

# Halesworth Golf Club Ladies AGM Minutes

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Thirty-nine attendees including B. Townsend (Managing Director) B. Jewell (Professional) Brian Dennis and Karl (British Heart Foundation)

M. Wickison (Secretary) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone attending

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

G. Moreton, S. Hellman, R. Fossey, C. Judd and S. McCoy

### **2. Approval of Minutes from the Last AGM**

The minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved unanimously then signed by B. Dennis, Lady Captain.

### **3. Outgoing Lady Captain's Report**

Ladies it has been a real honour, privilege and pleasure to have been your captain this year which I have thoroughly enjoyed – exhausting but enjoyable.

At our last AGM we had no Vice Captain in place and thankfully after a few months and many nudges Viv stepped up – wow she made me cry – for as much as I have enjoyed the last 18 months the thought of another year slightly worried me..... approaching 70 has shown me I do not have the energy of someone much younger. The mind is willing the body however has told me otherwise

However, without the help of everyone on our great committee sitting with me today my time would have been so hard.

Sara thank you for always being willing to help me and for picking me up when I was down and offering advice if I was uncertain of my abilities.

Viv you have managed our accounts and kept me under control in order that we didn't overspend....there was no way that was going to happen with you in charge.

Mandy it has been lovely to see you blossom in your role as secretary and keep us all updated and now that we have a ladies section laptop this will enable the section to go with the times with record taking etc.

Susanne – your expertise on all things IT has put me to shame. So I really thank you for all the help you have given me over the year not only regarding Handicap but also helping Mandy and myself get to grips with the new laptop.

Julie - it's lovely to see you blossom too in your role – although its not been too busy where new members are concerned you have been there offering help wherever and whenever.

Cathy – wow you certainly took on your new role as Social Officer this year wonderfully, it was so nice not to have to worry about anything to do with the halfway house or indeed any of the raffles – both areas have been such a success so thank you for all your help.

Julia – its lovely having you on board for the last few months settling into committee life and now taking on the Fun Competitions going forward – I look forward to what you will have for us to join in.

So please join me in thanking all the committee.....

I would also like to Thank Ben, Amy, Carol, young Ben, Sally & Lesley for making my life easier – every request has been met with enthusiasm – all the front of house team for looking after us so well too. Behind the scenes I couldn't forget Mark and all the greenkeepers for keeping our course in such great condition and to all the kitchen staff who quietly feed us week on week – we really do appreciate you all.

I must also thank Tony who goes beyond his duties to ensure our portaloo is spotless not only on a Thursday but for checking other days too – this is a role I certainly wouldn't want to do. We really do appreciate you.

But the biggest thanks must go to my Brian who has just been the best, never moaning when I have been working on all things golf.... Has fed and watered me throughout and been a listening ear and comforter when unsure. With Brian taking on the role of Seniors Vice Captain tomorrow we will have a year to get ready for me to support Brian in his Captaincy, I just hope I will be as good a support as he has been to me.

My main scope for the year was to bring everyone back together more as we are a great section and unfortunately since covid we all feel different and don't feel the need to socialise so much after golf. It's been lovely to see many more stay after for a chat and a drink. During the first few months of my captaincy I tried to bring a rule of the week along – this provoked many conversations and helped not only the newer golfers but also others who have been around golf for years. We then got into the busy time of the golfing calendar and I had run out of rules I could share easily. If anyone wants to be reminded of the rules I gave out please let me know as I can easily print these out. I also started to

play on Fridays with some of the newer golfers and am so pleased to see some of these ladies join in now with our Thursday ladies which is great.

Ever since I have been on the main committee I have carried on as others have over many years of trying to get our Sunday ladies tee times absorbed into the men's where both men's and ladies competitions are run alongside each other and I am pleased to say that we are so nearly there with the new club captain Gerry taking the lead. This really is a step forward for ladies golf at the club.

During the year I have called out for volunteers to help me with the Ladies Open, The mixed open, Invitation Day and also the Spooktacular and never once was I left wondering how I would cope..... So many willing ladies came along giving up their time to help, whether it be on registration, ball spotting, raffles, half way house, finalising the competitions etc I could go on. So thank you all from the bottom of my heart for always giving your all and showing everyone what a great club and section we have here. Every open has proved to be a great success.

I have been a member of Halesworth Golf since 2018 when we retired and moved from Essex to Suffolk and I must say I have enjoyed every single year so to take on the role of captaincy, when I had previously said NEVER AGAIN, having been captain at my old club, was a huge decision and one I have thoroughly enjoyed. But like all clubs there are other team captains that have made my job so much easier. Sara as captain of the Haskell and Stearn, Viv Weston Captain, Rita Cranworth Captain and Caroline as Senior Jubilee Captain. We were regarded as the club to beat but sadly, despite every ladies best efforts, we were not so successful but to be beaten during the rounds by two clubs who eventually become trophy winners is brilliant so everyone who played during the year – thank you so much and I for one am looking forward to 2026 season with excitement of things to come. So can you all please join me in thanking these ladies for leading us so well during the year.....(Barbara handed over plants as a thankyou from her) I retained the captaincy of the Winter League and Viv has asked me to continue which I have accepted and would like to thank all the ladies who have played during the year – I have tried to get everyone who wanted to play a game. A full report on each of these teams comes under the Competition secretary's report.

As you all know my Charity of the year has been the British Heart Foundation – and I must thank Karl for coming along today. During the year Viv has been drip feeding the charity with all our donations and today we will present Karl with the total collected during the year. And Wow didn't we do well with just over £7,200. So a huge thank you to everyone who supported me with this charity for without you all we would not have achieved this. I will be forever

grateful to you all, but the highlight must be when Sara and Cathy played 72 holes of golf overnight – you two are officially mad..... and of course to those that supported them along the way keeping them both motivated and keeping track of golf balls in the night was no mean task... nearly £2000 of the £7000 came from this challenge.

