

Sue Hellman 33

Julia Hill 31

Jackie Dutton 26

October Medal combined with Harvest medal and 4th putting played Sunday 20th and Thursday 24th DV1

1st Lesley King(17) 72

2nd Viv Leech(14) 73

3rd Barbara Dennis(15) 74

DV2

1st Jean Berry(29) 71 – Trophy Winner (great score Jean 😊)

2nd Hilary Jeffrey(28) 76

3rd Karol Perley(38) 78

Sign up to November combined stablefords on 17th/21st, roll up 24th November although Rob has put an additional mixed Texas scramble on this date, and 10 hole fun Texas scramble before the AGM on 28th

We had one fun (string ball) competition, amazing what scores can be achieved with a 1m piece of string! Well done ladies.

Emma Hawkins 42

Maggie Bennett 41

Barbara Dennis 40

Stearn Final results

Reaching the final was a win in itself in my eyes and well done to all the Stearn squad who battled out there, on every practice round and undertook the game in hand. We played at Woodbridge, a beautiful course to have a final played on. Gorleston were very strong opposition that pushed us from the start. We finished up in the morning but the match was squared in the afternoon round meaning a playoff was inevitable, something I knew was looking that way just hoped we were wrong. The playoff was late in the day, wet, miserable and a field full of Gorleston supporters, their strength that day was their biggest weapon, they were everywhere you looked. The playoff didn't go the way we would have liked and Gorleston played a flawless play off. It's very true that golf is a great leveller and sadly someone has to come second. My thanks to all the players for taking on the Stearn this year and working as a solid team, you did us all proud and I've enjoyed my time Captaining all the matches in the last 3 years. Thanks to the supporters that came to every match, it really does help to see a happy face amongst a crowd of opponent supporters! Next year my role as Stearn Captain is in the air at the moment, I feel it's time for someone else to take charge, with players coming down into the handicap bracket and some ladies falling off the other end it seems inevitable a new team will be formed.

The Summer eclectic is now finalised and the Winter one now started. Results as below 1st to 5th place. Well played ladies and good luck in the winter eclectic.

The 'Birdie Tree' has nearly been completed, only a couple more qualifiers to put in the mix. Not sure the big bird will be toppled off the top branch but it has happened before! Rita is climbing the branches but what she doesn't know is I have a chain saw in my bag!

1st Sara Higgins 14

2nd Rita Fossey 9

3rd Viv Leech 8

4th Lesley King 5

5th Cathy Chandler 4

Alternate mixed comps all in diary to be played on Saturdays; Rob Sherington has organised these as a way for gents and ladies to play competition golf together, qualifying 95% allowance. £3 to enter and can be played at any time during the day so book your own tee times. General feedback is positive and well done Sue Millard in 2nd place in the last mixed comp.

Captains charity day – a thanks from our Club Captain Paul Kent. Good evening everyone, On behalf of Barbara and myself, a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to today's successful joint captains charity day. We had fabulous weather, the course was in superb condition and little to no wind affecting the play of the 28 four ball teams. Some superb scoring as expected with all scores counting, but some individual excellent play, also.

Results were as follows –

10th Hole 'nearest the wavy line' - Ladies winner Sara Higgins (hat) Gents Winner Gary Slaymaker (winter hat)*

NTP 2nd hole - Ladies Rita Fossey (chocolates) Gents Wayne Jacques (Bottle of wine)

NTP 4th hole - Ladies Sara Higgins (wine) Gents Danny Smith (wine)*

NTP 11th hole - Ladies Sara Higgins (Wine) Gents John Tait (wine)*

NTP 16th hole - Ladies Barbara Dennis (wine) Gents Wayne Jacques (wine)

NTP in 2 5th hole - Ladies Viv Leech (sleeve of balls)

NTP in 2 14th hole - Gents Peter Last (bottle of wine)*

NTP in 3 18th hole -Ladies Viv Leech (sleeve of balls) Gents Jason King (sleeve of balls)*

Best front 9 score Ladies - Sara Higgins 20 pts OCB (2 x sleeve of balls)

Gents Thomas Feveyear 24 pts (2 x sleeve of balls)*

Best back 9 score Ladies Sian Tutak 20 pts (2 x sleeve of balls)

