

Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Section
AGM
4th November 2025

1	Welcome from the President The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2	Attendees: Carol Guest (CG), Gail Leyland (GL), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Rich Smith, the Club Captain, and Steve Pockneall (SP) In addition to committee members twenty six ladies attended the AGM.
3	Apologies: Martha Tucker (MT), T Lobo, P Searle, B Queirolo, S Arnold, H Clark, S Hall, L Searle, F Haylock, K Gray, O Davies and E Raine sent their apologies.
4	Report from the Ladies' Captain: - CG outlined the recruitment campaign which has taken place and was pleased to report on the success of the social roll ups (continuing monthly through the winter on Saturday afternoons) and the fact that over 30 ladies have joined the ladies' section. Jane Miles was thanked for her help. Support for the Monday and Friday roll ups has increased and a fantastic job has been done by more experienced ladies buddying up with newcomers. - Wednesday competitions have been well supported and winners were congratulated. - There were a number of competitive and friendly matches though out the summer and MT and CT were thanked for their hard work and their encouragement towards ladies who had no previous experience. it was noted that visiting teams have been very complimentary about our ladies and their friendliness. - CG offered her heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part, donated to or helped with her charity day. A magnificent total of £2000 was donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind. - Andy Beal was thanked for his rules evening and the hope was expressed that a follow up can be arranged for next year. - The Three Captains' Awayday at Rushmore GC was also a great success. - CG thanked everyone for their support, including the committee for helping to keep the wheels turning, and in particular; Jon Hatt and his friendly greenkeeping team for maintaining the course to such a high standard through the challenging weather; the pro shop staff for their endless patience and help which really is appreciated; Nick and Vasek and all the Forest Inn staff for looking after the ladies' catering needs so well; Linda Smith and Sandie Arnold for their hard work in maintaining the Memorial Garden and keeping it looking fresh and colourful all year round; and, finally, a special thank you to SP, Craig, Rich Smith, Ian Newman, John Mitchell and Jon Shimmons for their patience, guidance and encouragement.
5	Report from the Treasurer: When the current committee was formed there was a carry forward of £113.75, the balance from the previous committee and entry fees from the period between committees. In addition, Steve Pockneall donated £100, one half towards funds and the other towards the charity day, and Lawrie Ball donated £100 towards Leigh's memorial day. Both are thanked for their generosity.

	A total of £2000 was raised for Guide Dogs for the Blind. £1785.13 was paid out of the account the balance of £214.87 having been taken by the ladies representing the charity on the day. The money in the account has grown to £1159.47 and the aim is to maintain a minimum balance of £750 to cover any contingencies that might arise. The committee originally expected that it would need to increase the entry fee next year but that is no longer considered necessary and entry fees will remain at £3 and £1.50. The two kitties will continue but will be seasonal and any funds remaining at the end of each season will be absorbed into the funds and put towards something of benefit to everyone. Money currently in the kitties will be put towards the Christmas lunch.
6	Report from the Match Secretary: • Woods matches – seven teams are involved and ladies with handicaps between 20.5 and 35 are eligible. Ferndown Forest drew one match but unfortunately lost the others. However, it was good to see new ladies becoming involved. • The Wellow Rally was brilliant. Each team consisted of seven ladies and the best five scores counted. Ferndown Forest ladies did really well and finished sixth out of seventeen teams. • The home leg of the Interclub Ping Competition was won by Pam & Louise Searle finishing one point short of the score needed to progress to the qualifiers. • The Legg Bowl was played recently against Parkstone who won the match.
7	Report from the Friendlies' Secretary: Overall the results were not as good as hoped with two wins, one draw and five losses. One match was rained off and another cancelled because the opponents were unable to field a team. However, friendly matches are primarily about getting into matchplay in a relaxed, informal way and all the matches were played in a friendly atmosphere and enjoyed by all. Any members, full or associate, with a handicap at any level can take part and venues alternate annually Walhampton can only accommodate matches on Wednesdays so have been removed from next year's fixtures list. However, the New Forest Golf Club is joining the list and confirmation is awaited from Meyrick Park that they, too, will be joining.
8	Committee Membership – new appointments: The current committee members have been in post for only 9 months so will continue to serve for another year. The deadline for nominations to join the committee was 31st October and at that date two ladies had put their names forward. Janice West is now appointed as Vice-Captain. Penny Knight also put her name forward and her appointment to the committee was proposed by Carol Guest and seconded by Penny Hamilton. Both appointments were approved.
9	Trophy Presentation: Eight trophies were presented. The winners, and those who received trophies during the season, were congratulated.
	AOB: Linda Smith congratulated and thanked the committee for their work.

	• Whats App – a gentle reminder to be mindful about posts and to use private messages where more appropriate. • Speed of play – slow play can sometimes be an issue. Please play ready golf and pick balls up when they will not be scoring. • There will not be a Winter League or winter Order of Merit – the weather and course conditions are not conducive to competitive golf in the winter. All winter competitions will be non-qualifiers. • 9 hole end of season trophy – it has become apparent that there are no trophies for the ladies who play nine holes. In 2026 they will have the chance to play in three existing competitions and the the overall winner of the three will be awarded the End of Season trophy. • Please remember to sign up on Master scoreboard by 5pm on the Sunday before each Wednesday.
11	Next Meeting: 2 nd November 2026