

HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th October, 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: EA, PK, PB, SH, BD, KF, JM, RS, KPB, DW

Apologies: BT, RD, GS, DT,

The evening started with PK welcoming member Matthew Friend as an observer to the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Meeting. Accepted as a true record

Matters Arising: No matters arising that would not be covered later in the meeting.

Club Update: EA gave the following update:

- On the Blyth course two new paths have been completed. One to the right of the 3rd green and the other to the left of the 11th green. This will prove particularly helpful in winter conditions.
- There will be a fitting day on 17th November with further details to follow.
- Two Junior days have been scheduled for the half-term holiday.
- The Juniors 6’s final will be played at Ipswich Golf Club on 20th October.
- A big thank you to Dave Tower for running another very successful Quiz Night with 55 people in attendance.
- Xmas Party Nights scheduled for 7th and 14th December.
- Tickets for the New Year’s Eve Party are going well.

Seniors’ Captain JM was pleased to announce that Andy Frances has agreed to be the Seniors’ Vice-Captain for 2025.

SH confirmed that all the Ladies’ trophies are ready for the Presentation Evening and she wished to thank PK for coming along to support the Ladies in their Stearn final. BD explained that, at present, the Ladies did not have a Vice-Captain for 2025.

RS reminded everyone that we did not yet have a trophy for the Ben Townend Award and as the recipient (Eric Felgate) had already been agreed, DW offered to write to Eric’s sister after the Prize Giving to let her know that Eric had been honoured in this way.

Ladies’ Committee Reports:

Competition Secretary Report September 2024 – (Sara Higgins)

Combined September Medal

Dv 1		
1st	Cathy Chandler(20)	70
2nd	Viv Leech(15)	72
3rd	Judith Bedwell(15)	72
Dv 2		
1st	Karol Perley(38)	76
2nd	Julia Hill(30)	79
3rd	Sally Watson(32)	84

Combined September stableford with Granny Trophy

DV 1		
1st	Rita Fossey(9)	36
2nd	Sara Higgins(8)	36 – Trophy Winner
DV 2		
1st	Sally Baxter(26)	41
2nd	Sally Catt(28)	38
DV 3		
1st	Jean Berry(30)	36
2nd	Emma Hawkins(37)	36

Ladies Invitation day

1st	Andrea Hood (36) & Sue Cambridge (42)	49
2nd	Judith Bedwell (15) & Jane Izod (16)	48
3rd	Sue Hellman (30) & Maggie Hart (34)	48

16 pairs took part in our yearly invitation day. The weather held up for us and everyone enjoyed a superb day of golf, prizes and food. Thankyou to all the committee and lady members for organising the day and pulling out all the stops making sure all our guests were welcomed and looked after. A big thanks to Ellie and her team for spoiling us with a very enviable afternoon tea. Those who missed out I highly recommend ordering a high tea as you will not be disappointed. Monies raised have been sent to The Bobby Moore charity which was in the region of £250.00, this amount was helped by Sue Millard knitting and donating animal club head covers that we auctioned off, thanks to Sue as these were not only well received but lovingly made.

Addison Mixed Foursomes

1st	David King & Lesley King	38	Trophy winners
2nd	Andrew Millard & Sue Millard	37	
3rd	Naomi Lane & Jack Payne	37	

Mixed Pearce Trophy

1st	Garry Martin (13), John Butel (17), Sally Watson (28) & Michael Hansell (28)	90	Trophy winners
2nd	Neville Chubbock (13), Jean Berry (26), Martin Pollitt (17) & Adrian Heard (24)	87	
3rd	Richard Fernley (10), Caroline Emeny (19) John Morley (19) & Christopher Whymark (28)	86	

Knockout Competitions – all finalised

Ladies Summer singles winner – Karol Perley & runner up Mary Wildish (**Rabbits Trophy**)
Ladies Summer singles winner – Sue Millard & runner up Sally McCoy (**Lady Presidents Cup**)