Gents Peter Last 22 pts (2 x sleeve of balls)*

Best Individual score Ladies Judith Bedwell 42 pts (Box of balls)*

Best individual score Gents Brad Reynolds OCB 41pts (Box of Balls)*

Team scores -

1st prize (£40 each) Danny Milne, Sam Borrett, Bradley Reynolds, Will Pye with 144 points*

2nd Prize (£30 each) Thomas Feveyear, Jason Cook, Darron Ridgeon, Stephen Brown with 142 points*

3rd Prize (£25 each) Clive Seward, Karen Last, Peter Last, John Cunnell with 139 points*

4th prize (£20 each) Dennis Higgins, Simon Hunter, Paul Butcher, Paul Kent with 134 points

5th prize (£15 each) Kevin Bowe, Rowan Naismith-Robertson, Jack Payne, Naomi Lane with 132 points*

6th prize (£10 each) Sara Higgins, Gary Slaymaker* Judith Bedwell*, Rita Fossey with 131 points

The Four Ball Vouchers were successfully bid by -

Dunston Hall - Sara Higgins £100

Hintlesham - Gerry Jackson £120

Bury St Edmunds - Dennis Higgins £180

Barnham Broome -Paul Kent £140

Whilst the proceeds are still being counted, we have an estimation of over £1000 going to the two named charities of the Gents and Ladies section. (The Suffolk Family Carers Fund & The Bobby Moore Cancer Research Fund).

Once again, many thanks to all those that either participated or supported today. Special thanks to Ladies Vice Captain Barbara Dennis in her help in organising the day and Gents Vice Captain Paul Butcher who assisted in card checks and recovery of the NTP's. Paul Kent

Spooktacular – what a success. The day was flawless and the amount of emails I received on the back of our committee thank you letter to all players was incredible. We already have a half full tee sheet for 2025!

Dear Lovely Spooky ladies

On behalf of all the committee at Halesworth Golf we would like to thank you all for making our annual Spooktacular Event such a great success. The costumes were just amazing and each year they get better and scarier than the previous and we appreciate all the effort and cost you put into these. We have had some lovely emails and what's app messages so thank you all.

For the Bobby Moore raffle we raised an enormous amount of £510 or thereabouts, we are still counting pennies as we have had a few more donations since. We are overwhelmed by your generosity.

As mentioned yesterday we already have our 2025 Spooktacular event in the diary - Thursday 30th October. If anyone wishes to put a team in for next year please reply to me (Sara) and we will put you on our list before putting it out to Golf Empire.

Lesley our lovely photographer captured so many great photos from the day and the link was emailed to all players, I'm sure like us we really appreciate Lesley's photography skills so please feel free to download and share as you wish, you can add your pictures as well and please remember to tag in Halesworth Golf on all socials. Please remember our skilled head cover creator Sue Millard can create pretty much anything with two needles and a bag of wool. If you would like a bespoke headcover made to order Sue can do it!

The results are:-

1st place - with 97 points Par the Corpse (Jo Brown, Ginnie Hart & Jackie Flewitt - Bramford)

2nd place - with 88 points Team Spookford (Karen Hoskins, Susie Blackett and Kim Coulson - Seckford)

3rd place - with 85 points The Witches of Fynnwick (Julie Gooderham, Dawn Brain and Susan Sparrow - Fynn Valley)

NTP in two on the 5th - Jo Brown (Par the Corpse)

NTP on the 11th - Janet Mutiner (Fangtastics)

Nearest the Line on the 18th - Janet Mutiner (Fangtastics)

Best Dressed Team - Southwold Spooks (Catherine Millward, Caroline Osmer & Penny Cleveley from Southwold)

Best Team Name - Ghouls in One (Zoe Schofield, Carole Bostock and |Judy Taylor from Rookery Park)
- The name was chosen by lovely Amy behind the bar

Best Individual Dressed - Kinza Ellis from Gorleston - (part of the Horrorbelles who kept up her scary appearance all day)

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back next year and wish you all a very happy what's left of the golf season in 2024.

Best wishes and thanks to you all.

Kindest regards,

The Ladies Committee

Barbara, Karen, Lesley, Viv, Sara, Cathy and Sonia

Most of our trophies have been engraved to include the mixed comps that I oversee. All engraved apart from a couple of remaining ones which are with the engraver ready to collect. It seems taking ownership and responsibility has lessened the load for Rob, allowed us to correct previous mistakes or non-engraved trophies now engraved and we can keep an eye on our forecast budgeting for engraving, not just a random figure given to us. The committee feel this is a positive step forward.