At the beginning of my year, instead of having a captain's bunker for collecting money, Viv sold on my behalf little numbered heart shaped keyrings. I would now like to ask Karl to say a few words on behalf of BHF and then draw a number. This year I have prepared a hamper for the winner..... the winning number is 36. Congratulations to Jennifer Read.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Good afternoon, everyone. Hopefully you have all enjoyed you're golf at Halesworth this year, although like myself it probably did depend on the golf played at the time, so maybe not every round!

Please see the attached statement for the full details of this year's financial accounting, but I did want to mention a couple of things.

Although we are a relatively small section we still generate an income in excess of £20K (this does include joint events with the men's and seniors sections, where it tends to come in and go straight out again as charity payments) and whilst we are not here to make a profit it is important to cover our costs, break even and provide a stable platform for all you ladies to come and play your golf and hopefully, at some point in the year win some prize funds.

Following the increase of fees this year we have again covered all outgoings and start next year with a small balance of just under £500. Unfortunately costs very rarely if ever go down so it may be that competition fees may have to go up again in the future but this will be reviewed by your incoming treasurer and committee at some point, I'm sure.

Once again, the generosity of you all never ceases to amaze me or I'm sure Lady Captain Barbara, as I have sent £5227.30 to the BHF this year. This doesn't include the amount paid to Just Giving which Barbara will confirm in her report. These donations in the main come from the events the committees and the club run on your behalf and once again they have been superbly supported both financially and by donating your time. So, thank you so much.

Finally, it's been an honour to be your Treasurer again this year and I'm sure you will be as supportive next year as you all have been to me this.

### HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB

#### LADIES SECTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR END NOVEMBER 2025

Open Balance £ 3,650.78

YEAR END NOVEMBER 2024

Open Balance £2,367.39

#### RECEIPTS

Receipts from 2023/24, received this year		Receipts from 2022/23, received this year	
Spooktacular October 2024	£ 551.72	Spooktacular October 2023	£ 548.00
Competiton Money October 24	£ 1,439.50	Competiton Money October 23	£ 1,441.50
Golf Voucher	£ 100.00	Captains Charity Donation	MNDA £ 180.00
Income from Last Year	£ 2,091.22	Income from Last Year	£ 2,169.50
<b>Receipts 2024/25</b>		<b>Receipts 2023/24</b>	
IG Competition Entry Fees	£ 3,930.00	IG Competition Entry Fees	£ 5,285.00 1
Fundraising for Xmas 2025	£ -	Fundraising for Xmas 2024	£ 393.00
Spooktacular this Year	£ 1,553.85	Spooktacular this Year	£ 2,771.72 2
Invitation Day	£ 800.00	Invitation Day	£ 1,015.00
County Comp/Match Catering	£ 143.00	County Comp/Match Catering	£ 131.75
Captains Charity Received	£ 5,227.30	Captains Charity	£ 5,899.43
Sundry & Other Section Income	£ 729.25	Sundry Income	£ 529.98
Trophies and similar	£ 62.61	Trophies and similar	£ 19.39
Christmas Lunch 2024	£ 820.00	Christmas Lunch 2023	£ 1,052.00
Captains Funds	£ -	Captains Funds	£ 475.00
Captains Away Day	£ 1,487.00	Gala Day	£ 1,900.00
Captains Drive in & Joint Captains day	£ 3,645.50	Dementia Day & JCD Comps	£ 3,715.48
Dementia Day	£ 2,845.00	Income This Year	£ 23,187.75
Income This Year	£ 21,243.51	Less recvd 2024/5	£ 329.50
Total Received TY Income in 2024/5	£ 23,334.73		£ 551.72
<b>TOTAL RECONCILING INCOME 2024/5</b>	£ 23,018.23	<b>Total Received TY Income in 2024/5</b>	£ 881.22
1. IG Comp Fees inc £316.50	£ 316.50		

1. IG Comp Fees inc £329.50 paid in November '24 & Captains Charity fees £1110

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### HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB

#### LADIES SECTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### EXPENSES

Expenses from 2023/24 paid this year		Expenses from 2022/23 paid this year	
Spooktacular meals	£ 1,221.00	Spooktacular meals	£ 1,332.00
Engraving	£ 180.00	Spooktacular Coffin	£ 12.00
Spooktacular Expenses	£ 8.98	Spooktacular Expenses	£ 41.50
Captains Charity 22/23 final payment	£ 1,735.73	Captains Charity 22/23 final payment	£ 2,559.72
JCD Charity Payments	£ 889.70		£ 3,945.22
JCD Expenses	£ 594.90		
Jubilee Expenses	£ 60.00		
	£ 4,690.31		
<b>Expenses paid 2024/25</b>		<b>Expenses paid 2023/24</b>	
Expenses and Prizes for IG comps	£ 1,758.00	Expenses and Prizes for IG comps	£ 2,017.50
Spooktacular Expenses	£ 1,553.85	Spooktacular Expenses	£ 1,745.69
Gala Day	£ -	Gala Day	£ 1,867.90
Invitation Day	£ 780.41	Invitation Day	£ 822.98
Christmas Lunch 2024	£ 1,131.00	Christmas Lunch 2023	£ 1,028.00
Dementia Day & Captains Away day	£ 4,332.00	Dementia Day & JCD Comps	£ 5,606.76
Captains Drive in & Joint Captains day	£ 3,645.50		
Captains Charity Payments to BHF	£ 5,227.30		
County Comps expenses & Catering	£ 1,517.16		
Trophies & Similar	£ 492.10		
Sundry & Other Section Expenditure	£ 1,432.37		
Captains Funds	£ -		
	£ 21,869.69		
	£ 26,560.00		
<b>TOTAL RECONCILING EXPENSE 2023/24</b>	£ 24,970.91		
1. Spooktacular Expenses includes payments in Nov. £356.89	£ 356.89	Less Spook Payments pd November	£ 1,229.98
2. Captains Charity includes £1200.20 pd November & £32	£ 1,232.20	Less Captains Charity Payment	£ 1,735.73
		<b>TOTAL RECONCILING EXPENSE 2023/24</b>	£ 23,203.15
		1. Spooktacular Expenses includes payments in Nov. £1229.98	
		2. Captains Charity includes Includes JCD & Spook paid in Nov 24-£1735.73	