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

Jay Old Know mixed pairs knockout – Sue & Andrew Millard and runners up Susanne Wilson & Chris Peach

Stearn Report – Sara Higgins

Its getting tough is all I can say! A very long day at Bungay v Rookery Park held September 2nd. The Stearn squad all pumped up and eager to get on the tee box. Plenty of spectators walking around the course and as always, great golf played by both teams. Semi finals we knew would be challenging and defending our win from last year is making us the team to beat! But not for Rookery Park as we pulled in a 4½ to 1½ victory. The ladies played out of their skin and we look forward to the final on Sunday 6th October at Woodbridge Golf Club. Please come and show your support as it really does make a difference to the squad. Tee times 9.15/1.48 approximately.

Weston Report – Viv Leech

We played the final two games of our season this month against Rookery away and Diss at home needing a win against Diss to ensure second place and promotion to Division One.

Both matches played in great spirit with a 4-1 loss to Rookery on Friday 2nd August and a magnificent 5-0 win against Diss on Saturday 24th August.

So a very successful season culminating in our promotion back to Division One.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Ladies involved in the squad this year, whether they played in the games or supported the teams on the day. A second thank you to all who came to watch and support us this year.

WESTON RESULTS – 2024

(Games won by each Club are shown by reading left to right along the Row - total Matches won so far is shown under Match Pts)

SCORING one point will be awarded for every game won (i.e. maximum points per match = 5), Half points for a drawer.

In the event of a tie in any Division, it will go back to:

1. the number of points (i.e. games won)
2. Individual scores of matches (i.e. total of holes up in all the games)
3. The winner of the match between the two tied teams.

Top two winners in A and B will go forward to play a final on a date specified by County

WESTON PLATE RESULTS 2024

DIVISION 2								
	THORPENESS	FYNN VALLEY	HALESWORTH	DISS	ROOKERY PARK	GORLESTON	Matches	Points (games)
THORPENESS		0.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	3	1.0	5.5
FYNN VALLEY	4.5		1.0	3.5	0.0	4	3.0	13.0
HALESWORTH	3.0	4.0		5.0	1.0	3	4.0	16.0
DISS	5.0	1.5	0.0		2.5	2.5	2.0	11.5
ROOKERY PARK	5.0	5.0	4.0	2.5		3	4.5	19.5
GORLESTON	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.0		0.5	9.5

Senior ladies Jubilee shield final – Caroline Emeny

September 18th Caroline took her team of players to Ufford Park to play their final against Aldeburgh. The matches were very close and to the core but it was Aldeburgh's day in the end.

'We were runners up today in the Jubilee Shield as Aldeburgh won 2 games with 2 matches halved. The final score does not reflect how tight each and every match was, they could have gone either way, the 2 halved matches finishing in the 18th.

It was a very long day with some incredible golf played by all ladies.

I am so proud of the entire squad for getting us this far and we are a true force in the SLCGA competitions now. Bring on 2025 from a very proud team Captain 🙏🏻👏🏻👏🏻'

Friendly match for September was away against Bawburgh. We lost 2½ to 1½ but from the report I had was a lovely day of golf in idyllic settings. Bawburgh is a new signing for us and our first away match with them. Lets hope this continues into 2025 and beyond.

Mixed Matches ahead

12 October 12:00 - 12:30 Home Gorleston home
 19 October 11:48 - 00:00 Away Felixstowe away

Golf is starting to calm down now; a little respite moving forward and getting ready to hibernate for the autumnal days ahead. The ladies golfing diary is getting quieter although our yearly Spooktacular is just around the corner. 60 ladies have signed up so far and we are looking forward to hosting the ghouls and ghosts for the day.

The golf diary is nearly all cloned in readiness for next year, still a few adjustments but all nearly there with it.