Friendlies and Mixed friendlies – all completed and all 2025 matches in the diary ready for the new season. Karen Forster has done a remarkable job of arranging and hosting these matches, trust me they are very time consuming. I understand Karen has offered to take these on next year as well which we are grateful for, so instead of a 65 inch plasma tv in Karen's kitchen, there is now a 65 inch white board with a lot of golf planning on it!

All county matches set up in diary ready for 2025 being Haskell, Stearn, Cranworth, Silver Jubilee and a new scratch match for ladies with max 14 h/cap index. More information will follow about this will be sent out via county in the next few months.

All ladies section and mixed comps cloned and set up, ready for 2025. I may need to make some additional adjustments so please don't copy into your diary just yet!

Please keep yourself available for our **AGM on Thursday 28th November**. At an earlier time of 12.30 to allow more ladies to join in after golf. All papers have been emailed out to all ladies. All winners will be notified and hope you can all make the AGM to receive the handover of your trophy.

Future mixed comps to sign up for are:- Green Keepers Cup Nov 22nd and the Two ball Texas scramble 24th Nov.

Ladies' Treasurer's Report (Viv Leech)

This report completes our year with a full report to follow at the AGM on 28th November.

The final two competitions were the joint captains day and our spooktacular.

The Joint Captains day saw 111 players contribute £1,110.00 in fees together with a raffle which raised £544.30 and another £540 in golf vouchers, giving a grand total of £2,194.30.

The golf vouchers were split 3 ways between the ladies, men's and seniors charities with the remainder (after paying the pro shop for the golf vouchers £594.90) £1,559.40 split between the ladies and men's-£709.70 each.

Our spooky spooktacular was another fantastic success which I am sure Sara and Barbara will confirm. I think we already have bookings for next year. I have included my full breakdown with this report but to confirm after expenses we raised a further £1,026.03 for the Bobby Moore foundation....a total of £1,735.73 for the two competitions.

This month saw a very successful Invitation Day where we raised a further £247 from the raffle for The Bobby Moore Foundation, where the total to date stands at £4592.05.

In addition, The Fund Raising Day collected £393 from fees and raffle which will be put to subsidise the sections Xmas lunch.

As the season starts to wind down all the winners of the knockouts and Eclectic have been paid out (total £153.50) and the winter competitions started although its disappointing to see only 11 ladies entering the Spirit of Ecstasy and 17 the Eclectic (£98 collected in total for both).

We still have the Joint Captains Day and Spooktacular to come in October (where the surplus funds obviously go to the relevant charities) and one more medal this 'year' so our income will start to reduce, but I'm happy that with only the engravings bill outstanding (hopefully....) we should have sufficient funds to start off the 'new year' and see us through the drop in income over the winter months.

My report in November will pick up these last competitions, with a full Report for the AGM on the 28th November.

Club Captain's Report:

Since the October Committee meeting on 16.10.24 –

1. I have now played with **100** different members since being appointed captain. (33 Gents, 59 Seniors, 5 Ladies & 3 Juniors). I am delighted to have reached my target with a few weeks to spare. I would highly recommend future Captains trying the same approach as you truly get a sense of the membership, whilst still having enough time to play with your mates.
2. **Captains' duties** this month have included –
 - **17.10.24** Attended the Seniors Away Day at Hintlesham
 - **20.10.24** Attended the Junior 6's final at Purdis Heath.
 - **27.10.24** Co-hosted the Joint Captains Charity Day
 - **02.11.24** I trialed the 3-minute beepers with a couple of members
 - **07.11.24** Played in the Winter League match at Rookery Park GC
 - I liaised with BT with regard three members issues.
 - I sought & received feedback from Gents with regard the '**surplus**' in the accounts. I had 20 responses via IG
 - I have now confirmed, all bar the Apollo, **Gents matches for 2025**. Work continuing on the **Gents Away Day** following the success of this year's event.
 - I continue to meet with BT on a regular basis to discuss developments around the club.
3. **Congratulations to John Meggison** for the very enjoyable seniors 'away day' at Hintlesham. Well organised, great course conditions and great weather.
4. **Congratulations to George Swallow** who was presented with the **Suffolk Juniors 'Order of Merit 2024'** on **20.10.24**. As this was the same day as the Juniors 6's final, George was very understanding of my absence on that occasion. This will also be presented to George in front of members on the AGM awards night. I have arranged with Claire that we can 'present' these trophies to George in front of the members on 29.11.24
5. It was great to see **112 players** enter & enjoy the **Joint Captains Charity Day** on **27.10.24**. We had a good number of people wait until the end to see the presentation of prizes and the atmosphere in the club was fantastic. Thanks to Barbara for her support and planning of the day and the members who stepped up to help as well. We managed to raise **£1519.20** for the Suffolk Family Carers Fund and the Bobby Moore Cancer Research Fund. JM's British Heart Foundation also benefitted by **£180** from his share of the four-ball voucher sale.
6. **GENTS MATCHES** – Gents matches for next year are now in the diary for 2025.
7. **Greenkeepers** - I sent MC and his team a congratulatory message after all the positive feedback about the course following the Captains Charity Day. They have, & continue to do, a magnificent job on behalf of the members.

