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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section
Tuesday 11th February 2025

1. Minutes of the previous meeting recorded as a true record.
Proposed. S Johnston Seconded. A Forster

2. **Present.** S Smith. J Parry. D Callaghan. S Johnston. L Woodall. M friend. H Woolway. R Richardson.
A Hatch. A Hatch. K Chapman.
Apologies R Mansfield. M Fox. D Hobbs.

3. Action from previous meetings. Captain. (Unless included in his monthly report.)
Terms of Competitions. **See Competition secretary report.**
CF are now looking to start a Junior Golf section, whilst the intent is to look for a junior coordinator.
and a junior committee. **See Captains Report.**

4. The Captain Introduced our new committee member Andy Hatch onto the committee.
All members here present introduced themselves accordingly.
J Hall has resigned from the committee, we thank him for his time on the committee and we
will see you out on the course.

5. Captains report.

Terms of Competition 2025 Update

The Terms of Competition have been updated and emailed out to all Men's section members on the 29th of January 2025. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the changes to this document. All documents can be found on the Men's Section notice board and our website.

Winter Series

Due to bad weather and course conditions, we have cancelled 2 of the 4 schedule events so far. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us and the Greensomes will go ahead as planned on the 22nd of February. It has therefore been decided that we amend the final Winter Series events to Singles. This change will help those members having competition cards to meet the Men's Section Terms of Competition for the start of the season.

Plymouth Area League

The annual PAL meeting went ahead on the 22nd of January to discuss the schedule and knockout events for 2025. Whitsand Bay have decided to withdraw from the event however there will be 6 teams participating as St Mellion will have two teams entered. We have one team in this year's event and hope for a strong representation this coming season.

Junior Section

James Parry has been working with the Golf Management team on launching a New Juniors section. We are proud to share the fantastic outcome of a meeting on the 30th of January, where six dedicated volunteers came together to form the nucleus of our new Junior Golf Section. The enthusiasm and energy displayed were truly inspiring, and we are confident this will be the start of something special for China Fleet

Men's Section AGM

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 11th March and it would be good to see you all. If you have any questions, please send them in writing to the Men's Section Secretary as no questions can be asked on the day.

6. Competition Secretary report.

Due to weather conditions and course closure, unfortunately we have had to cancel the Winter Series 4bbb competition only leaving the Greensomes being played in January. It has been decided that the 4bbb competition will not be rescheduled and will be replaced with an Individual event giving members the opportunity to submit qualifying competition cards during the winter months.

It has been agreed that all remaining Men's section run competitions will be played with the ruling of THROUGH THE GREENS, this is so we can aid with trying to protect the course around the greens and make the game more enjoyable during the winter months.

An email will be sent out to all members when this ruling is lifted.

The Men's section terms of the competition have now been updated and revision 2. should now have been sent to all golf members. If everyone could take the time to read, all competition rulings are in the document.

Winter Series Current positions 2024/25

Name	4BB Cancelled	4BB	Greensomes 1	Foursomes Cancel	Winter Singles	Greensomes 2	Winter Singles	Winter Singles	Total
A. Bird		8	9						17
D. Billing		9	6						15
A. Forster		9	6						15
D. Callaghan		4	2		9				15
S. Johnston		1			10				11
I. Fraser		10							10
C Cowie		10							10
D. Elliott			10						10
A. Hatch			10						10
B. Kelly			8		2				10
D Potheary					10				10
J King					10				10
J. Francis			9						9
J. Rendle		6			3				9
A Mitchell					9				9
A Jones					9				9
C Atkinson					9				9
S. Smith		8							8
J. Easterbrook			8						8
T Patrick					8				8
P Brandon					8				8
S Smale					8				8
R. Reynolds		7							7
A. Warne		7							7
A. Blaikie			7						7
S. Vieira			7						7
S. Milligan		2			5				7
L Woodall					7				7
T Pratt					7				7
I. Scoble		6							6
J. Callaghan		4	2						6
S. Hatherley		3	3						6
I Hudson					6				6
A Booth					6				6

R. Patel		5						5
R. Smith		5						5
P. Gall			5					5
T. Bevan			5					5
L Cox					5			5
R. Coles			4					4
R. Richardson			4					4
R Gregory					4			4
D Elliot					4			4
P. Grant		3						3
R. Mountford			3					3
M Kerslake					3			3
J. Parry		2						2
S. Lamb			1		1			2
R Jenkins					2			2
J. Johnston		1						1
G. Broadey			1					1
M Oliver					1			1

Daily Mail 2025.

As winners of 2024 Foursomes, Lee Woodall & Andy Taylor are representing China Fleet Golf Section in this year's Daily Mail knockout, our 1st round is against Borrington Park GC during March.
Good luck to this year's pairs.

