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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section
Tuesday 15th September 2026

1. Minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true record.
   Proposed. M Friend. Seconded W Brown
2. Present. J Parry (C). D Callaghan. R Mansfield S Johnston. M Friend. P Beech. R Richardson.
3. Apologies received.
   D Hobbs. S Smith. A Hatch.
4. AOB Outstanding.
   Implement a Stableford prize structure within the Men's Section Medals.
   The decision for implementation was rejected by all.
   The committee reviewed the current entry structure for the two-day Club Championship.
   This was discussed at length with no immediate action at this time, a vote was called for with the various ideas (entry fees. Prize fund & 2nd day automatic Qualifying) and was passed by all in attendance. Competition Secretary to formalise prior to 2027.
   Introduction of an Over-55 Champion for 2027.
   The committee supported the proposal in principle. Competition Secretary to look into the implementation for 2027.
5. Captains report. (incorporating management minutes)
   Fundraising for the China Fleet Trust: Despite inclement weather, our Captain's Charity Day proceeded admirably in support of The China Fleet Trust.
   I extend my sincere gratitude to all members and guests who attended, played, and generously offered donations — particularly those who braved the torrential conditions and returned to the clubhouse thoroughly soaked yet steadfast in their support.
   Generous Contributions & Proceeds: Particular thanks are due to Larch Construction for graciously donating magnificent raffle prizes. Through their generosity and the enthusiasm of our members, we raised £585 from the raffle and a further £500 through entry fees — generating a grand total of £1,085 for a most worthy cause.

   MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
   White Tees: Although the proposal was submitted too late into the planning cycle for the current season, implementation for 2027 has been agreed in principle. Future divisions are

expected to transition straightforwardly into Yellow and White tee competitions, departing from traditional section groupings.
Presentation Evening: Plans and the official itinerary for the 2026 Presentation Evening are currently being formalised, with a view to locking in all final arrangements prior to mid-September. (Presentation evening 7th November prior to any changes)
Winter Mats: Discussions remain ongoing with Andy Taylor to submit a detailed proposal, incorporating comprehensive work schedules and costings, for formal review.
Competition Withdrawals:
Clarifying guidance is being drafted for the section ahead of the winter months.
Whilst withdrawals caused negligible disruption over the summer period, formal procedures are required prior to the onset of adverse weather.

COURSE & GENERAL MANAGEMENT
Junior Section & 2027 Fixtures: Excellent progress continues within the Junior Section, culminating in a team proudly representing the Club at county level. Looking ahead to 2027, China Fleet are delighted to announce that it will host both the Cornish Closed County Event and the Royal Navy Championships — two prestigious fixtures on the golfing calendar. Reciprocal arrangements with several local clubs remain firmly in place.

Bunker Renovation Plan: Works are progressing ahead of schedule. DuraBunker may arrive during September to line the initial 5 to 6 bunkers, which may necessitate brief 1 to 2 day closures of individual holes. Should this schedule adjust, DuraBunker will attend in November to complete the entirety of Phase 1 in a single visit.

Buggy Paths: Extension works on the 10th and 11th holes are scheduled for completion prior to winter, facilitating ongoing course maintenance and general play throughout the wetter months.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
17th Winter Mat: It was noted that the newly installed mat on the 17th hole has become uneven due to initial ground settling. This will be flattened accordingly prior to winter play.
Ladies' Eclectic Competition: Operational issues and system errors have rendered digital administration of the Eclectic competition unusually time-consuming. An investigation is underway to determine whether the software configuration can be rectified or if the Ladies' Section should resume manual record-keeping.
Sponsorship Policy: In order to safeguard the Club's commercial account, the Seniors' Section is requested to refrain from seeking complimentary products or charitable contributions from St Austell Brewery for the Seniors' Captain's Charity Day.
Course Signage: A suggestion was raised regarding additional bunker etiquette signage. Whilst the sentiment is appreciated, course furniture and signage are intentionally being kept to a minimum to avoid interfering with the autonomous robotic mowers

6. Competition Secretary report.
With the season coming to an end, only 3 trophies remain up for grabs: the Captain's Trophy, Memorial Trophy, and Winter League Trophy.
With our busy Hot Summer now coming to an end, we are glad to see a bit of much-needed rain for the course.

July and September have seen many trophies won, and congratulations to the winners and to all who participated.

China Fleet Trophy Day

Div 1 winner – Kevin Jones. Div 2 Winner – Steve Williams. Div 3 Winner – Tony Bevan

Men's August Monthly Medal

Div 1. 1st Jim Johnston + Lowest Gross. 2nd Robert Raw. 3rd Andrew Forster

Div 2. 1st Jack Rendle. 2nd Dave Callaghan. 3rd Kevin Cotton.