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**HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB**  
**LADIES SECTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**BANK RECONCILIATION**

**Bank Rec 2024/5**

**SUMMARY 2024/5**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	£ 3,650.78
Receipts	£ 23,018.23
Bank Interest	£ 0.31
Costs	£ 24,970.91
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£ 1,698.41</b>
 <b>Represented by</b>	
Bank Balance 1/11/2025	£ 1,678.46
Deposit Account	£ 19.95
	<b>£ 1,698.41</b>

**Expected Receipts**

Competition money for Oct	£ 316.50
<b>Expected Expenditure</b>	
Donations to BHF Outstanding	-£ 1,232.20
Spooktacular Expenses	-£ 356.89
Total Allocated/Expected	<b>-£ 1,272.59</b>
Available to Spend	<b>£ 425.82</b>

**Treasurer**

Signed by Viv Leech  
Date



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**Bank Rec 2023/2024**

**SUMMARY 2023/24**

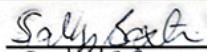
<b>Opening Balance</b>	£ 2,367.39
Receipts	£ 24,476.03
Bank Interest	£ 10.51
Costs	£ 23,203.15
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£ 3,650.78</b>
 <b>Represented by</b>	
Bank Balance 1/11/2024	£ 3,631.14
Deposit Account	£ 19.64
	<b>£ 3,650.78</b>

**Expected Receipts**

Competition money for Oct	£ 1,439.50
<b>Expected Expenditure</b>	
LC Funds-See Sheet	-£ 266.76
Xmas Lunch	-£ 393.00
Charity Receipts-JCDay	-£ 2,094.30
Spooktacular	-£ 1,704.29
Total Allocated/Expected	<b>-£ 3,018.85</b>
Available to Spend	<b>£ 631.93</b>

**Audited by**

Signed by Sally Baxter  
Date



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## 5. Notable Achievements – Sara Higgins

Good afternoon, everyone.

So, bullet point number five is “Notable Achievements,” and I was asked to document them. Simple enough... you would think, until I realised every single one of you has had a notable achievement this year.

Some of you smashed personal bests.

Some of you finally beat that one hole that usually beats you.

And some of you produced shots so wildly unexpected that the birds, trees, ducks and neighbouring fairways were all on high alert.

But you know what? The recoveries were brilliant — and absolutely count as achievements!

And that is why we love golf, isn’t it?

It is the only sport where one minute we are hitting a shot so badly we want to fake an injury... and the next minute we are hitting a beauty that makes us feel like we should phone the LPGA.

We can laugh at the bad shots — because if we didn’t laugh, we’d probably sulk all the way home — and we keep coming back for the good ones, those magical “I swear I meant to do that” moments.

Now, since I can’t possibly list all your achievements, I’ve done the next best thing: I’ve written a 15-page document which will be sent out to you all and

then form part of the minutes, I hope you take time to read as much as I've enjoyed taking the time to write it.

So, before I wrap up, I want to say a genuine thank you for your full support over my five years as Competition Secretary. Your encouragement, your patience, and your good humour — especially when I'm chasing you for scorecards — has made this role so much easier and has taught me a great deal.

So yes — you've all had notable achievements this year. Not just in your golf, but in the laughter, the friendship, and the willingness to keep going, no matter how many "let's pretend that didn't happen" shots we've all had.

Thank you for a brilliant year — and here's to more great shots, more giggles, and the occasional miracle next season.

### **Competition Secretary Report**

Throughout the 2025 golfing calendar, the support and participation of you all was outstanding. Our section has always engaged enthusiastically in a wide variety of competitions, from regular medal and stableford events to fun formats and team matches. The club saw strong turnouts for both ladies' and mixed friendlies, as well as county and knockout competitions.

Players consistently demonstrated teamwork, sportsmanship, and a willingness to try new formats, contributing to a vibrant and inclusive club atmosphere. The collective effort and positive spirit of everyone involved helped make the year a memorable and successful one for the entire section as detailed in a collaboration of reports as listed.

### **Fun Competitions**

Fun competitions continued to be a success in 2025, with 15 fun games played throughout the year. Everyone has their own take on what makes a competition 'fun'—some really enjoy the mixing up of handicaps and the occasional fancy dress (like dressing up as a chicken!), while others prefer more traditional formats. We have made a real effort to be creative and think outside the box, introducing new formats and ideas. I will admit, 'Daytona Day' may not have been my finest choice, but if we do not try new things, we will never know what works best!

A special thank you goes to Julia Hill, who stepped forward earlier this year and will be taking on all the fun competitions from the AGM and into 2026. I am sure Julia will be a fantastic ambassador for the world of fun comps, and I wish her every success in coordinating these events. Personally, I am looking

forward to joining in without worrying about all the pre competition dos and don'ts—or whether I've got enough string!

### **British Heart Foundation** – a night of 54 holes that turned into 72 holes

Cathy Chandler and myself, wish to pass on our deep felt thanks for your very kind donation and support for our marathon 72 holes of golf played at night back in July. Money is now all accounted for with Just Giving and raised £1,525.00 + £351.25 Gift Aid which has surpassed our expectations entirely. I know a few members have donated without leaving their name on Just Giving, so we do reach out to these people as well, even though we can't say a personal thanks.