Ladies' Handicap Report (Lesley King)

First of all I would like to thank Sara for stepping in for me with various Handicap jobs including the closing of the Summer Eclectic and the start of the new season. I have been pretty much overwhelmed with work and other commitments recently.

I am delighted to see that Sara held on to the top spot of the summer eclectic, with a phenomenal number of birdies which brought her score down to a winning level. Superb golf! Needless to say Sara sits on top of the birdie tree and is unlikely to be toppled before the end of the year.

We have a new lady, **Karen Jackson** who is off a very handy 18.7, another potential team player. We also have **Heide Eyles** recently joined, however she has no handicap nor a CDH number as yet. Before I give her a new CDH I need to make sure she is not the lady of the same name on WHS from Richmond.

One of our new ladies is chopping her handicap impressively (on the 9 hole course) **Janice Sausman** has dropped 12.6 shots in the last couple of months.

[Update](#)

Position	Player	Starting Age	Ending Age	Starting Handicap	Ending Handicap	Strokes Difference	Percentage Difference	Improvement Factor
1	Janice Sausman			50.9	38.3	12.6	24.75%	1.250
2	Karol Perley			39.3	36.0	3.3	8.40%	1.069
3	Julie Cooper			26.4	24.4	2.0	7.58%	1.055
4	Naomi Lane			27.5	26.0	1.5	5.45%	1.039

Now the season starts to get a little more challenging so it will be interesting to see how handicaps change from now.

Ladies' Treasurer's Report (Viv Leech)

A busy month with the final 2 Weston matches, the quarter final of the Stearn at Gorleston and the semi final of the Silver Jubilee Cup at Fynn Valley taking place. The success of the latter two competitions has obviously increased the sections outgoings this year.

With this in mind, I have therefore transferred the majority of the balance (£500) sitting in the Business Premium account to cover these and any further unforeseen outgoings, should we continue to be successful, leaving a nominal amount of £16.53 to keep the account open.

On the competition front we received £572 from the club being the fees from 7 competitions, 2 of which, The Williams Cup and The Mixed Land Salver were then passed on to the Men's section for the Juniors (Williams) and the Ladies and Men's Charities (Land Salver) leaving £351.50 retained.

Spooktacular entries are ramping up with a further £600 received this month taking the total to 17 teams and £1700 edging towards the number of entries in 2023.

Finally, the Lady Captain funds have been increased this month by Karen Forster donating £75 she received from HGC for the month she stepped up as Lady Captain and I thank her for this as it means we still have £394.11 to be used as the committee sees fit for the remainder of the year.

Club Captain's Report:

Since the August Committee meeting on 18.09.24 –

1. I have now played with **90** different members since being appointed captain. (33 Gents, 49 Seniors, 5 Ladies & 3 Juniors). With four members already booked in to play with me and six weeks to go before the AGM, I am optimistic in hitting the 100 target I set myself at the start of my captaincy.
2. Captains' duties this month have included –
 - **21.09.24** Facilitated the successful Gents 'away day' to Easton with 20 members and one 'guest'. Plans are now being developed for next year.
 - **24.09.24** led the 'bunker' volunteers in the fourth afternoon session of stone picking. Poor weather cancelled the 25.09.24 session.
 - **06.10.24** Attended and supported the Ladies Stearn Final at Woodbridge.
 - **14.10.24** Met with RS & JM for the Annual Handicap review.
 - **16.10.24** Played in the Seniors Winter League match at home v Bungay
 - Met with two prospective candidates for Gents Committee positions.
 - I continue to meet with BT on a regular basis to discuss developments around the club.
3. **Congratulations to Bradley Reynolds and Ed Bowles** for their impressive win in the Daily Mail Foursomes qualifying event held on 22.09.24
4. **Congratulations to George Swallow** who has won the **Suffolk Juniors 'Order of Merit 2024'**. This will be presented to George on **20.10.24** at the Race to Aldeburgh final held at Felixstowe GC. George also reached the semi-final of the **Suffolk Juniors Matchplay**.
5. It was great to see **47** members sign up for the first **Saturday 'Open' Stableford** competition on 05.10.24. After this success we have another Saturday competition now booked for the 2nd November. *We will need to review the arrangements and impact on Sunday numbers as we move forward (e.g., should we have one Gents comp spread over the two days in the winter to offset daylight hour reduction). We had 72 players on Sunday, so only slightly down on previous Sunday fields.
6. The **SGU County competition fixtures** have been published. It was great to see Halesworth receive **two first round 'Bye's'** (Stenson & Beaumont), **two home draws** (Hambro and Parks) with only **one away draw (Tolly)**. This is much improved from recent year draws. I wish all the teams all the best in their endeavours next year. Captains for

