

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee
16th May 2025

1	Attendees: Carol Guest (CG), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Tina McMillan (TM) and Penny Hamilton (PH)
2	Apologies: Gail Leyland (GL) and Martha Tucker (MT)
3	Minutes of the previous meeting on 14 th April were approved.
4	<p>Matters arising from minutes:</p> <p>The Captain v President competition was a success and was well supported. Ladies enjoyed their rounds and there was a fantastic vibe in the clubhouse afterwards. It has been pointed out that the Summer Bowl is dedicated to Carol Burnell so a different competition will be allocated to Sylvia Hart.</p> <p>Andy Beal's rules evening and quiz was well received and a follow up session later in the year dealing with specific concerns, and open to the whole club, will be considered.</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report: The bank account is now operational and £350 has been paid in from the ladies' funds leaving £108.55 cash in hand, of which £20 represents prize money for the summer knockout competition. Other funds in the bank account include:</p> <p>£100 from Lawrie Ball, a donation towards the cost of Leigh Clark's Memorial competition</p> <p>£100 from Steve Pockneall, £50 for Leigh's day and £50 as a donation for the charity day</p> <p>£150 from Ocaris</p> <p>£100 from Christchurch Timber and</p> <p>£50 from PMC Landscapes</p> <p>These three donations are all towards the charity day.</p>
6	<p>Leigh Clark Memorial Day – 24 ladies have signed up to play 18 holes and 6 for 9 holes. There are also three ladies who will attend just for the savoury buffet tea. Food has been ordered for 25 people and it was agreed that should be enough. The cost will be £5 per head for all attendees to be paid on the day. The competition will be a bowmaker with teams of three and GL will produce short instruction sheets. There will be trophies for the winning teams in the 18 and 9 hole competitions but PH pointed out that there has not been a money prize in the past so there will not be a money prize this year. The handicap cut off will be Thursday 22nd May and CG and PH will make up the cards on Friday 23rd May. The tee times will be put on BRS.</p>
7	<p>Captain's Charity Day –CG produced a list of the donations which have been obtained and a discussion took place about which should be raffle prizes and which should be part of the silent auction which Colin MacMillan has offered to manage. PH will not be playing in the competition and volunteered to take charge of the raffle at £5 per strip. The competition will be a 2 ball best ball stableford format. Anyone wishing to enter will sign up in the shop and times will then be put on BRS. The entry cost is £10, which includes £6 towards a cream tea, and CG and TM will man a welcome desk and accept the entry fees. Vasek will be asked whether he can supply tokens which can be handed out and then collected in in exchange for tea. PH said that she will help with the tea and will ask Sheila Zoega to help. CG said that she will not take part in the competition but will be on the first tee to see the competitors start their rounds. CG said that she will provide prizes for the winners. Prizes for nearest the pin and longest drives may be included.</p>

8	Ladies' Club Championship – nothing to report.
9	Gary Gunn Memorial Day – this competition takes place over the weekend starting 29 th August 2025. There will be a best lady medal and the weekend will be advertised to the ladies nearer the time.
10	Ferndown Forest Cup – this is now on the diary for 13 th August.
11	Coffee morning – this is taking place on 17 th September and will be discussed at the next meeting.
12	Autumn Fun Day – 29 th October. Following the success of the Captain v President another team event, such as a 4 ball Texas scramble is being considered.
13	Autumn Trophy – PH explained that this trophy was donated by Barbara Skingsley and in the past has been given to someone who had not won anything during the preceding year. There was a discussion about how that promotes inclusion and the fact that handicaps are designed to make the competitions fair for everyone. Would previous winners be discouraged from entering if they couldn't win? PH said that was not the case and they would win something, just not the trophy. No decision was reached – CG will speak to Barbara to find out her wishes and whether the trophy could be allocated in a different way.
14	Ladies Eclectic Competition – to be considered for inclusion in 2026
15	2026 Diary – all the friendlies and Woods competitions are on BRS. MT is making enquiries with Golf Empire about hosting an 'official' coffee morning next year.
16	AOB: This is PH's last meeting and there was a brief discussion about how to find a replacement. It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised on the regular newsletters and the ladies' WhatsApp but that there could be no harm in sounding out any ladies who might make a good committee member. If there are no volunteers someone could be co-opted for the rest of the year.
17	Next Meeting: 9.30am on Tuesday 10 th June.
	Items for the next meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Coffee Morning 2) Ladies' Eclectic Competition 3) 2026 'fun' games 4) Autumn Trophy 5) Autumn Fun Day