Playing golf at night certainly brings a very different aspect to golf, firstly you can't see, you very much rely on your hearing listening to the ball thud, you lose your sense of distance, you get eaten by all sorts of flying creatures, you play with very hard illuminous balls that feel like hitting a brick on every shot and you have to watch where you step to avoid the hazards on the course! But apart from that together with our support team of Barbara, Viv, Rita, Lesley, Cathy and Bob Judd we had a very enjoyable 72 holes of golf. We only lost 1 x ball, we each walked 38 miles that night, we each hit our club approximately 300 times not including practice shots (we didn't waste energy for that) We ate 6 bananas, 1 x packet of Haribo sweets, 1 x bag of nuts, 1 x punnet of strawberries, 2 x grapefruits and drank plenty of water!

The British Heart Foundation is a great charity to raise funds for, your donations will make such a difference to their awareness, ongoing campaigning and support; so from Cathy and I - a VERY BIG THANKYOU - PS We are not doing it again - ever! Best wishes and our love, Sara and Cathy xx

### **County Matches**

#### **Haskell** – scratch foursomes' knockout team of 2 playing home or away Team Captain Sara – Sara and Rita played

Both Rita and I played our 1<sup>st</sup> round in May at Stowmarket v Stowmarket, incidentally we had played the day before in a Weston match, so we hoped for a little more green's knowledge and insight for our match. Unfortunately, even though through gritted teeth and the match very much to play for we lost 4/2 after 32 holes. It was yet again a joy to play with

Rita, and we look forward to representing Halesworth next year should we fall into that category.

**Stearn** – 8.6 - 19 handicap bracket with a squad of 8 to include 2 reserves playing 36 holes of foursome's matchplay

Team Captain Sara: – Team squad Viv, Judith, Barbara, Sian, Susanne, Karen, Clare and Mandy

For this season we were lucky enough to get a bye for the first round, and with handicaps falling in and out of the criteria this gave me another month to work on pairings. Choosing a team can be quite stressful as you want to get it right on the day, as a team we couldn't be more prepared with all the practice we had put in with group coaching sessions from Ali which proved so useful. The match was played at Stowmarket v Bramford, so we knew we had a tough match ahead of us. We finished off the morning round tied equally so we had to push hard to get ahead in the afternoon matches. The ladies played some excellent quality golf and finished so close in all their matches, but to our disappointment Bramford just pipped us to the post and took all 3 afternoon matches. It was a great effort by everyone involved and I made sure all the squad participated and played on the day. Thanks Ladies and maybe 2026 is our year to get back to the leaderboard, I look forward to being your Stearn Captain for Viv and hope there is some magic left in the pot from 2023.

**Cranworth** – 19.1 - 28 bracket with a squad of 8 to include reserves playing 18 holes of 2 x foursomes and 4 x singles matches off full handicap Team Captain:- Rita Fossey

Hello to you, report for Cranworth as requested. As always with all the Halesworth ladies we arrived at the designated venue of Woodbridge on the 26th of June enthusiastic and all fired up for the first match of our 2025 Cranworth campaign against who seem to be our regular opponents the lovely Fynn Valley....yet again!

With very little to separate any of the pairings shot wise, with the exception of one pair giving 7 shots and getting a very honourable half, it was always going to be a very tight match, and it certainly didn't disappoint on that front.

Sadly, the result didn't go our way on the day, but a huge congratulations to all that took part you all did yourselves and Halesworth very proud, including the lovely caddies and supporters, with special thanks to the first time pairings in the foursomes, well done.

We look forward to the draw for 2026 and I'm confident it's our turn next year.... onwards and upwards we go.

Thank you everyone, you always make me very proud to be your Cranworth Captain and good luck to Cathy Chandler who has taken over as Captain for 2026.

**Senior Jubilee** – upper limit 23.9 and being at least 60 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the match is played. Playing 4bbb matchplay with four pairs Team Captain:- Caroline Emeny

Well, our run in 2024 was so brilliant with us reaching the final for the first time ever, that 2025 was always going to be a hard year to follow on from that. But we tried and put our heart and soul into it and the team was brilliant, as they always are. The HI was raised to 23.9 for 2025, a whole 2 points, which made the decision about who to play a lot harder. My theory was we did not want all of our players to have to give shots which resulted in a lot of mulling things over to try and come to the best strategy in terms of the team make-up.

We got a bye in the first round as previous runners up, so our first match was against Bungay played at Gorleston in June. It was a tough match, won by us on a sudden death play-off on the first hole after the initial 18 holes. Needless today my fingernails were bitten to the bone on that occasion, it was so tight and so very tense. The next round, and I'll call it the quarter finals because it was, and it sounds a lot better, was against Fynn Valley at Bungay on 16 July. We unfortunately lost 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 against Fynn, who went on to win the shield this year. The matches were once again extremely close, and they could have gone either way. I often think the final score doesn't always reflect the closeness of the individual matches. Our girls fought hard, but I was so proud of their commitment and friendly spirit. 2026 will bring even more changes, the format changing to agree some in an effort to speed up play. That again will impact our team strategy. The HI remains at 23.9. Any ladies who are 60 and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 with a HI of 23.9 or less, or thereabouts, and would like to be considered as part of the squad, please let me know.

**Weston** Report by Viv Leech Weston matches 2025 – Division 1B Playing against: - Aldeburgh, Stowmarket and Woodbridge

An exciting year with promotion to the top divisions, but one that I think we all knew would be tough. The three teams are very strong, fielding mostly single figure players. When we started our matches, our lowest player was 7.2 and our highest 16.8 and it was nice to see all the squad reducing their handicaps nicely. However, although we lost all our matches, none was a 'whitewash' and all individual matches were relatively close, and all were played in great spirit.