the teams are Paul & Mark Coby (Stenson & Hambro teams), Paul Kent (Tolly), Rob Sherington (Beaumont) and I'm delighted that I have got Ian Stannard to agree to captain the Parks team once again.

7. GENTS MATCHES –

Gents matches for next year have provisional dates in the diary for 2025.

07.05.25	A	St. Clements
05.06.25	H	Southwold
11.06.25	H	St Clements
25.06.25	A	Southwold
16.07.25	A	Eaton
30.07.25	H	Eaton
13.08.24	H	Police
TBA	A	Apollo
23.08.25	A	Stowmarket
TBA	H	Apollo

8. The **greens** on the golf course have recovered remarkably quickly from their hollow tining. To confirm, it has been agreed with BT that next year all sections should avoid having qualifying competitions on the course for the two weeks following this work. This is the sensible approach as a club we feel. Next year's work 'may' also be delayed due to the potential of HG hosting the final of the 2025 Parks competition.
9. I'd like to publicly thank those members who gave up their time to help remove a significant number of large **stones from the bunkers** over the past few weeks. Those who helped me were Paul Sherwood, Simon Hunter, Steven Waldmeyer, David Pryke, Larry Gazzard, John Meggison, Art Blackburn, Sue Wilson, Charlie Wilson, David Hopkins, Sonia Lord, Sally McCoy, Jeremy Jenkins, Tony Good, Colin Baldwin, Steve Garnham, Matthew Friend, Bob Judd, Alan Barnes, Adrian Heard, Steve Morris, Chris Turner, and Nikki McQueen. Several came on several afternoons. Magnificent commitment to this great club.
10. A great effort from the **Ladies Stearn Team**, only losing the final on Sunday to the first play-off hole, where they lost to Gorleston at Woodbridge. A great achievement in reaching consecutive finals and coming so close to retaining.
11. **General tee times** are now available to book four weeks in advance. This allows better management of tee times and greater flexibility/ability to plan ahead for all golfers. This will be reviewed in due course.
12. **Joint Captains Charity Day 27.10.24**. I am delighted that 90 players have so far signed up for the Competition. In addition, we have a painting generously donated by Terry Jeffrey once again, plus four fourball vouchers to auction (Barnham Broom, Dunston Hall, Bury St. Edmunds and Hintlesham). BD & I met on 10.10.24 to plan the day.
13. **Gents Finances** – As we now have the fixture list for our Gents SGU County Competitions, I have circulated a paper outlining expected costs, with three finance models to consider. I have also circulated in advance an 'options' sheet for members to

consider relating to any surplus in this year's accounts. This is in addition to a suggested £2500 contingency fund. An agenda item.

14. **Matters raised with me**, by members, since my election as Captain continue to be contained within this report

- A. I was asked if there were plans to plant trees along the first fairway in order to create definition for that hole and 'separation' from the second. ***BT has confirmed to me that there are no plans for this at the moment. BT noted there is an issue regarding drainage down the hill which may impede any such planting. However, there was a course inspection by JH, BT and MC on 13.10.24***
- B. I was asked to clarify the position of the 'Sun Club' property and whether HG owners were intending to purchase. ***BT confirmed that whilst JH did not purchase the property (another buyer did) he is in negotiations with new owner who is looking to exit ownership. BT will provide an update should there be one.***
- C. As requested by them, and previously discussed at committee, two members will be observing today's meeting. They are **Matthew Friend & Mark Winwood**. **Gerry Jackson** and **Colin Hillier** would like to 'observe' the last meeting in November before the AGM.

