against their team. Despite facing strong opponents, we were determined to give our best effort. We concluded the first round three down, which needed a significant push in the afternoon session. Although we made impressive progress with birdies and pars, closing the gap, it was not sufficient to secure a lead. The day ended with Stowmarket prevailing 4-2. Nonetheless, we found the challenging 34 holes of golf both stimulating and enjoyable. We look forward to another opportunity next year to aim for a better outcome.

Dementia Day – May 7th, 2025, with 64 players signed up to play

Dear Members

My apologies for a late thank you email; we have been busy behind the scenes collecting money and getting a final figure to send to the Dementia Carers in Halesworth. I'll start off with the results which were very close at the top. The top 3 placings have all received their winnings and congratulations to Nicholas and his team for taking away the winning shield on the day, this will be engraved ready to defend next year! Thank you to the Men's Shed in Halesworth for making the shield for us back in 2023, it's a gorgeous shield to have your name on. The visitors on this email will not be copied into this as we can only send to members via this route, if anyone can kindly forward to Richard Harris, D&T McGregor, Andrew Perkins, Ben Sprake, Judy Taylor and Jamie Tipple I would appreciate it.

Our thanks of course go to many people on the day all of whom been thanked, but we would like to extend these again to our sponsors The Suffolk Car Centre who always give so generously. Ellie and Mark and their teams who made sure the catering and course were top notch. All the local business sponsors who donated and supported on the day. Nicky Kelly and her team from The Dementia Carers, namely Anna, Iris, John and Irene. Robin Douce for selling so many raffle tickets that we actually ran out. Our Captains Paul, Dave and Barbara for all their input, support and help. Viv our treasurer for taking players' money and keeping an eye on all the balances, all the members and visitors as always extending their generosity not only by signing up but donating to the raffle and bringing a raffle prize, this meant 63 raffle prizes were donated and given out on the day. Thank you for all the four-ball vouchers from local clubs that were given and the players that bid for them which amassed to over £800 in the auction alone. Another big shout out to Terry Jeffery for donating one of his very talented paintings, unfortunately this did not auction on the day, but we will use this at another event and send the proceeds to Dementia Carers in due course.

A special thanks to Tessa Summers for giving us an insight into the weeks leading up to the recent loss of her father, and the care that was provided with kindness and support during his latter days by The Dementia Carers. I know this touched many hearts on the day and just concretes how much we need The Dementia Carers.

Tony Pennock attended during the morning to talk about the importance of 'Fore' Get Me Not Golf' to highlight the awareness of players with dementia to keep playing golf in a supervised and supportive environment, this is something we are looking to adopt at Halesworth and very much look forward to getting this off the ground. Next year the date has been set for Wednesday May 6th, and we are hoping this will be a shot gun start, we will keep you informed later this year.

Last but not least my personal thanks to John for investing so much of his time to make this a memorable day, I know it was a hard day for John but collectively we are all here to support each other in times of sadness and sympathy. So, the final amount we raised on the day was a staggering £7100.00 so a HUGE thank you again to you for your generosity, we could not do this without you all.

Handicap Secretary Report

New Ladies - Four juniors this month and Helen Jones who has returned. Previously played at Halesworth between November 2021 and September 2022

Name	Handicap	Joined	Category
Leonie Coby		23/05/2025	Junior
Charlotte Holden		06/05/2025	Junior
Helen Jones	47.5	01/06/2025	Ladies
Phoebe Mawson		01/05/2025	Junior
Beatrix Morphey		27/05/2025	Junior

Handicap Changes

The good weather has brought out some good golf and changes in handicaps.

Overall in May, 22 ladies reduced their handicaps and 15 had increases.

Notable changes were:

Sue Millard	a reduction of	1.5	down to 24.5
Karol Perley	“ “	1.2	down to 32.5 (3rd month in a row)
Cornelia Fitzroy	“ “	1.1	down to 19.7
Sally Baxter	“ “	1.0	down to 22.5 (2nd month in a row)
Sue Hellman	“ “	0.8	down to 27.3

Soft CAP

	HCP Index	Low HCP Index	Soft CAP in Effect	Hard CAP in effect
Hilary Jeffrey	28.8	24.2	Yes	No
Cathy Judd	27.0	23.6	Yes	No
Anne Legg	25.3	22.2	Yes	No
Angela Middleton	36.2	33.1	Yes	No

Eclectic - Summer 2025

It's all change on the leaderboard with Sara jumping into the lead but closely followed by Viv and Sian who still have a couple of bogey's on their cards!

1 st	Sara Higgins	60.6
2 nd	Viv Leech	61.2
3 rd	Sian Tutak	62.6

Birdie Tree

A birdie from Sara this month means that she is sharing the lead with Rita. However, Viv has jumped into contention with an additional birdie and is in joint 3rd with Lesley.

1 st	Rita Fossey & Sara Higgins	5
3 rd	Lesley King & Viv Leech	4

Stroke Index Review

With the course being reassessed later this year I have done some preparatory work looking at the empirical data of the last two years to consider potential changes to the Ladies' Red Tee Stroke Index. I have discussed these with Sara and Judith, the other members of the handicap committee and brought our conclusion to this committee.

The ladies would like to be involved in any decisions to change the course index, this will be mentioned at the next main committee meeting which SW and BD will attend

Ladies & Mixed Opens

Volunteers to help run these events will be needed .

BD will put out a request on the Ladies Halesworth App and get in touch with the Gents.

John Lewis and Pro shop vouchers for prizes

The halfway house food will be supplied by the club with the ladies running it.

Laptop for Ladies Section

This was discussed again but not finalised as it was felt this could wait while we were in the busy time of year.

AOB

A) Barbara has decided not to stand as Lady Captain for a further term and wishes to spend more time with her family.

Barbara informed the committee that although she does not have a Vice-Captain for this year she will not be able to stand for another year. She hopes that someone will come forward to take over the reins as Captain for 2026 and also someone to be Vice-Captain. Trying to do both positions is not an easy task to undertake so hopefully ladies will come forward.

B) JC has been approached by the Sunday ladies who say they are not feeling a part of the section. SH said there are certain competitions which are not viable to run with only a few players but she would clone everything coming up and see if enough players enter. Some external competitions like Marie Curie have to be played on one day so cannot be combined, also, the board competitions can only take place on one day.

Meeting ended at 3.00pm

Next Meeting

29th July 10am

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