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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 11th November 2025

1. Minutes of the previous recorded as a true record.
Proposed. A Taylor. Seconded. S Smith.
2. Present. J Parry (Capt.) R Mansfield (Vice). D Callaghan. M Friend. S Johnston.
L Woodall. R Richardson. S Smith. P Beech. A Taylor. D Hobbs.
3. Apologies received.
T White. A Hatch. A Forster.
4. Outstanding AOB.
China Fleet Golf Team attire (bundle) Team Shirt & Fleece £75.00. Prepaid when ordered.
Enquiries through the Captain & Golfing Team.
Men's Section Summer Eclectic (2 divisions) 2026. £10.00 per entry. Saturday Roll-ups (yellow tees)
10 cards between April & October (registered prior to playing) inputted through the PSI and accept the
"Y" at the end.
It was discussed if a group of volunteers were created to assist in menial tasks on course.
(Bunkers, Bins, Ball Washers, Fallen Branches. Course presentation.)
Clarification & Proposals to be raised and put to the golfing management team.
5. Captains report.
I am delighted to share that our first-ever combined Men's & Ladies Presentation Evening, held on 15th
November, was an outstanding success. The evening was a wonderful celebration of achievement,
featuring heartfelt accolades for our cup winners, a fantastic buffet, and a lively atmosphere that
included some enthusiastic karaoke and dancing. A heartfelt thank you to all those who attended and
made the event so memorable. I look forward to building on this foundation for next year's gathering.

It was an equally proud moment to present trophies to all our Plymouth Area League champions,
marking a brilliant season for our teams. As Club Captain and PAL Captain, I have witnessed firsthand
the dedication and camaraderie within our squad, fostering a strong winning mentality throughout the
year.

With the Junior section getting more active I propose we assist the Juniors with £200 towards there
Team Tops & Fleece. (All those here present voted in favour) which was also supported by the senior
section at there recent AGM.

Looking ahead, we are keen to welcome new players to join our thriving teams. We will be launching a
new section on the Committee's website shortly (date to be confirmed) for anyone interested in
becoming part of the China Fleet golf success story.

Thank you all for your continued support—let's keep the momentum going into the new season!

6. Competition Secretary report.

Competition Secretary's report

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the PAL team on their victory in the final against Elfordleigh, and to those who attended to support the players.

All our trophy Competitions have now been played, and what a season it has been with some excellent standards of golf being played.

S. Ryder won the Captain's Trophy.

T. Bouch & D. Edwards won the Hawtree Cup.

We also participated in our First Memorial Trophy Competition in honour our Golfing Friends who have passed away.

This was new event for all our members, it was a 4-man Texas Scramble off the Red tees, (4 x drives per player)

The best score was Nett 54; The winning Team were.

Rory Coles, Rob Smith, Ross Richardson, & Joe Burford.

The CGU Winter Season is now underway.

Cornish Bowl. CTC. Frank Wills. Presidents Trophy.

The Team Captains with the help of the pro shop, team member selections & updates.

Team Captains match report preceding each match.

Upcoming fixtures.

22nd November Winter Series BB.

9th December Turkey Trot.

14th December Stapleford.

7. CGU Upcoming events.

CTC 16th Nov

Frank Wills 23rd Nov

Presidents 30th Nov

8. Web page update & report.

The web page is up to date and this year's renewal costs £195.65. All members here present voted in favour.

9. CGU. Franks Wills Salver report.

We had a bye in the 1st round which was played on 26th October.

2nd round 23rd November @ Trevoze, opponents Budock Vean GC, 11.00 Tee time.

10. Junior section report.

The organisers put together a Team for the 1st time in a few years, to play in the

Junior Maxam Cup @ St Enodoc on the Holywell Course. 28th October.

All the Junior golfers played well in their 1st event. Positions Nett results. 11th, 20th & 32nd out of an entry of 42 parings.

Congratulations to L Silver & A Wicks. C Anderson & A Bond. K Cotton jnr & L Roulston.

