

Ferndown Forest Golf Club

Ladies Section Committee Minutes 2024

Amalgamated into date order and rewritten in concise format

Scope: This document consolidates the supplied 2024 Ladies Section committee minutes into chronological order. The wording has been shortened and standardised while retaining the key decisions, actions and financial notes recorded in the original minutes.

22 January 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date / time	Monday 22 January 2024, 1.00pm
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton, Irene Stephens, Gail Leyland, Joan McCutcheon
In attendance	Carol Thornton - Woods Matches 2024

Concise record

- Carol Thornton outlined plans for the 2024 Woods matches. There had been a good response from members, and practice games would be arranged to familiarise players with matchplay.
- Refreshments for home Woods matches would be funded by the committee. Vasek confirmed the available refreshments and costs.
- Finances were very depleted because bad weather had caused several Wednesday competitions to be cancelled. The increased Wednesday entry fee was expected to help rebuild funds.
- The birdie tree was up to date.
- Gail Leyland would organise fun games such as Yellow Peril and Blind Partners.
- The 2024 schedule was agreed.
- Information for Woods matches, friendly matches and coffee mornings would be displayed in the redecorated changing room, subject to space on the noticeboards.
- The ladies section website and club communications needed updating, including committee contact details.
- Information was awaited for the Daily Mail competition.
- Steve Pockneall had agreed to arrange a survey of lady members.

Actions

Owner	Action
JM / GL	Update the ladies section information and contact details on the website.
JM	Contact Steve Pockneall for an update on the lady member survey and provide a spring newsletter update.

Next meeting: Friday 16 February 2024, 10.00am at Ferndown Forest.

16 February 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date	Friday 16 February 2024
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton, Gail Leyland, Irene Stephens, Joan McCutcheon

Concise record

- The previous minutes were accepted as a true record.
- Funds remained very low because adverse weather had caused many Wednesday competitions to be cancelled.
- There were no new developments on trophies or mementoes. The birdie tree was up to date.
- The lady member survey had received 72 responses. Of those, 32 regularly played on Wednesdays and 40 did not.
- Reasons for not playing on Wednesdays included work or other commitments, preference to play with partners or friends, concern about golf standard, and anxiety about competitions.

- Survey suggestions included more weekend ladies events, more regular website updates and a buddy system for new members. Some respondents suggested a Lady Captain, Vice Captain and Secretary, plus limited committee tenure.
- In discussion with Steve Pockneall, the committee agreed the section should demonstrate inclusivity and provide more club website updates.
- A Saturday fun competition in April was agreed in principle to encourage wider participation. The suggested format was Texas Scramble with a £5 entry fee including coffee and cake.
- The Daily Mail Foursomes would be played on Monday 11 March, with handicap capped at 30. Post-meeting note: Carol Thornton and Linda Smith represented the club and narrowly lost on the 18th green.
- Gail Leyland would organise fun events and circulate rules. Noticeboard headings were agreed. Committee holiday dates were noted.

Actions

Owner	Action
GL	Organise fun events such as Wolf and circulate rules to participants.
IS / PS	Oversee recovery of property from storage.
IS	Issue WhatsApp request for Daily Mail Foursomes volunteers.

Next meeting: Wednesday 20 March 2024 after the competition.

20 March 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date	Wednesday 20 March 2024
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton, Irene Stephens, Gail Leyland, Joan McCutcheon

Concise record

- The previous minutes were accepted with minor alterations.
- Finances remained a concern due to weather-related cancellations of Wednesday matches.
- There were no trophy or memento updates. The birdie tree was up to date.
- The Ladies Texas Scramble would be held on Saturday 27 April, with booking via the pro shop and tee times from 11.00am to 12.00 noon.
- Anne Somerville designed a poster for the Texas Scramble. Steve Pockneall agreed to email all lady members to promote the event.
- Ladies interested in the Captains Away Day at Bridport were to contact the pro shop.
- Prize money was clarified: no prize money for five or fewer players; prize money for first, second and third where there are more than six players; abandoned competitions would not count for annual points.
- Preferred partners competitions had not been popular and would be reviewed in April.
- The next newsletter was expected in early summer.
- Leigh Clark Celebration Day would be discussed at the April meeting.