8. **Gents Finances** – As stated, I have sought the opinion of members with regard the surplus circa £2k (after the removal of the £2.5k Contingency fund). The feedback is part of the finance agenda item. An additional benefit is that it has also served as great feedback for BT, with regard members views on potential improvements on and around the course.
9. **Juniors Fund collection** – In the past month I have had two trolleys with batteries donated, two carry bags (sold) and a few more clubs (sold). In addition, we sold another putter. So, the donations from members continues thanks to the notices on the various boards.
10. **Charitable fundraising** - a conservative estimate is that members / club have raised circa **£48,000** this year, when all activity is combined. A tremendous effort and a magnificent endorsement of Halesworth Golf.
11. **Grace leaving.** Due to short time spent at HG we have decided not to do a collection for Grace but to include her in the '**Front of House**' collection. We have circulated a card for members to sign and I have got her a bottle of her favourite tipple.
12. **Matters raised with me**, by members, since my election as Captain continue to be contained within this report
 - A. **Three issues** have been raised with me and dealt with by BT, following our discussions.
 - B. As requested by them, and previously discussed at committee, two members will be observing today's meeting. **Gerry Jackson** and **Colin Hillier**.

Captains Diary Nov

- 09.11.24 Junior Open Day – unfortunately I am away in Norfolk that day
- 15.11.24 Pear Tree Fund 'Promises' evening – Apologies given as I am travelling to Kent that evening.
- 21.11.24 Seniors Winter League at Home to Caldecott
- 28.11.24 Ladies AGM and prize giving
- 29.11.24 Seniors AGM and prize giving (am). Apologies given as playing pairs match
- 29.11.24 Gents AGM and prize giving (pm)

Seniors' Captain's Report:

Golf and Matches

The Seniors Captains Away Day at Hintlesham on 17th October had 30 Seniors attend and was won by Roy King.

The Gilson-Wright Salver on 22nd October was won by John Kime with 40pts.

The Seniors Memorial Trophy (medal qualifier) on 25th October was won by Steve Popple with a net 70.

The Seniors Captains Challenge on 29th October was won by Meggison's Marauders, defeating Tower's Terrors.

The Enticknap Cup was played on 1st November and was won by Paul Hyden, Keith Jackson and Brian Lee.

The November Stableford Qualifier on 5th November was won by Tony Good with 40pts.

The last friendly match of the year took place on the date of this meeting, away at Rookery, result not yet known.

So far, we have played 31, won 14, drawn 6 and lost 11. The 34 fixtures for 2025 are confirmed in IG and include fixtures at Southwold (re-instated), Hintlesham (for the second year) and Barnham Broom (for the first time).

Winter League

The Winter League team lost away at Rookery Park on 7th November, their second fixture of the season.

New members

Two new members have been notified to us in the last month and have been welcomed by Steve Bacon.

Committee

The Seniors held their last meeting on Tues 5th November 2024. The minutes are being prepared. The Seniors discussed the issue of County Team Expenses and have put forward a revised policy, applicable to the Seniors.

The committee have indicated a desire to stay on apart from John Ashton and Andy Jennings who have informed us that they will stand down at the AGM. Two Seniors have so far indicated a willingness to join the committee.

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).

The Seniors Christmas Dinner arrangements are in hand with the Vice Captain.