I'd like to thank my squad...Rita, Sara, Judith, Sian, Karen, Lesley, Barbara and Susanne for their endeavours this year and hope they enjoyed playing in the team.

Results: -

Aldeburgh away 09/06 lost 3.5 to 1.5 (Rita) Aldeburgh home 23/07 lost 3.5 to 1.5 (Sian 1 Viv ½) Stowmarket away 02/05 lost 4 to 1 (Viv)

Stowmarket home 29/07 lost 3.5 to 1.5 (Viv 1 Les ½) Woodbridge away 19/05 lost 4 to 1 (Sian) Woodbridge home 12/07 lost 4 to 1 (Viv)

Reports by Barbara Dennis:-

### **HALESWORTH LADIES' FRIENDLIES 2025**

During the year we played against 10 different clubs – a total of 12 matches. Two matches were played over 9 holes at the same time as the 18- hole matches was played. This enabled ladies from both Felixstowe, Fynn Valley and our own ladies who can now only manage 9 holes. Both these were very well received and hopefully this will be a feature going forward. I have always said it's not all about winning, the most important thing is having competitive fun and if we do in fact win then that's a bonus. In fact, we won 5 matches, lost 4 and drew 3 which is wonderful. A total of 33 ladies played from our section. I want to thank each and every one for signing up and for playing. I hope you all enjoyed the matches.

<b>#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Selected Players</b>	<b>Result</b>
14 July		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Corfe-on-Sea	8/8	3½ - 1½
30 June		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Thundersley (Away)	8/8	1½ - 2½
26 June		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Ufford Park	8/8	4 - 0
23 June		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Beccles	8/8	1 - 3
16 May		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Ryston Park	8/8	2 - 2
09 May		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v FYNNE VALLEY - VALLEY	7/7	2½ - 1½
09 May		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Fynn Valley	8/8	2 - 2
22 April		Away	LADIES FRIENDLY v Woodbridge (away)	8/8	1½ - 2½
07 April		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Felixstowe Party - 9 HOLE BOYNE	8/8	2½ - 2½
07 April		Home	LADIES FRIENDLY v Felixstowe Party	8/8	4 - 0
01 April		Away	LADIES FRIENDLY v St Audries (Away)	8/8	2 - 2
23 March		Away	LADIES FRIENDLY v Sedford (away)	8/8	0 - 4

### **HALESWORTH MIXED FRIENDLIES 2025**

7 Mixed Friendlies were playing during the year in which 35 mixed members played. This was definitely a case of having fun over winning. In most of the matches we were having to give shots and in one match I totalled up 40 shots over 8 matches that we had to give, which is not easy at any level. I hope despite this you all enjoyed the matches and had a good day. I want to add my personal thanks to all who signed up to play as it made my job so much easier trying to sort teams.

#	2025	Venue	Opponent	Selected Players	Result
	10 October	Home	Mixed Friendly v Felixstowe (HOME)	16/16	31-18
	11 October	Away	Mixed Friendly v Gorleston (AWAY)	16/16	6-14
	12 September	Away	Mixed Friendly v Rookery Park (AWAY)	16/16	25-15
	20 August	Away	MIXED FRIENDLY V HINTLESHAM (AWAY)	16/16	26-16
	20 July	Away	Mixed Friendly v Diss (AWAY)	16/16	1-4
	21 June	Away	Mixed Friendly v Thorpeness (AWAY)	16/16	2-6
	17 May	Home	Mixed Friendly v Southwold (HOME)	16/16	3-3

## WINTER LEAGUE 2025/26

The Winter League trophy is played over 2 winters – the first winter we play for the Interim Shield with points carried forward and added to those won during the second winter. These matches are played Home and Away. Each match day consists of 3 greensome competitions

Silver 0-19HI Bronze A 19.1-26HI and Bronze B 26.1 to 36.9HI. The clubs who take part are Bungay, Diss, Gorleston, Halesworth, Rookery Park & Southwold. Every year there is a grand Gala and competition that is organised by the Lead Club at the time, which rotates alphabetically. Rookery Park are organising at the moment. We have already played for the Interim Shield in which we came 2nd so there is everything to play for. As long as ladies have played in at least one match during the two-year

term they are entitled to apply for a place in the Grand Gala – this is always a great day. On this day you are playing for yourself and your partner although winning is always good for the club too.

Each year I ask ladies to enter through IG if they would like to play and each year, I have managed to get all the ladies who wanted to play a game. So far this season we have played 4 of our matches with just one remaining which we have had to postpone due to bad weather. This will be organised and played within the next few weeks. Here are the results so far. We have won one match, lost one and drawn two. Every match played was very close. So, my thanks to everyone who has played so far this year and good luck to those playing at Gorleston very soon.

#	2025	Venue	Opponent	Selected Players	Result
	24 October	Home	DISS HOME	6/6	1-2
	20 October	Away	SUNDAY AWAY	6/6	3-0
	10 October	Away	SOUTHWOLD AWAY	6/6	16-15
	10 October	Away	ROKER PARK AWAY	6/6	16-15

**Knockout matches** – well done to all the players in the 2025 knockouts.

**Summer Singles Lady President Cup** – Winner Barbara Dennis and Runner up Judith Bedwell

**Summer Singles Addison Rabbits Trophy** – Winner Sonia Lord and Runner up Cathy Judd

**Summer Pairs** – Winner Sonia Lord and Sally Baxter and Runners up Clare Woods and Sue Hellman

Good luck to everyone playing in the current 'Winter Knockout' Suffolk Ladies County Competitions

**Coronation Medals** - presented at the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association AGM held in January 2026.