Actions

Owner	Action
JM	Email Steve Pockneall to remind him to send the Texas Scramble email to all lady members.

Next meeting: Friday 12 April 2024, 10.00am.

12 April 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date / time	Friday 12 April 2024, 10.00am
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton, Irene Stephens, Joan McCutcheon

Concise record

- The previous minutes were agreed as a true record.

- Finances remained a concern due to ongoing bad weather and further Wednesday competition cancellations.
- Trophies and mementoes were in hand. The birdie tree was up to date.
- All places for the Texas Scramble on 27 April had been filled. The pro shop would need to organise the start and arrange mixed-experience teams because some committee members were unavailable.
- Committee members would ask regular ladies section players taking part to support less experienced players.
- Leigh Clark Celebration Day was scheduled for 29 May and arrangements would be finalised in May.
- The committee recorded thanks to Linda Smith and Sandie Arnold for maintaining the memorial garden. The section did not have sufficient funds to reimburse expenses, and it was suggested the club should consider supporting those costs.
- Prize money allocation was agreed and would be updated.
- Preferred partners games had not proved popular and would be discontinued, reverting to the traditional Wednesday format.
- Linda Smith and Sandie Arnold would attend the Bridport Away Day.

Actions

Owner	Action
IS	Update prize money information and the diary.
GL	Contact Belinda Queirolo about asking the club to reimburse memorial garden expenses.
JM	Email Steve Pockneall regarding Texas Scramble arrangements.

8 May 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date	Wednesday 8 May 2024
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton, Irene Stephens, Gail Leyland, Joan McCutcheon

Concise record

- The previous minutes were accepted as a true record.
- Belinda Queirolo had arranged for receipts for garden expenses to be submitted to Steve Pockneall for reimbursement.
- Finances were still of concern.
- Trophies and mementoes were up to date. The birdie tree was up to date.
- Feedback on the 27 April coffee morning / Texas Scramble was largely positive from newcomers and ladies section members.
- The committee noted concern about comments reportedly made about the ladies section and agreed that Joan McCutcheon would draft an update for Steve Pockneall to include in the newsletter.
- Leigh Clark Celebration Day on 29 May would be a Bowmaker with teams of three. Players and non-players would pay £5 each for refreshments.
- The 15 May game would be a reverse waltz.
- The first Order of Merit of each month would be played in handicap order.
- The committee again recorded thanks to Linda Smith and Sandie Arnold for maintaining the garden by Leigh Clark's memorial bench. Members may donate suitable plants; club management would be responsible for funding required items.

Actions

Owner	Action
JM	Draft a ladies section update for inclusion in the club newsletter.

Next meeting: Friday 21 June 2024, 10.00am.

21 June 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date / time	Friday 21 June 2024, 10.00am
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club

Concise record

- The previous minutes were accepted as a true record.
- Funds remained very low, with Woods match hospitality a significant cost.
- The committee agreed trophies should be engraved as soon as each competition is completed and a winner declared. Irene Stephens was researching more competitive engraving prices.
- The birdie tree was up to date.
- The 2025 schedule needed finalising. Joan McCutcheon would finalise friendly match dates, and Carol Thornton had provided Woods match dates.
- Ping competition details were finalised. Players could choose partners or submit names to BA to allocate partners.
- Gail Leyland agreed to take over as Ladies Section County Delegate from Anne Somerville in November.
- Stroke play competitions would generally be played in handicap order.
- The committee discussed sharing roles with other lady members.
- The committee recorded thanks to Sandie Arnold and Linda Smith for their work on Leigh's Chair garden.
- Joan McCutcheon had sent a newsletter update to Steve Pockneall but had not received a response. A further update covering Woods and friendly matches would be sent.
- A suggestion box would be introduced in the changing room, with members also encouraged to email committee members with suggestions or concerns.

Actions

Owner	Action
JMC	Finalise 2025 friendly match dates.
JM	Send a further update for the newsletter and consider printed updates in the changing room.
Committee	Introduce a suggestion box in the changing room.

Next meeting: Friday 26 July 2024, 10.00am at Ferndown Forest.

