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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 20th May 2025

1. Minutes of the previous recorded as a true record.
Proposed. S Johnston Seconded. M Friend
2. **Present.** J Parry (Capt.) R Mansfield (Vice) D Callaghan. D Hobbs. A Forster. T White. M Friend.
S Johnston. K Chapman.
3. **Apologies.** H Woolway. R Richardson. A Hatch. S Smith. L Woodall.
4. Captains report.

Apologies for the late Committee meeting as to many members were away.

Lounge Bar Opening Times

It was noted that the Lounge Bar now opens from midday, a change made to accommodate broader business needs. While this adjustment may alter the traditional feel of the Members' Clubhouse, we acknowledge the importance of supporting the Club's overall success. I will be raising this with the Food & Beverage Manager for further feedback and consideration.

Presentation Evening – Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, 15th November 2025, as we look forward to hosting a joint End-of Season Presentation Evening. Plans are underway, and finer details will be shared in due course. Ben will explore the use of the Club's ticketing system to streamline event bookings. We look forward to celebrating together in style.

Men's Team Selection and Performance Analysis

We're pleased to welcome Matt Tamsett to the team in a support role, in assisting with a performance analysis for upcoming team selections. Working alongside James Parry, Richard Mansfield, Scott Johnson Men's Competition Secretary, this initiative aims to foster a strong team ethos and a winning mentality.

Booking System Update

A point of clarification – the recent changes to the booking system are not due to new software, but rather the enabling of existing functionality. These changes are designed to help maximise tee time usage and enhance the overall playing experience.

Junior Section Progress

The Junior Section is going from strength to strength, following the success of three well-attended Driving Range events. A core group has now formed and will soon begin to utilise Sunday afternoon tee times.

Friendly matches will first be arranged with other sections before reaching out to local clubs and junior programmes. This is a hugely encouraging development for the future of our Club.

Rules Update

Clarification around the use of Model Local Rules has been provided, and all players are now familiar with their correct application.

15th Tee Extension

Excitingly, the 15th tee extension is in the final stages of confirmation. If approved within the Club's forthcoming budget (effective from 1st June 2025), this project will move ahead—further enhancing the quality and challenge of our course.

5. Competition Secretary report.

Our first trophy competition the Hong Kong Cup was held on the 19th of April with a field of 104 participants. This year's winner was Mark Kerslake with a Nett score of 66.

The first Monthly Medal of the year was held on a Saturday 3rd May with a total of 90 Participants, this is a vast improvement compared to last year's 2024 Sunday event with an average of 40 Participants.

We will continue to monitor the change.

Spring Team Challenge took place on the 10th May with 40 pairings competing, this was won with a fantastic score of 61 by Rory Coles and Ross Richardson.

Royal Cornwall Goblets and Andy Taylor in the Cornwall Amateur Championships.

The PAL league is now underway with 2 games played away against St Mellion CB and Looe with only 1 home match against Trethorne, CFCC are into a fantastic start and are currently top the table with our next match at home against 2nd place St Mellion AD, again we thank all that has taken the time to play for CFCC and also for those who came and supported the Teams.

Upcoming Events.

CGU Maxam Cup 1st June. @ St Austell GC.

Monthly Medal 7th June

Dragon's trophy 21st June.

CGU over 55's 24th June @ Mullion GC.

6. P.A.L. report.

Plymouth Area League – Positive Start

Our first fixture away to St Mellion CB ended in a narrow 3–2 defeat. Despite the result, the team's spirit was outstanding, especially considering the number of shots conceded. This was a commendable away performance and bodes well for the rest of the season. Many thanks to those who supported us on the course—we hope to see your continued support throughout the campaign.

Our 2nd Fixture was home to Trethorne with an outstanding 4.5-0.5 win with all pairs playing outstanding golf and puts us firmly on track for a great season. Again, many thanks to those who supported us on the course—we hope to see your continued support throughout the campaign.

Our 3rd Fixture was away at Looe, where the team delivered a superb 4–1 win, continuing the positive momentum.

With two strong wins and a competitive performance away from home, we are confident in our team's prospects for the rest of the season. Let's keep the support coming!

7. CGU "B" team report.

This was for a Team of 6 with a maximum of 12 Handicap, Foursomes (Medal)

@ Truro GC. 13th April.

Team players representing CFCC this year were.

A Blaikie & S Vieira. R Coles & H Woolway. C Blatchford & R Smith. With the weather still good we had a good showing out of all the teams (63) that entered.

We would like to Thank all that made the journey to represent CFCC.