Each year county award two Coronation medals for the best Nett score in a medal round running from 1st November 2024 ending 31st October 2025 for Bronze Division (21.0 to 54) and Silver Division (up to 20.9) handicap index. Both Viv Leech and Sally Baxter have had their names and score cards put forward for these medals. Viv carded a net 67 and Sally Baxter a nett 63 both scoring well in this year's Club Championships. Good luck ladies and I sincerely hope one of you take home a well-deserved medal from county next year.

### **Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association News**

Senior Scratch Competition – new for 2025

I will mention this competition as it was new for 2025, created by Vicki Hunt, our Suffolk President. Much discussion was bounced around various clubs throughout 2024 and with the consensus of yes, lower handicappers need more competitive golf played at a similar level to keep them match ready for the season's county matches and many having played themselves out of the county teams. The team size would be 6 which could be combined with other clubs with the handicap bracket capped at 15.9 which may be reduced for 2026, you must be over 50 as well! At the time of initiating this, only myself, Rita, Viv and Judith fell into these criteria which meant we needed to form a team with Rookery Park and Aldeburgh. The format in pairs started with 6 x holes of 4bbb, then greensomes, finishing off with foursomes and all Hambro scoring. I know the feedback has been totally positive and agreements in place to carry this through to 2026 and beyond. Halesworth finished in a very strong position with 6 match points and just 3 holes behind Purdis so we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Well done ladies – some extremely talented golf played and will look forward to repeating our quest in 2026. A very big shout out to Rita from all the team for standing up to be our Captain and organiser throughout this season. We all hope you can carry on leading us in 2026, we understand how

difficult it is managing 3 teams from different clubs for each match, we all really appreciate you looking after team HARP.

(Halesworth, Aldeburgh, Rookery Park)

Scratch Senior 2025

Three pairs playing 18 holes consisting of:

Handicap Matchplay playing home and/or away between April and September.

Results to: Vicki Hunt. Email: vicki\_hunt@talk21.com

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	Fellsmere	Woodbridge	Hintonsham	Halesworth	Ipswich	Match Points	Holes Up
Fellsmere		5		4		4.0	12
Woodbridge						0.0	0
Hintonsham	15	9				4.0	24
Halesworth		7	2		12	6.0	21
Ipswich	9	12	4			6.0	24

## **COUNTY DIVISION 1 – Medal up to 13.9**

Viv Leech from Halesworth took second place in the Nett Competition with 74. Well done, Viv, you have the winning streak this year 😊

**SLCGA Coronation and Centenary Foursomes:** 10th June 2025 Held at Bungay and Waveney Valley Golf Club

This was a first for SLCGA, holding both competitions on the same day with 23 pairs in the Coronation Foursomes, starting on the first and 12 pairs in the Centenary Foursomes, starting on the 11th.

Halesworth entered quite a few pairings and I'm pleased to report that 3rd prize went to: Rita Fossey and Clare Woods in the **Coronation Foursomes** – Well played ladies :-)



But the **Centenary trophy salver** was won by Sue Fraenzel and Sally Watson – Well played ladies, a tremendous result for you both.



**Senior handicap matchplay Championship** – played at Brett Vale GC: 1st – 3rd August '25

Viv, Barbara, and Rita all took part in this year's senior handicap match play championship. Viv delivered an outstanding performance, showing remarkable determination and skill to secure her place in the final. I had the privilege of caddying for Viv, and she accepted my offer enthusiastically. Working together, we focused on our game plan supporting each other throughout the

competition. The morning round was a little tense, with some tricky moments around the middle holes, but Viv regained her plan and mindset. It was a testament to her resilience and our teamwork, making the day very overwhelming when we came off with the victory! Well done, Viv!

## **6. Presentation of Prizes**

Sara announced the winners, Barbara presented the trophies

<b><u>TROPHY</u></b>	<b><u>WINNER</u></b>	<b><u>RUNNER UP</u></b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES</b>		
<b>GOLDSMITH BOWL</b>	RITA FOSSEY	VIV LEECH
<b>PAST &amp; PRESENT CAPTAINS</b>	SARA HIGGINS	BARBARA DENNIS
<b>SCOTT SALVER GROSS SCORE</b>	RITA FOSSEY	CLARE WOODS
<b>BUDD VASE NET SCORE</b>	RITA FOSSEY	CLARE WOODS
<b>HARVEST MEDAL</b>	BARBARA DENNIS	SUE HELLMAN
<b>GRANNY TROPHY</b>	SONIA LORD	VIV LEECH
<b>BERENDT ROSE BOWL</b>	VIV LEECH	SONIA LORD
<b>SUNDAY TROPHY</b>	NICKY MCQUEEN	MARY PICKERING
<b>ROSEMARY WARD PUTTING TROPHY</b>	SUSANNE WILSON	MANDY WICKISON
<b>MEDAL OF MEDALS, WAVENEY WINDOWS</b>	JUDITH BEDWELL	SARA HIGGINS
<b>MILLENNIUM PLATE</b>	RITA FOSSEY	VIV LEECH
<b>GILLY BOGEY</b>	CLARE WOODS	KAROL PERLEY

QUEENS PLATINUM MEMORIAL CUP	NICKY MCQUEEN	JEAN BERRY
NIELSEN PUTTING	SUSANNE WILSON	SALLY SLAYMAKER
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS		