26 July 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date / time	Friday 26 July 2024, 10.00am
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Irene Stephens, Gail Leyland, Joan McCutcheon
Apologies	Penny Hamilton

Concise record

- The previous minutes were accepted following amendments.
- A complaint from a ladies section member regarding an incident during the Ladies Championship on 24 July was discussed in detail.
- The committee agreed all members should be polite and considerate and that the Ladies Section should remain friendly and welcoming.
- The committee concluded it did not have authority to adjudicate the complaint. If the complainant wished to pursue the matter, it should be submitted promptly to the Club Secretary. Irene Stephens would communicate this decision.
- Funds remained very low, and it was hoped the planned Fun Day would raise additional income.
- There were no new trophy updates. The birdie tree was up to date.
- Irene Stephens had completed the 2025 diary, with Woods and friendly match dates finalised. Joan McCutcheon had contacted Wareham Golf Club about a possible 2025 friendly match.
- Joan McCutcheon had contacted Richard Smith about publishing regular ladies section updates.
- The Ladies Section Fun Day on 21 August would be a Waltz with penalties, and all players would be asked to donate a raffle prize.
- It was suggested that future Club Championships be played as 36 holes on one day rather than over two weeks. This would be discussed at the AGM.
- The first Order of Merit of each month would be played in handicap order.
- No new items were raised on Leigh's Chair Corner. The Parkin Cup would be discussed at a future meeting.

Actions

Owner	Action
IS	Communicate the committee decision to the complainant.
JM	Continue discussions regarding regular ladies section updates.

Committee	Include the Club Championship format for AGM discussion.
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Next meeting: Friday 16 August 2024, 10.00am at Ferndown Forest.

16 August 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date	Friday 16 August 2024
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Gail Leyland, Irene Stephens, Penny Hamilton, Joan McCutcheon

Concise record

- The previous minutes were amended to add that the complainant subsequently decided not to take the matter further.
- The financial position had improved, with the current balance in excess of £250.
- There were no new developments on trophies or mementoes. The birdie tree was up to date.
- Arrangements for Fun Day on 21 August were agreed: £3 entry fee, raffle tickets at £5 per strip, member-donated prizes, and a sleeve of golf balls for each winning team member.
- The Fun Day format would be a Waltz with penalty elements for incidents such as hitting a tree or landing in water or a ditch. Funds would be split between a local food bank and ladies section funds.
- Gail Leyland would liaise with John regarding reorganisation of IT for Wednesday games.
- Eligibility for winning a trophy was confirmed: players must have played in four Wednesday qualifiers during the previous twelve months.
- The proposal for the Club Championship to be played as a one-day, 36-hole competition would be put to members at the AGM. The calendar would initially show it as one day, subject to amendment depending on the AGM outcome.
- The first Order of Merit of the month would be played in handicap order.
- No new items were raised regarding the Memorial Garden.

Actions

Owner	Action
GL	Liaise with John regarding Wednesday games IT arrangements.
Committee	Put the one-day, 36-hole Club Championship proposal to the AGM.

Next meeting: 19 September 2024 at Ferndown Forest Golf Club.

19 September 2024 - Ladies Section Committee Meeting

Date	Thursday 19 September 2024
Venue	Ferndown Forest Golf Club
Present	Anne Somerville, Irene Stephens, Gail Leyland, Penny Hamilton, Joan McCutcheon

Concise record

- The previous minutes were accepted as a true record.
- Treasurer's report: £477 cash and £50 savings. Future expenses included trophy engraving and annual points.
- Charity donations had been made: £300 to Macmillan Caring Locally and £310 to Ferndown Food Bank. This would be posted on the Ladies Section WhatsApp group.
- Trophy engraving would be arranged before the prize presentation. The birdie tree was up to date.
- The Legg Winter Competition would be held on Friday 25 October at Ferndown Forest against Queens Park. The format would be foursomes matchplay, with two teams of two players: one silver team and one bronze team.
- The 2025 diary was finalised, with friendly match and Woods match dates confirmed.
- Prize Presentation would take place on 30 October after a fun Bowmaker competition.
- The AGM would be held on Monday 4 November as a business meeting. Members were asked to submit discussion items via the suggestion box before 30 October.

Actions

Owner	Action
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Committee	Post charity donation details on the Ladies Section WhatsApp group.
Committee	Arrange trophy engraving before the prize presentation.
Members	Submit AGM discussion items via the suggestion box before 30 October.

Next meeting: Saturday 26 October 2024, 10.00am, offsite.