Captains Diary Oct / Nov 2024

17.10.24 Seniors Away Day at Hintlesham
20.10.24 Attending Junior 6's final at Purdis Heath.
27.10.24 Joint Captains Charity Day
07.11.24 Winter League match at Rookery Park GC

Seniors' Captain's Report: Golf and Matches

The Blyth Trophy on Friday 13th Sept was won by Paul Raynes with a net 64, six shots clear of the field.
The Seniors Stableford Qualifier on Tues 17th Sept was won by Simon Baxter with 40pts.
The Seniors September Medal on Tues 24th Sept was won by Rob Sherington with a net 67.
The Seniors October Stableford Qualifier on Fri 4th Oct was won by Paul Raynes with 41pts.
The Seniors Team event on Tues 8th Oct was won by John Kime, Jim Doyle and Michael Hansell.

The Seniors Captains Away Day at Hintlesham for 17th Oct 2024 now has 30 Seniors signed up.
We have the Seniors Memorial Trophy (medal qualifier) coming up on 25th October and the Seniors Captains Challenge on Tues 29th October.
The draws for the Winter Knockout out comps will be taking place next week (21st Oct) when entry closes.

We have 2 Seniors friendly matches yet to play, both away at Caister and Rookery.
So far, we have played 30, won 14, drawn 5 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 fixtures kicked off with a home match today against Bungay. We have 29 Seniors currently registered for the squad. The HGC Winter League team for 2024 will be captained by Larry Gazzard.

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 pleased to announce that Andy Francis has agreed to be the Seniors 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).

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

I have now received the glassware from Lesley Pike for our AGM and presentation.

I have been through the trophies for engraving with Rob who will be taking them to the engravers sometime soon.

Competition Secretary's Report: Competition Secretary's Report

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

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

18 Holes

Winner Stephen Garnham 42 Pts

2nd David King 39pts

9 Holes

Winner Gerry Jackson 24 Pts

2nd Martin McGinty 19 Pts

SUMMER SERIES accumulator (Best 2 scores)

18 Hole Winner David King 77 Pts

9 Hole Winner Gerald Jackson 43 Pts

Sunday September 22nd – DAILY MAIL Foursomes - 50 Entrants

Winners Ed Bowles & Bradley Reynolds Net 68

2nd Liam O'Donovan & Stephen Brown Net 69

3rd David Brown & John Tait Net 71 ocb

Sunday September 29th – SHERWOOD BOGEY - 80 Entrants

Winner Clifford Brown 5 Up

2nd Connor Adams 4 Up ocb

3rd Brett Lockwood 4 Up ocb

SATURDAY October 5th – OPEN to ALL STABLEFORD - 43 Entrants

Winner Mark Winwood 41 Pts

2nd Soren Cable 41 Pts

3rd Jack Payne 40 Pts ocb

Sunday October 6th – OCTOBER STABLEFORD - 74 Entrants

Winner Bradley Reynolds 43 Pts

2nd Ed Bowles 40 Pts

3rd Sue Millard 37 Pts

Sunday October 13th – OCTOBER MEDAL - 67 Entrants

Winner Colin Hillier Net 68

2nd Stephen Brown Net 69 ocb

3rd Patrick Cole Net 69 ocb

Gary Slaymaker Player of the Year: - NEW Leader Michael Fulton 78 Pts 2nd Danny Smith 77 Pts, 3rd Jack Payne 75 Pts Finishes Nov 30th

