

HALESWORTH GOLF: SENIORS COMMITTEE MEETING:
Tuesday August 13th 2024 3pm Wenhaston Room

Present: John Meggison (JMg), John Morley (JM), Steve Bacon, Andy Jennings, Tom Fletcher, Larry Gazzard, Dave Tower, Mike Slater

Apologies: Richard Fernley, John Ashton

Previous minutes from May 21st 2024 were accepted as an accurate record of said meeting.

Matters arising/Action points from previous meeting.

- a) After review playing handicap for competitions to be capped at 36, unless otherwise specified by the organiser in an individual competition .
- b) Members have been informed that any withdrawal from a competition must be through IG not WhatsApp.
- c) Seniors still on high handicaps will continue to be encouraged to put in as many cards as possible in order to reach a more appropriate level.
- d) Clarification of rules relating to competitions as discussed in the meeting of May 21st has been done and circulated to members.

Matters arising from the last Club General Meeting (Minutes available on the web site)

Course information: The first tee on the Valley course is under construction with a likely opening in May 2025. The right-hand bunker on the 10th hole of the Blyth course has been removed and turfed over with a drop zone in place for balls entering the GUR area being prepared.

With regard to the changes to the 10th hole on the Blyth course KPB raised the issue of balls entering the adjacent pond when rolling off the newly turfed area when all the work has been completed and the drop zones not in operation. He wondered if a local rule might be needed as there would seem to be a problem with where relief would now be taken due to the proximity of the 1st tee. A final decision by the club manager is yet to be decided.

The wooden flooring on the terrace has now been renewed and the screens for entering competition scores have now been installed in both changing rooms.

There was detailed discussion arising from the CGM as regards the state of the bunkers. Issues raised were the significant number of stones in the bunkers, the lack of sand, the type of sand, and the amount of time and effort being spent on current bunker maintenance. Possible voluntary stone picking parties could be requested to help out. These comments would be brought to the next CGM. **ACTION** (Post meeting: Working parties have now been set up)

Captain's Report: John Meggison, Seniors Captain, 13th August 2024

Golf and Matches

The Eddie Metcalfe Rose Bowl on Fri 12th July won by Adrian Heard and Steve Popple with 41pts.

The Wolfe Cup on Tues 16th July was won by Tony Shrubshall with a net 70.

Seniors Stableford Qualifier on Tues 23rd July was won by Peter Adams with 42pts.

Seniors Charity Shield on Fri 2nd Aug was won by Brian Dennis with 47pts. We raised £920 on the day through the raffle and entry fees. This total was boosted by £30 from the winner, Brian Dennis, who donated his winnings and £100 bid by Lynda Baldry for the limited edition print kindly donated by Terry Jefferies. A grand total of £1,050.

Following a fine 3-1 second round win at home to Flempton on 20th June, the Parks team then beat Seckford at home in the quarter final on 18th July. The semi-final is against Rookery this coming Thursday 15th August at the neutral ground of Bungay. The Beaumont team unfortunately lost away at Seckford.

The Seniors friendly matches continue coming thick and fast. The most recent result was a resounding 7-1 home win yesterday inspired by Acting Captain for the day, David Tower – our biggest win of the season.

So far, we have played 21, won 10, drawn 4 and lost 7.

A Seniors v Juniors match was played on Saturday 13th July at Halesworth and resulted in a narrow win for the Seniors and only then because of Hambro scoring. Thanks to those in the Seniors team who put themselves forward to help out with taking part in this event.

Club Management – update for the committee.

Winter League

Paul Kent is taking over the running of the Winter League for the county, so the HGC Winter League team for 2024 will be captained by Larry Gazzard.

New members

We had 7 new seniors join our section as from 1st August 2024. SB has already welcomed them to Halesworth.

Committee

The next Main Club Committee meeting is on Wed 21st August 2024.

Secretary's Report.

JM informed the meeting that out of the 34 matches proposed for 2025, 31 have so far been confirmed. Those outstanding were Rookery Park (away) and Southwold (both home and away).

ACTION.

The list of confirmations has been provided to the Club Shop for inclusion in the 2025 Club calendar, and to JMg/ DT . All the dates will appear in the Club diary shortly. **ACTION**

More clubs are moving towards 6 pairs and JM undertook to identify 6/8 pairs well in advance. This information is especially important for home matches with respect to tee times and the possible need to use the 16th tee as a start point. The use of the 16th tee in particular needs to involve liaison with the Club Shop and General Manager (BT). Start times will be 9.20 unless specifically agreed otherwise. **ACTION**

Treasurer's Report.

MS provided a round up of current financial points via email to Committee members. The %age of entry fees for competitions was still around the 80% mark as per agreed target. Engraving charges would be increasing and would come into line with other sections of the Club. Information on this will come from KPB. **ACTION**

Proposal that a Seniors Captain jumper should be purchased from Seniors funds (cost £60). This was agreed by the Committee to align ourselves with the other sections.

Matters for discussion.

- a) Post match meals for Seniors Club friendlies. Against the background of one or two issues in relation to slow play which had a knock on effect on the meal times and length of the day as a whole, the Committee looked at the pros and cons of the two options - a rolling meal (matches sit down and eat as they come in) or waiting until all matches are in before the meal is served. Both Ellie (from the catering standpoint) and JMg and TF felt strongly that everyone sitting down at the same time was an integral part of the whole match day and we should therefore keep that. To facilitate this happening efficiently and by a set time, all players should be encouraged to follow the standard 'regulations' governing slow play so that players were not waiting a long time before the meal. We will continue with a sit down meal. **ACTION**
- b) Senior Captains Awayday. This year will be at Hintlesham GC on 17th Oct 2024. Details of cost and how to make the appropriate deposit and final payment will be made available shortly. **ACTION**

- c) Seniors Club Championship. To be played on Friday 23rd August. The draw will be made on Monday 19th August. Maximum playing handicap will be 24. Anyone wanting lunch e.g. sandwiches and chips for £10.50 must order in advance. The big screen will be put up in the bar once more to show a running total of the scores as they come in.
- d) Winter League. This year it will be overseen by Paul Kent and captained by Larry Gazzard. Dates will appear in the Club diary shortly. **ACTION**
- e) It was suggested that possibly some of the buffer monies from competitions could be used to provide refreshments in the halfway hut by the tenth green. This would be looked into. **ACTION**

AOB

- a) AJ enquired as to whether a pair should be allowed to enter a foursomes competition at the last minute. The rules will be clarified to prevent this happening in the future. **ACTION**
- b) The background to the Richard Whiting Trophy was explained by TF and it was suggested the rules of entry and the format should be reviewed. This could be done in the context of future discussions taking place with other sections of the Club as regards mixed competitions. **ACTION**
- c) Handicapping for Texas Scramble competitions was discussed. It was felt by some that using the 10/20/30% weighting meant low handicappers would very rarely win. It was explained this was worked out automatically by IG to enable scores to be entered easily. The alternative was to ½ handicaps and work it out by hand: a less desirable option. It was decided to leave it as it was. **NO ACTION**
- d) Seniors AGM and Prize Giving. This was confirmed as Friday November 29th 2024
- e) The date of the next Seniors Committee meeting was confirmed as Tuesday November 5th.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 4.45pm
JM/Seniors Secretary August 22nd 2024.