Keep an eye out for all upcoming Team members registration sheets (CGU & PAL) on our Notice board or e-mail.

7. Treasurer report.

An E-mail from our Treasurer was received,
He will be given up his membership as a golf member, but is more than happy to continue as our Treasurer as he feels it isn't overly time consuming.
The Members here present voted that Andy becomes our Independent Treasurer.
We the Committee thank Andy whilst a long time Treasurer & golf member, for all the times he has represented the China Fleet Golf Team in events and matches throughout the years.
Current running balance £1319.14

8. Senior Captain report.

The weather has been a factor over the last few months, we have lost 2 Monday competitions due to the course being closed, but all in all the turnout has been steady despite the challenging weather.
The green staff are doing a great job for which we thank them.
Our clothes order for the seniors went in this week so hopefully the jumpers which was by far the most popular will arrive before our first match which is on the 25th of March.
The list for members to play for the senior's friendly matches has filled up and extra lines have been added which looks very promising, my Vice-Captain and I have had an onsite meeting in the brasserie to sort out seating and menus for the year ahead.
All our home matches will be having a carvery with a different dessert each time.
I've also had discussions with Ben and Matthew to do a modified shot gun start so I can run an 18-hole Easter competition and hopefully an Easter draw/raffle afterwards on Monday 7th March.

9. Green Keepers report.

Weather

After a wet October and November, we escaped with a fairly dry December, with only 62mm of rain recorded, in comparison to last Decembers 180mm! As a result, we were able to get a lot of the grass on the course mown, such as tees, fairways and semi rough, which set us up for the Christmas holidays with much better course definition than last year for sure. We are certainly seeing the benefits of the use of the Shockwave already.

The beginning part of January, however, was awful, with around 90mm in just the first 6 days, a dry week in the middle, then more heavy rain towards the end of the month, ending in around 200 mm total for the month.

We try to spread wear using ropes and posts but please use common sense and protect your course.

Greens

The disease scars are slowly growing out, and the greens are holding up well. We have been able to continue with monthly aeration practices, slitting, solid tining etc. A dew dispersal was applied in the lead up to Christmas, and again for the weekend commencing 8th Feb, which may well keep us playing on the main greens when there is a frost, due to removing the moisture (dew) forming on the leaf. This not only saves labour but also enhances presentation by keeping dew from forming on those misty days and helps prevent further attacks of disease. A monthly winter strengthening package was applied just after Christmas, and again last week.

We have been making use of one of our recent investments, a pedestrian hand mower. This allows us to cut greens even when the ground conditions are too wet to be able to safely do so with a ride on cutting machine, and is a much more lightweight machine, giving a much more precise quality of cut.

Short game area

Artificial grass pods have now been installed on the short game area. These can be used all year round, but we would encourage use during the winter to protect the small section of fairway. We will monitor their use over the following months. Some divots have been taken out of the green unfortunately, again use of the area will be monitored.

Drains

All drains on thew course have been raked out and the flow of water has been checked. We are also in the process of strimming and hedge trimming all the hedgerows on the course.

Tree work

Like every year, we are in the process of tree management, involving trimming low limbs and identifying any dead, diseased, or damaged trees, and also thinning out tree plantations where necessary.

Bunkers

A further 2 bunkers have been renovated on the 15th hole. These bunkers had become more like mud than sand bunkers as the water always found its way into the bunkers and would wash them out, resulting in hours of labour to put them back into play. We have now reduced the size and eliminated and low points for water to get into them by building up the banks on the right-hand side, we also inspected and cleaned out the drains and renewed the drainage gravel. The project also means there is a much wider exit point when walking between the 2 bunkers, spreading wear. Visually from the tee, this is a much better-looking hole whilst maintaining the green surrounding hazards.

Tees

We have enlarged and re levelled the 12th medal tee given much more room to spread wear on what was the smallest medal tee on the course. This has now been seeded and is currently covered with a germination sheet to encourage early seedling growth through the winter. We are hoping to have this tee back in play by June, there may be a few of the earlier white tee competitions played from the back of the yellow tee.

All other tees will be aerated again with a Verti drain next week.

Solar project

The trenching work continues down the left-hand side of the 13th hole. The area beyond the fence will remain G.U.R. this includes the water hazard to avoid confusion and prevent injury from crossing the trench. There have been a few days where the hole had to be shortened, but the hole will restore to its full length for any qualifying competitions.

Many thanks
Nathan

10. Any Other Business.

Summer Knockout registration dates.

Requested that all Trophy Competitions has no Live Scores whilst in Play. (Live after 5pm)

Meeting Closed 20.20.
Next Committee Meeting Yearly AGM.
11th March 2025 19.00.