11. CGU. Presidents Trophy report.

Venue, St Austell GC 2nd November

Team Captain Ross Richardson.

Our team started strongly with Clay Cowie, Tom Lowden and Luke Friend leading us off.

Clay winning 6&5, Tom winning 5&4 and Luke winning 3&1.

Our middle trio was Mark Fox, Mark Friend, and Andy Forster.

Mark Fox had one of the tighter matches of the day, and battled well to secure half a point.

Mark Friend secured a point with an 'emphatic' 6&5 win.

Andy Forster returned an extra point to our team with a solid 2&1 victory in what was a tight match.

Unfortunately, George Court and Warren Massey were unable to gain the team a point but battled phenomenally throughout, whilst playing slightly below their handicap. George with a 3&2 loss, and Warren with a 1down loss.

Finally, Nathan O'Sullivan shook hands on 15 after a tight match against a strong opponent to share half a point each after the matches ahead were complete.

Many thanks to Jack Screech for caddying for Tom for the day and Rory Coles supporting the team and ball spotting around the course.

Our 2nd round is at Bowood Park GC. 30th November verses Perranporth 8.30 tee.

12. CGU Cornwall Team Championship.

Team Captain Mark Friend.

The 1st round was cancelled due to the incoming bad weather from storm Amy @ Launceston GC.

The rescheduled game was played @ Whitsand Bay GC 19th October. The weather in the morning was rain and windy and the team recorded a 2/2 draw with the 9th man winning his game giving us $\frac{3}{4}$ point. The afternoon weather was horrendous (brutal) with all players getting soaked but they battled on despite and focused on getting a win. The team again halved the afternoon singles 4/4 giving CCTC a 63/4 to 6 win.

Congratulations to all the team players

R Mansfield L Woodall. D Sleat. J Friend. J Screech. T White. R Richardson. R Coles. L Wellington

2nd round & Quarter finals will be @ Newquay GC 16th November verses St Mellion GC.

13. Treasurers report.

Current running Total £2295.55 (last payment 16th sept)

14. Green Keepers report.

Greens:

The greens recovered very well from greens maintenance back in August and have been performing consistently well most of the year. A light pencil tining will be carried out next week. We will be transitioning from our summer fertiliser programme to our winter hardening/disease prevention programme from November.

Weather:

Having had extremely low rainfall readings since the end of January this year, the course desperately needed some rain, and didn't we get it?! With almost 12 inches of rain falling since August 27th.

All in all, the course has bounced back quite well following the rain. The wetting agent on tees fairways as well as monthly applications on greens is paying dividends.

Tees:

All tees have had a liquid feed with growth regulator in order to thicken up the sward ahead of the winter. The 2 grass tees that will be used during the winter, (2nd and 10th) have had an extra granular fertiliser applied.

All tees will be verti drained before winter.

This Autumn we will be levelling and slightly enlarging some tees. We have already completed the 5th medal tee, made good progress with the 5th yellow tee, and stripped turf/rotavated the 13th medal tee.

Much of the turf stripped from the medal tee was re-used in certain areas that were damaged and marked G.U.R.

Fairways:

We made use of the dry weather to get out with the 'shockwave' drainage attachment. All fairways that have an outfall, 'slope to take water away' have now been 'shockwaved,' and we are around halfway through verti draining all fairways.

Leaves:

This time of the year the leaves start falling from the trees. We have already made use of our new Weidenmann Mega twister leave blower which can blow leaves from large areas speeding up play and improving presentation.

Many thanks
Nathan

15. Any Other Business.

Phill Beech, 2026 Senior Section Captain was introduced to all the Committee members here present each member were introduced and he was felt welcomed by all. It was recorded from Phil that the Senior section at their recent AGM had donated £200 into the new Junior section to assist in team shirts & tops.

The Winter Series points system was questioned, but can't be changed at this time but another points system is to be run alongside to see if any differences can be seen.

Meeting Closed 20.30
Next meeting 9th December 2025