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

- **Summer Singles knockout – Winner Danny Smith** runner up 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. Sunday October 20th TONY KNOX Trophy
2. Sunday October 28th JOINT CAPTAINS Charity Day (also closing date for entries in Gents Winter Singles & Foursomes competitions)
3. Saturday November 2nd OPEN to ALL Stableford (10 entries so far)
4. Sunday November 3rd Gents Monthly Medal
5. Sunday November 10th FIELD SALVER
6. Sunday November 17th Gents Monthly Stableford
7. Friday November 22nd GREENKEEPERS CUP
8. Sunday November 24th OPEN to ALL 2 Ball Texas Scramble
9. Friday November 29th AGM & Presentation Evening

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 fitted 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.

At the meeting RS explained to members that the summer series of competitions on the Valley Course had sadly not met with a great deal of interest but that he might try again next year.

Handicap Secretarie's Report:

We currently **have 24 (down from 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.

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

Soft Cap Removed from:

Simon Baxter

Stephen Boothby

Keith Calver

Nicholas Sillett

Chris Whymark (due to handicap review – see later)

Dave Wickison

Soft Cap put in place:

Peter Foulger

Ryan Goldsmith

Tony Shaw

A reminder, 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 maybe 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.

Annual Handicap Review – this took place on Monday October 15th involving Club Captain PK, Seniors captain JM & Handicap Secretary RS

Evidence from WHS platform that used was:

- Soft Cap / Hard cap Report
- Analysis of scores – General Play V Competition average scores
- Analysis of individual player scoring record over the past 12 months
- Knowledge of the players concerned

Player Reductions

-1.0

- Dale Pearse 21.0 to 20.0
- Mark Webster 22.4 to 21.4
- Dan Blowers 16.2 to 15.2
- Chris Castle 34.4 to 33.4

Matt McGinn requested an adjustment – His Handicap Freeze at 18.0 has been removed which will allow him to progress up as his playing scores reflect. He is now 18.1 and he has been encouraged to put in general play cards as well as competition cards.

Player Increases

+1.0

- Chris Whymark 29.8 to 30.8
- Chris Driscoll 12.3 to 13.3
- Julian Sanger 21.6 to 22.6
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At the meeting SH explained to members a little more about the handicap soft cap and the thinking behind it. He also referred to his analysis of the relative difficulty of each hole on the Blyth Course from the evidence gathered from a significant sample of Gents competition scores and that he might, in the future, supplement this with a comparison between summer and winter scores. It was agreed that this would be a valuable addition to the analysis and help to inform any future change to the stroke indices.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at the Bank is £ 10,801.94

Of this the following is due:

Seniors	£	30.00
Juniors		£ 4,529.18
100 Club	£	292.80
Charity	£	300.00

leaving £5,649.99 as funds of this Committee.

The Captain has tabled items on the Agenda concerning this balance, discussion should therefore be deferred to those points later in the Meeting.

Matters for Discussion:

1) Finance model for Gents County Competitions

Below is a copy of the document written by PK in order to inform discussion on this topic:

Costings 2025

Round 1	Drawn	Drinks etc	Practice Round	Lunch *	Cost per team
Beaumont	BYE	£00.00	£00.00	£00.00	£00.00
Parks	HOME	£20.00	£00.00	£00.00	£20.00
Tolly Cobbold	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
Hambro	HOME	£20.00	£00.00	£160.00	£180.00
Stenson	BYE	£00.00	£00.00	£00.00	£00.00
TOTAL		£60.00	£250.00	£320.00	£630.00

Round 2	Drawn	Drinks etc	Practice Round	Lunch *	Cost per team
Beaumont	HOME-	£20.00	£00.00	£00.00	£20.00
Parks	HOME - Diss	£20.00	£00.00	£00.00	£20.00

Tolly Cobbold	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
Hambro	AWAY-Rookery	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
Stenson	AWAY -	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
TOTAL		£100.00	£750.00	£480.00	£1,330.00