WINTER ECLECTIC (2024/25)	SARA HIGGINS	VIV LEECH
SUMMER ECLECTIC 2025	LESLEY KING	SUSANNE WILSON
WINTER KNOCKOUT 2024/2025 SPIRIT OF ECSTASY	SUSANNE WILSON	SUE MILLARD
PRESIDENT'S KNOCKOUT	BARBARA DENNIS	JUDITH BEDWELL
RABBITS KNOCKOUT	SONIA LORD	CATHY JUDD
LADIES DOUBLES K/O	SALLY BAXTER & SONIA LORD	SUE HELLMAN & CLARE WOODS
<b>MIXED</b>		
WITHEY CUP	ANDREW AND SUE MILLARD	SIMON AND SALLY BAXTER
WILLIAMS CUP & WINNING JUNIOR CUP	JO & PAUL CALVER, NEIL & JAMES COBY	JAMES COBY
LAND SALVER	MARY & KEITH PICKERING, ED BOWLES	DENNIS & SARA HIGGINS, SIMON HUNTER
JAY OLDFLOW SUMMER KNOCKOUT	MARY AND KEITH PICKERING	JO AND PAUL CALVER
ADDISON MIXED FOURSOMES	JO AND SALLY CATT	STEVE AND SONIA LORD
PEARCE TROPHY	SIMON HUNTER, JOHN MORLEY, PETER FOULGER, JULIA HILL	ANDREW MILLARD, KEITH ELLIS, VIV LEECH, KEVIN ROBERTSHAW

SENIOR AND JUNIOR PLATE	LADIES	JUNIORS
DEMENTIA DAY SHIELD	NICHOLAS SILLETT, TONY MARSHALL, TEDDY MATTOCKS, ANDREW PERKINS	DENNIS HIGGINS, CATHY CHANDLER, PAUL KENT, JULIA HILL
<u>PAIRS</u>		
HALL CANDLESTICK FOURSOMES	JUDITH BEDWELL & LESLEY KING	SUE HELLMAN & SIAN TUTAK

<u>EXTERNAL</u>		
RACE TO WOODHALL SPA 2024 -PLAYED IN 2025	SUSANNE WILSON	KAROL PERLEY
R&A 9 HOLE	MARY WILDISH	MANDY WICKISON
R&A FOURSOMES	CATHY CHANDLER & SUE HELLMAN	MARY PICKERING & NAOMI LANE
DAILY MAIL FOURSOMES	SARA HIGGINS & JULIE COOPER	SALLY CATT & MARY PICKERING
AUSTRALIAN SPOONS FOURSOMES	CLARE WOODS & SUE HELLMAN	NICKY MCQUEEN & LYNDA BALDRY
PING 4BBB	SUE MILLARD & KAROL PERLEY	LESLEY KING & VIV LEECH
MIXED PING 4BBB	NO COMP	NO COMP
ENGLAND GOLF TRUST	NO COMP	NO COMP
<b>HOLE IN ONES</b>		
<u>CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>		
CLUB CHAMPION SCRATCH JOHNNY JOHNSON	RITA FOSSEY	JUDITH BEDWELL
CLUB CHAMPION NET (ORIGINALS CUP)	SALLY BAXTER	SONIA LORD

<b>LADIES SUPER SENIORS TROPHY</b>	<b>SUSANNE WILSON</b>	<b>ANNE LEGG</b>
<b>BIRDIE TROPHY</b>	<b>SARA HIGGINS</b>	<b>RITA FOSSEY</b>
<b>MOST IMPROVED GOLFER</b>	<b>DROPPED 11.7 SHOTS ANGIE MORRIS</b>	<b>DROPPED 7.1 SHOTS KAROL PERLEY</b>
<b>PLAYER OF THE YEAR Order of Merit</b>	<b>VIV LEECH 96 POINTS</b>	<b>JUDITH BEDWELL 75 POINTS</b>

Barbara then presented a personal gift of a golf towel to each winner of either a Medal or Stableford throughout the year as follow: -

	<b>MONTHY MEDALS</b>	<b>MONTHLY SFORDS</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>		SUSANNE WILSON
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		JEAN BERRY
<b>MARCH</b>	JUDITH BEDWELL	JULIA HILL
<b>APRIL</b>	GEDMORETON	KAROL PERLEY
<b>MAY</b>	KAREN LAST	SUE FRAENZEL
<b>JUNE</b>	JUDITH BEDWELL	LESLEY KING
<b>JULY</b>	SALLY WATSON	GED MORETON
<b>AUGUST</b>	SALLY BAXTER	ANNE LEGG
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	RITA FOSSEY	SONIA LORD
<b>OCTOBER</b>	SALLY CATT	SALLY CATT

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	JUDITH BEDWELL	SUE FRAENZEL
<b>DECEMBER</b>		SUE FRAENZEL

## 7. Election of Officers

M.Wickison announced that the only candidates that had been proposed and seconded to stand on the new committee were those on the Nominations list which members had received prior to the AGM.

The officers below were then unanimously elected to serve on the committee for 2025/26.

Position	First Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Captain	Viv Leech	Barbara Dennis	Cathy Judd
Vice-Captain	Julie Cooper	Viv Leech	Mandy Wickison
Treasurer	Barbara Dennis	Susanne Wilson	Cathy Judd
Secretary	Mandy Wickison	Viv Leech	Julie Cooper
Handicap Secretary	Sara Higgins	Viv Leech	Susanne Wilson
Competition Secretary	Susanne Wilson	Sara Higgins	Mandy Wickison
Social Representative	Cathy Judd	Mandy Wickison	Barbara Dennis

Fun Competitions	Julia Hill	Mandy Wickison	Julie Cooper
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Barbara then introduced the new Lady Captain: -

As one lady captain steps down, another lady captain takes her place, and I would like to wish Viv every success in her coming year as our Lady Captain. She has a wealth of experience having served on the committee for a number of years and being our Treasurer for the last two, and she has a strong committee working with her, so I know she will do a fantastic job, and I hope that you will all support her throughout her captaincy.

