

Seniors Committee: Minutes of Meeting

Date:

25th June 2025 at 13:00hrs

Attendees:

Ian Newman (IN), Steve Kitney (SK), Allan Bentley (AB), Graham Chadwick (GC), Paul Fee (PF)

Apologies:

Larry Austin (LA)

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous meeting on 9th April were approved

Treasurer Report:

Balance of £622.94 as of 23rd June 2025

Matters Arising:

- Monday Competition: Starter
 - There continues to be issues with a number of members keeping to the prearranged tee times allocated to them. It is suggested that after the seniors championship, the members of the committee will assist the pro shop, effectively as a starter for the summer season. The committee will do this on a rota basis, where the starter will play in the last allocated tee time. **Action IN to inform Pro Shop and Committee to prepare a rota and advise John Mitchell re last tee time allocation.**
- Summer Season Senior: Knockouts
 - We have received an excellent response to the KO competitions from the senior section. We have agreed that the Prize Money will be 2/3:1/3 to those in the Final.
- Senior Championship : Rounds 1 and 2
 - The senior championship is almost full with only two places remaining. We will play the championship in the same format as the Club Championship. Round one takes place on Monday 7th July, where the lower handicaps will start first at 07:30. Round two takes place on 14th July, where the starting order will be decided with the Higher gross scores starting first at 07:30 with the lowest gross scores teeing off last. This should hopefully, provide drama in the closing stages before the prize giving.
- Captains Charity Day
 - This event is now full and will take place on Monday 21st July, in a Texas Scramble format.
 - The chosen charity for the 2025 event is Prostate Cancer. Chad will contact the charity with an invite to the event and arrange for a large cheque to be available for £1000 for marketing purposes, with any additional donations added later. **Action (GC) to contact charity**
 - There will be prizes for 'nearest the pin' on ALL par 3 holes and separate longest drive for men and ladies on hole 8.
 - We hope to have prize donations from the members on the day, for raffle prizes, with AB and Ian arranging the other prizes as per last year. **Action (IN and AB)**
- Interclub Competition

- The recent communication with Merley highlights the challenge in administering and leading these infrequent summer season matches. It is proposed that these matches should fall under the responsibility of the Vice Captain for 2026 season. The committee will also look at additional fixtures with the closure of Somerley golf club and the lack of desire to play Merley. **Action (LA)**
- We will also send a communication to our members regarding paying for meals during these matches. **Action (LA)**
- New Members
 - There is an ever-growing number of seniors joining the club. AB will contact the Pro-shop to request email addresses of those members that wish to be on the senior membership contact list. **Action (AB)**
- Rules, Course etiquette and starting times
 - A communication to be sent to all senior members on the key rules and etiquette that seem to be a miss on some occasions. SK will prepare the note and AB will circulate. **Action (SK) for note [attached] and (AB) for circulation**
 - There continues to be hold-ups during the first nine holes leading to congestion and in some cases frustration during the senior competitions and roll-ups. This appears to be caused by players teeing off on the first before the allocated tee time, if we maintain 8 minutes between tee times on the first, this should alleviate the situation. **Action (AB) send out email re first tee protocol.**

Allan Bentley

Secretary Senior Section

Rules and Etiquette - Seniors

It has come to the committee's notice that there are several of the senior section who are not aware of some of the basic Rules of Golf so we would like to highlight certain points:

RED PENALTY AREAS

If your ball lands or is lost in a red penalty area you can

- 1 Play the ball
- 2 Play from where the previous stroke was made incurring a penalty shot.
- 3 Drop outside penalty area keeping entry point between the hole and where the ball is dropped incurring a penalty shot.
- 4 Drop within 2 clubs length of entry point not nearer the hole incurring a penalty shot.

OUT OF BOUNDS

If your ball is OOB you must play another ball from original position incurring a penalty shot. If in doubt play a provisional ball.

LOST BALL

If you lose a ball other than in a penalty area you must play another ball (provisional) from original position incurring a penalty shot. If you find original ball you **MUST** play it or take a penalty, drop you cannot play your provisional ball. You cannot drop another ball near to where your ball was lost and just take a penalty shot.

IDENTIFYING YOUR BALL

How to identify your ball

- 1 by seeing an identification mark on the ball
- 2 you may rotate or lift your ball but must first mark it and it must be replaced on its original spot.

If the ball is lifted when not necessary and not marked you automatically receive a penalty stroke. (if possible, ask a playing partner to mark and replace it for you). **THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN MOVE YOUR BALL IS ON THE FAIRWAY.**