Round 3	Drawn	Drinks etc	Practice Round	Lunch *	Cost per team
Beaumont	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£00.00	£270.00
Parks	HOME	£20.00	£00.00	£00.00	£20.00
Tolly Cobbold	HOME	£20.00	£00.00	£160.00	£180.00
Hambro	HOME	£20.00	£00.00	£160.00	£180.00
Stenson	HOME -	£20.00	£00.00	£160.00	£180.00
TOTAL		£100.00	£250.00	£480.00	£830.00

Cost models

1. Pay for drinks, practice rounds and lunches for Tolly, Hambro and Stenson as they play 36 holes in day. This is the current agreement. Total cost for three rounds is £2,790.
2. Pay for practice rounds and lunches where applicable. Based on players bringing their own drinks when playing golf. Total cost for three rounds is £2,530
3. Pay only for lunches. Based on players bringing their own drinks and paying for a practice round (which equates to two rounds of golf at another course for only £25.00). Total cost for three rounds is £1,280.

**** Seniors section have maximum outlay of £175.00 to this point.**

I believe the third model is sustainable, cost effective and recognises that there will be further costs if any or all teams go on to play in further rounds.

Semi Final	Drawn	Drinks etc	Practice Round	Lunch *	Cost per team
Beaumont	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£00.00	£270.00
Parks	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£00.00	£270.00
Tolly Cobbold	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
Hambro	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
Stenson	AWAY	£20.00	£250.00	£160.00	£430.00
TOTAL		£100.00	£1250.00	£480.00	£1,830.00

Additional costs if all teams reach the semi-final

1. Pay for drinks, practice rounds and lunches for Tolly, Hambro and Stenson as they play 36 holes in day. This is the current agreement. Total cost for semi-final is **£1,830.00**.
2. Pay for practice rounds and lunches where applicable. Based on players bringing their own drinks when playing golf. Total cost for semi-final is **£1,730**
3. Pay only for lunches. Based on players bringing their own drinks and paying for a practice round (which equates to two rounds of golf at another course for only £25.00). Total cost for semi-final is **£480.00**.

**** Seniors section would have maximum outlay of £445.00 to this point.**

The models –

1. In the current model we could face costs of **£4,620** if we reach all five semi-finals.
2. In option 2 (removing drinks) we would incur costs of **£4,260.00**
3. In option 3 (removing drinks and practice rounds) we would incur costs of **£1760**.

The likelihood of all five teams reaching the semifinal is statistically remote, however, having a sustainable, achievable financial model does cover every eventuality. Our current income generated from competitions would cover **option three** each year and any 'surpluses' then create a reserve / contingency fund at an amount agreed by committee and ratified by each AGM. We then have member ownership.

*At the meeting, following a detailed discussion, it was agreed that we should adopt **Option 3** with the proviso that this was accepted by the Seniors' Committee at their AGM on 5th November. RS suggested that for the Parks and Beaumont teams it should be possible for them to have a bacon bap before playing as they were not having lunch. This was also agreed if the Seniors confirmed with this at their AGM. A final agreed version should then be recorded and made available to team captains so that no misunderstandings about who pays for what should occur in the future.*

Finance Model

PK took the committee through his discussion paper 'SGU County Competitions' and his recommendations.

PK cited three options to consider –

- Option 1 which consisted on providing £20 water & snack, also providing 10 practice rounds at £25 pp and for the three Gents teams (Stenson, Hambro & Tolly) providing 10 'lunches' at £160 per team, per match. If the teams all reached the semi-final this year (based on the known draw) this would require £4,620.
- Option 2 which was the above calculations, minus the £20 water/snack allowance for every match would require £4,260
- Option 3 which would remove the water/snack allowance and practice round of £25 pp for each away round, would require £1760 to fund.