**Barbara pins the 'New Lady Captain's Brooch' on Viv, who in return awards Barbara with a brooch for her time as Lady Captain.**

## **8. Incoming Lady Captain's Address**

Thanks once again for you all being here this afternoon.

First, I would like to thank our outgoing Lady Captain, Barbara for all her hard work and commitment over the past year. We truly appreciate everything you have done. Also, to Ben our General Manager for his support I have received already; Pro Ben, Amy all the front of house staff and green keepers and everyone who keeps the club running so well. I feel we are really lucky here. If anyone had said to me 6 months ago that I would be standing in front of you as the incoming Lady Captain, I would have laughed at them. I've always said it was one job I would never do as I viewed it as a thankless one, where you can't please everyone all of the time, sometimes you can't please anyone any of the time.... but let's hope I manage at least one day for each of you.

However, I have truly enjoyed my time as your Treasurer. I don't think anyone takes a position on a committee for themselves but to help run the section fairly and without prejudice.

I have been told by a number of people to take on the role in my own way so I'm starting how I mean to go on, probably a bit out of left field, and beginning how you normally finish, by thanking a few people.

I'd like to thank Sara and Susanne for all the hard work they have already done on the section's behalf updating IG with next year's comps and all the Board competitions which can now be viewed in their entirety. This has involved a massive amount of work and hopefully you will all have a look at all the information it shows.

Thanks to Mandy, Cathy & Barbara for continuing to work on the committee and welcome to Julia for joining us. I can assure you that we will all be working hard on your behalf.

I'd also like to thank, I think, my Vice Captain Julie for agreeing to stand with me, although when she said yes, I nearly ran away. I'm looking forward to sharing the year ahead with you, along with plenty of laughs, I'm sure.

I've only got 2 goals this year as I like to keep things simple and short.... like me...firstly to raise as much money as possible for my chosen charity which this year will be.... St Elizabeth Hospice.

I wanted to choose a local charity and one which had some real meaning to me. Since visiting the Hospice in Ipswich and meeting their fundraiser Brandon, I know I have made the right choice. The hospice and its associated businesses, including Zest, the young person's arm, costs £12m a year to run supporting 4000 patients and families in Suffolk and only 30% of this amount is given by the Government. Something I found disgraceful as everyone deserves to end their life with dignity which is not always possible in our busy hospitals.

Brandon will be with us at the Xmas lunch and will be saying a few words about why our help is needed to raise this large amount.

In time honoured tradition (well the last 2 captains at least) I would like to kick start my fundraising, once again with the sale of tags with a minimum donation of £10 please which will ensure that you are entered into a draw for a number of prizes which may well be presented earlier than normal, possibly the Xmas lunch. So, get in quick. If you see Barbara, she will be happy to let you pick your favourite lucky number and divest you of your pennies. Cash or bank transfer will be great. Thank you very much.

Secondly...I want to help make this club and our sport one which everyone looks forward to coming to and playing and leaving the rubbish going on in the world outside behind, at least for the 4/5 /6 hours (depending on how you are playing) you are here for fun so let's enjoy it.

As I said earlier you can't please everyone all the time, but if you have a concern, the one thing I ask of you is that you come and speak to me directly rather than I hear from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and hopefully I and my committee can sort it out for you.

Finally, thank you once again for this honour. I'll do my very best to represent our ladies section with fun, energy and fairness.

Here's to a fantastic year of golf, hopefully some success with our teams, good friendship and good times on and off the course. In that vein I hope you will join me in a drink at the end of this meeting so feel free to pop downstairs and order your tipple...just remember I have 2 dogs to support so don't bankrupt me...lol. And... let's be kind to each other and let's stay safe out there. Viv

## 9. A.O.B

### a) Constitution

Barbara referred to the changes which had been made to the constitution and subsequently agreed by the management, namely: -

- The introduction of a 'Fun Competition Secretary'
- Changes to wording under 'Committee Structure' to allow for training in some roles
- A new laptop for the ladies section

She then answered these questions from the floor: -

- Why were there now 2 instead of 3 committee ladies required to attend the club meetings

Reply: - This was due to the men's section now running their own committee meetings and the club meeting now involves 2 committee members from each section together with the Club Manager.

- Does the wording under 'Committee Structure' item 12 now mean that one person could stay on the committee for a total of ten years but in two different roles?

Reply: - Barbara started to explain that it was unlikely a person would want to stay on that long. Susanne interjected and answered yes but pointed out that it would not be possible for her to take over the role of competition secretary and its complexities without full training and support and she is very grateful to Sara for agreeing to stay on.

### b) Voting on adopting the trial of changing the handicap parameters for

**Lady Presidents Cup: -**

**Capped at 23.4 handicap index, max course handicap 25**

**Rabbits Trophy: -**

**Between 23.5 – 41.6 handicap index, max course handicap 26 – 45**

**Note – Only one of the above competitions may be entered**

Before voting commenced a question was raised as to how many members had their handicaps capped to play in the Presidents Cup, which was 3.

Mandy pointed out those members had the opportunity to enter either the Lady Presidents Cup or the Rabbits Trophy knockout competitions.

**The Vote: -**

All those in favour 21

All those against	1
Abstentions	0

The motion was carried unanimously

### **c) Managing Director**

Ben Townsend gave his thanks to the committee and to the Ladies section for all their hard work in running the Ladies and Mixed Opens.

He then apologised that the 'Halfway House' with toilet had not been built in the time frame mentioned at last year's AGM . This was due to events changing since the purchase of the Sun Club, which had given the opportunity to move the greenkeepers area, construct two bridges and provide a gym in the current greenkeepers area. Also, plans have changed so that the services from the access road can be used for the halfway house and toilet.

**Meeting Closed at 2pm**

M. Wickison

Secretary