At the meeting JM reported that the last Seniors' Match at Rookery Park resulted in a loss by 4½ to 3½ leaving the season's results at P32 – W 14—D 6 –L 12

Competition Secretary's Report:

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

Sunday October 20th – TONY KNOX Greensomes - 54 Entrants

Winners Luke Hunter & Simon Hunter Net 65

2nd Spike Dutton & Daniel Collett Net 66 ocb

3rd Sam Borrett & Will Pye Net 66

Sunday October 27th – JOINT CAPTAINS Charity Day – 112 Entrants – PLEASE see Captains Report

SATURDAY November 2nd – OPEN to ALL STABLEFORD - 29 Entrants

Winner Chris Haslam 41 Pts

2nd Julie Cooper 40 Pts

3rd Jack Rawlinson 39 Pts

Sunday November 3rd – NOVEMBER MEDAL - 72 Entrants

Winner Warren Tydeman Net 65 ocb

2nd Gary Etchels Net 65

3rd Chris Mitchell Net 66

Sunday November 10th – FIELD SALVER - 76 Entrants

Winner Will Coby 40 Pts ocb

2nd Danny Milne 40 Pts – GROSS 68!!

3rd Simon Ratcliffe 39 Pts ocb

Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - VERY CLOSE – last competition this Sunday 17th!! Leader Paul

Coby 71 Pts 2nd Danny Smith 70 Pts, 3rd Michael Fulton 70 Pts Finishes

Gents Summer Eclectic – Winner Clifford Brown Net 55, 2nd Paul Coby Net 55 3rd Dennis Higgins Net 55 all ocb

Winter Knockouts are now underway

Next Competitions due as follows: -

1. Sunday November 17th Gents Monthly Stableford
2. Friday November 22nd GREENKEEPERS CUP
3. Sunday November 24th OPEN to ALL 2 Ball Texas Scramble
4. Friday November 29th AGM & Presentation Evening
5. Sunday December 1st TURKEY TROTT 9am SHOTGUN START 37 entrants so far – this is a mixed competition which we as a committee are trying to encourage – PLEASE committee members sign up to show you commitment to this type of event it may encourage others to follow.
6. Sunday December 8th Gents Monthly Medal
7. Sunday December 15th 'SHERINGTON' Front of House Shield
8. Sunday December 22nd Gents Monthly Stableford
9. Sunday December 29th OPEN to ALL Betterball
10. Wednesday January 1st OPEN to ALL 3 Ball Texas Scramble

HANDICAP SECRETARY REPORT

Colin Hillier has started in the role of Handicap Secretary and the transition has been very smooth. Colin has picked up the key requirements of the role well and is monitoring General Play cards, entering cards that require submitting along with registering new members and allocating them their handicap once 3 cards have been submitted.

Colin has also correctly applied a penalty score to Barry Tibbenham who continues to register a card and then chooses at times not to submit his scores which is not allowed. Colin has spoken with Barry to clear up any confusion the player may have with the system.

We currently **have 24 (same as last month) players who have their soft cap enabled** slowing the rate at which their handicap is increasing – **No player has their hard cap enabled.**

To show how fluid this is changes since the last meeting (4 weeks)

Soft Cap Removed from:

John Ashton

David Farrington

George Swallow

Barry Tibbenham

Soft Cap put in place:

Paul Butcher
 Keith Ellis
 Matthew Friend
 Stephen Waldmeyer

A reminder, the soft cap is triggered when a player's handicap increases quickly over time, it is not an accurate calculation but normally triggers if a player's 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 player's handicap changes by not adjusting to the full amount a new score may give.

Gent's Treasurer's Report:

		2023/4		2022/3
Gentlemen's Competition Money				
	Competition entry fees	15%	£16,785.81	£14,645.50
	Competition prizes		£12,773.00	76% £10,214.75
	Cost of trophies		£1,435.25	£1,427.40
	Surplus from competitions		<hr/> £2,577.56	<hr/> 15% £3,003.35
Other income				
	100 Club		£342.00	£680.00
	Captain's Charity		£300.00	
	Interest		£0.00	£20.42
			<hr/> £3,219.56	<hr/> £3,703.77
Other expenditure				
	101 Club		£639.80	£782.40
	Captain's Charity		£2,000.00	£4,000.00
	County Competition expenses		£2,099.70	£956.00
Sundry expenses				
	Rake Holders		£187.80	
	Computer contribution			£66.55
	Past Captain's Tie		£25.00	£25.00
	Captain's Jumpers		£100.00	
	Team Sweaters			£185.00
	AGM buffet		£300.00	£250.00
			<hr/> £5,352.30	<hr/> £6,264.95
	Deficit on Gentlemen' Activities		-£2,132.74	-£2,561.18