PK stated that he had consulted with Mark/Paul Coby who managed the Stenson & Hambro teams and players from the Tolly (who PK managed) and all felt there was no need for practice rounds paid for. Most if not all Suffolk courses were known by our players and if practice rounds were required it was not unreasonable to expect players to fund these themselves. It was effectively providing them with a chance to place a course twice for £25.

Paul had also consulted with Seniors Captain JM who also felt this was reasonable, given the number of times the seniors played the other courses.

The committee all agreed having a sustainable model of financing these competitions was preferable.

The only issue for further clarification was that JM wanted to allow the seniors committee to confirm their agreement and also discuss coffees/bacon rolls before their 18-hole matches as they would be saving on practice rounds effectively.

Decision - Committee agreed to the principal of Option 3 with the ability to tweak fine detail at the next committee meeting.

Finance Issue 'Gents Surplus'

PK took the committee through the Gents projected end of year financial position, using figures provided by KPB and RS plus projections of Oct & Nov income linked to last year's numbers.

The overall balance in the Gents account would be approximately £6,322. We had anticipated 'cost's' outstanding of approximately £1,613. That meant we had a surplus balance of £4,709. KPB cited that if we kept the surplus and did not progress as much as we hoped in the competitions, we would have an excessive balance at the end of next year.

Decision - Committee then voted on PK's proposal that the committee should confirm the need for a 'contingency' fund of £2,500 being kept in the Gents account. This vote was carried by 8-1 in favour.

This left a surplus balance of £2,200.

PK acknowledged that previous Captains had faced uncertainty regarding the Gents accounts. He thanked KPB & RS for ensuring the accounts were now in a very healthy position. Larger fields were ensuring the balance was healthy.

PK then shared his proposal of allowing the members to 'vote' on a number of expenditure items (he had already been given a range of suitable ideas by members he had played with this year) at the AGM. These ranged from (PK had provided a paper) a practice net behind the first tee, 3 minute 'clickers' keeping all money in account, a bench on the fifth tee and old tee bins (good quality). There followed a lengthy discussion.

RS felt all Gents members should have the opportunity to offer up suggestions. Committee then debated whether having a vote at AGM would be a true reflection of all Gents views.

Decision - PK will draft a communication to Gents section to seek ideas which he will circulate to committee members before circulating to Gents section then we can revisit the discussion at the next committee meeting. This would ensure we made best use of this 'surplus' and share at the AGM on Nov 29th.

2) AGM: Election of Officers and Agenda:

The Committee put forward their recommendations for Committee Officers in 2025 which would be made available for members to see asap. It was also agreed that the agenda used in previous years had no need to be changed and that DW would talk to EA about duplicating this together with the minutes of the 2023 AGM for publication to members.

3) Aims & Objectives: This item would be left for discussion at the next meeting

Health & Safety: No items raised.

Any Other Business: BD raised the question of how we could encourage members to volunteer for Committee positions given that there is currently no Ladies' Vice-Captain for 2025. There is no easy answer to this but it was agreed that the more transparent we are to the members the more likely they are to offer their services in the future.

RS then made a plea for the 'Auction of Promises' to be held at Halesworth Golf on 15th November for the 'Pear Tree Fund' should be given as much publicity as possible. He emphasised the quality of the 'promises' on offer and requested that EA should talk to the Pear Tree people about this. EA explained that The Pear Tree were doing their own publicity for the auction and that Halesworth Golf were just hosting the event. RS also asked that tickets and a catalogue could be made available for members and that a contact from the club to Barbara Kell at the Pear Tree Centre would be much appreciated. This is a charity very close to the heart of RS and he was simply concerned that the opportunity for the club to support a local charity might go under the radar for club members.

100 Club Draw:

September:

1st R.Fernley
2nd I. Stannard
3rd C. Chandler

October:

1st S. McCoy
2nd J. Bedwell
3rd R. Sherington

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13th November, 2024 at 7.00pm

Don Wellman