Div 3 (Stableford)1st Steve Jones. 3rd Liam Cox. 4th Pete Gall

Greenkeepers Cup

1st Kevin Jones. 2nd Neil Dowson. 3rd Tony Bevan. 4th Anthony Braddon. 5th Jack Screech

Captains Charity Day

Thank you to all who participated and contributed; the full report is included in the captain's report.

Nelsons Trophy

Winners are - K. Kennedy / T. Jarvis / T. White / M. Harrison (116pts)

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

Kind Regards

Scott Johnston

Competition Secretary Competition

7. Seniors Captain report.

   Since the last report, our turnout for Monday mornings has vastly increased,

   The Monday events are well supported with an average of 50 members + at most competitions.

   Membership remains stable with approximately 120 members.

   Our Friendly match season has so far gone well, with no cancellations thus far due to bad weather, also we have had some positive results, and some new players taking part in these enjoyable games.

   There has been some very good feedback from visiting teams about both the course conditions (even during the current dry period) particularly praising the greens.

   The food is always excellent and well presented.

   I am particularly grateful to the staff for the sometimes very short notice changes required by clubs for the dietary changes.

   The competition Season is well underway,

   The Seniors Open was a great success with one of the largest entries known, I would like to thank the management team for running this on our behalf.

   Our club competitions are also in full swing, having completed the Peter Gill competition, The Anniversary plate, The Rick Evans memorial, and we have completed our Club Championship.

   One event remains to be re-scheduled, the wooden Spoon competition against the ladies, something I need to discuss with Yvonne.

   Age and cunning again overcome youth and Vigour in the 2nd Seniors v Juniors match, a fun event which hopefully will become part of the annual fixture list.

   With our AGM not far away, there are some committee posts that require filling, namely Competition Secretary and Competition Secretary.

   Phil Beech

   Seniors Captain.

8. Greenkeepers report.

Weather:

Following some decent amounts of rainfall we finally have some growth, and definition. The robots are now in full swing mowing fairways and some semi rough. We always expected some teething issues but these have been fairly minimal.

There are still many bare areas throughout the course which will take some time to heal, so please be patient with us and the course!

Greens:

Normal maintenance, nothing to report.

Tees:

Normal maintenance, a little granular feed, some overseeding and an application of seaweed, molasses and wetting agent has helped some of the tees that were struggling.

Fairways:

Robots are now maintaining the fairways as discussed. Winter rules brought in due to the inconsistency of grass growth/bare area etc.

Paths:

Work will soon begin on buggy path extensions on the 10th and 11th holes as announced as part of 'Project 32'. The first path of the process will be to strip turf from the outside edges to give us a nice, neat edge. This turf can then be re-used to build the new shaped bunkers, (where necessary) in phase 1 of the bunker project.

Bunkers:

As a reminder, phase 1 consists of the 9th, 10th 11th, and 18th greenside bunkers. These bunkers will remain G.U.R. until completion, hopefully around December 26.

6 bunkers have now been lined with a rubber crumb/resin mix (not tarmac)! DuraBunker spent 2 days lining these bunkers and will be returning in November to complete the 9th and 18th greenside bunkers.

The green staff are now in the process of establishing our final shapes and a great deal of turfing will be carried out over the next few months.

Many thanks

Nathan

9. Cornwall Golf.

Lord Lieutenants Trophy 23rd August @ Truro.

Team players were

M. Friend & J Friend.

W Brown & O Brown.

The Committee Thanks the team players in representing China Fleet.

Upcoming Events

Depot & Petherick cups. 27th Sept @ Carlyon Bay GC.

Representing China Fleet

A Taylor Club Champion (gross) & W Brown (nett)

Good luck in this prestigious Champion of Champions county event.

Cornish Bowl 11th October @ Trethorne GC Tee's 10.20
Cornwall Team Championship 18th October @ Perranporth GC. Tee's 7.48
Frank Will's Salver 25th October. China Fleet (Bye)
Presidents Trophy 1st November @ Trethorne GC Tee's 10.00

10. Treasurers report.
    Still ongoing as we endeavour to solve the issue.

11. AOB.
    The Qualifying events for the Hudson Shield are as yet not displayed on HowDidiDo, this is being looked into, also how the points are awarded.
    16th Hole drop zone. This has again arisen, can the team with the surplus soil & sand around the course create a new level area.

Meeting Closed @ 19.55.

Next Meeting 13th October.