	Movement in Juniors Funds	£1,396.15	£1,454.40
	(including income from Sale of Clubs £1,949)		
Cash deficit in Year		-£736.59	-£1,106.78
Bank Account			
Opening Balance		£11,026.53	£12,133.31
Closing Balance		<u>£10,289.94</u>	<u>£11,026.53</u>
Comprises	Current Account	£10,289.94	£11,026.53
	Deposit Account	£0.00	£0.00
		<u>£10,289.94</u>	<u>£11,026.53</u>
Outstanding at year-end			
	AGM Buffet 2024	£300.00	£250.00
	Captain's Charity	£300.00	£0.00
	Trophies and Engraving	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
	101 Club	£173.80	£471.40
	Captain's Sweaters	£100.00	£60.00
	Junior Funds	£4,084.15	£2,688.00
		<u>£6,457.95</u>	<u>£4,969.40</u>
Available funds		<u>£3,831.99</u>	<u>£6,057.13</u>

At the meeting KPB explained in detail his Treasurer's Report for the year which would be presented to members at the AGM. KF also explained that all of the monies for the charities on the Captains' Charity Day had been paid into the Ladies' Accounts. A total of £1968 is the Men's portion, nett of any costs. KPB will amend his accounts to show it as a receipt and payment to reflect that all the money had been raised for the Charity. In answer to a question from BD, KPB explained that the accounts had been sent to the auditor for verification. It was agreed by the Committee that the accounts were approved subject to the amendments mentioned above. KPB was thanked for his work on these accounts and for his work throughout the year.

Matters for Discussion:

- 1) Seniors' Captain JM had put forward the General Committee's proposals regarding county team expenses to the Seniors at their latest Committee Meeting. Their conclusion was that they would prefer that the practice rounds were paid for rather than the food. This would have a bearing on the Seniors' contribution to the funding of county competitions and that further discussion therefore needed to take place. DT emphasised that the Seniors were aware of this. PK had sent out a message to all members regarding their preferences to how any surplus money might be spent. He had received 20 replies but had also had conversations with a much larger number of members about this. The majority were in favour of spending more money on the course but this was an area that needed to be referred to management to determine their approval for any work that members wished to be done on the course. KPB felt that members wanted surplus money to be spent on the course and that this question should be left at present and re-visited in January. RS, in his role as Competition Secretary, had also had many conversations with the Gents about this question. He felt that many of them regarded the surplus as 'their' money as the majority of the surplus had come from their Sunday competition fees and was not members' money as such and a distribution model for those who had generated the surplus might be more appropriate. SH suggested that members needed to make their feelings known to PK if they were not happy with the idea of the General Committee deciding on how any surplus money should be spent.
- 2) PK asked that 'The Aims and Objectives' document should be used as a starting point to next year's conversations as to how the club can move forward and that an updated version should be created which reflected members' views.

Health & Safety: Members will have noticed that there has been some pruning of the new trees in a number of areas on the course. RS highlighted a possible safety issue with this as players did not know whereabouts this was taking part on the course. For example, on the 14th hole pruning was being done out of the sight of players on the tee resulting on a near miss from a sliced drive. RS wondered if a warning sign on the tee or some other means could be used to make players aware of the danger. BT said he would look into this as a possible issue.

Any Other Business:

The list of winners of the Seniors' Winter and Summer pairs competitions has been updated and can now be included on the appropriate honours boards.

RS was concerned that the 'Auction of Promises' for the Pear Tree fund might not be well attended. He felt that if we were to be involved again in the future we should be more pro-active and offer greater guidance.

BT assured the Committee that the 'Ben Townsend Award' would be available for the AGM and Presentation Evening and as already mentioned it would be awarded posthumously to Eric Felgate for his service to the club over many years and in so many ways.

DW confirmed that a copy of the minutes of the 2023 AGM would be available for duplication to those attending the meeting.

This was the last General Committee Meeting for Sara (SH) and John (JM). The Committee thanked them warmly for the work they had done for the members during their years in office.

100 Club Draw: This would be deferred this month in the hope of attracting more members to the 100 Club enabling better prize money to be offered.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 at 7.00pm

Don Wellman