8. CGU Royal Cornwall Goblets.

This was for a team of 10 with a maximum of 24 handicap. Foursomes (Stapleford)

@ Trevoze GC. 27th April.

Team players representing CFCC this year were.

A Hatch & E Shapland. J Johnston & S Johnston. A Forster & R Smith. R Coles & R Richardson.

A Blaikie & S Vieira.

With the weather still good we had some good returns from all of the pairings, 107 teams entered.

We would like to Thank all that made the journey to represent CFCC.

9. Daily Mail report.

With a home draw in our favour our 2024 Foursomes champions A Taylor & L Woodall Lost to St Mellion (1up) in the 2nd round.

We Thank both players for their time in representation CFCC.

10. Junior Update.

Numbers has reduced slightly just recently and the team are looking into it, also see the Captains report.

11. Treasurer's report.

Current running Total £1,671.64.

with approx. £500 awaiting transfer.

12. Seniors Captain report.

The weather has been very kind to us over the past 5 weeks or so, we have been able to play all our Senior friendly matches to date, with a bit of a mixed bag. Now having played a total of 7 matches,

We have Won 4, Drawn 1, and Lost 2. The 2 that's been lost were in fact away matches.

Recently it was very pleasing to win our first away match of the year against Bigbury.

The Annual Wooden Spoon was played on May Bank Holiday, the Men won 5 1/2 to 1 1/2 against the Ladies, with the Seniors playing off the white tee boxes, unfortunately I was away doing Grandad duties in Wales.

The second clothes order for the seniors have arrived and most items have been collected. The membership for the seniors is currently around 125. As new members join, we have lost a few of older members, the good thing is the average age of the playing membership is slowly coming down which sounds wrong but by lowering the age to 55 it is now having a small effect.

13. Green Keepers report.

Greens:

The greens are slowly recovering following a frustratingly long wait for temperatures to rise and stabilise. It has only been the last 3 weeks or so since we have seen some more consistent temperatures to allow this. We are still a little way off summer cutting heights and green speeds due to the current temperatures.

We are monitoring water moisture content in the greens and only irrigating when necessary to avoid overwatering which can cause shallow rooting, slow greens and encouraging disease, thatch, and pitch marks. We attempt to keep moisture content in the greens around about 15%, and in general we are currently right on target.

We are now in the process of using growth regulators to control annual meadow grass seed head bloom, which normally slows the greens down this time of year and create bobble, we have managed to do this with great success so far.

From our recent soil on RSS report from the STRI, we are making very good progress once again.

Weather:

The weather has been extremely unpredictable for the time of year, with this being possibly the driest Spring we've ever witnessed, and have now entered another very dry period in May. This has been unprecedented and very difficult to plan for, following a very busy winter for golf. Therefore, recovery of walkways, worn areas, and of course the solar farm trench on the 13th hole, has been very slow in recovering. The trench will remain marked as G.U.R. for the foreseeable future.

Tees:

A granular feed has been applied to all tees to establish growth and the approaches will also be fed over the next few weeks. All tees have now been sprayed with a selective herbicide. The 12th medal tee is establishing nicely and should be ready for play in time for the Anniversary plate.

Fairways:

The fairways have all now been sprayed with a selective weedkiller, and certain areas of the semi rough and around greens. The next plan for the fairways will be a liquid feed mix with iron to really get things going.

Bunkers:

The bunkers on the 15th hole are now all in play and bedding in nicely just certain areas to the right-hand side will be kept ground under repair until fully established.

All bunkers have now had sand levels checked, and sand pushed back into low spots, due to golfers pulling the sand towards the back of the bunker with a rake when they exit. Some bunkers have been topped up with sand.

Hazards:

We are in the process of strimming all water hazards as well as maintaining all other areas of the estate.

Short game area:

The short game area has had its usual feeding program for spring and growth. Should kick in soon.

18th wet area

We are currently working on the drainage issue to the left of the 18th green. We have now discovered that the drainage pipe installed in the past has collapsed and become blocked, causing the pipes to run uphill, resulting in the water not being able to drain. We will be attempting to re trench the whole pipe with a sufficient fall to take the water away.

With the course being so busy every day now, the green staff have to carry out all their work very early in the morning and then go back out into the course when it is very busy so please be patient if you see green staff working around play

Many thanks

Nathan

14. Any other Business.

Widening of the teeing area for better choice of stance.

Is a lady player allowed to play in the Wed/Sat roll-up?? Paid entry for her/their qualifying cards. **After discussion we couldn't see an issue.**

Right hand side of the 18th on approaching the green after the last hedge, a fallen winter tree has yet to be removed and area cut & tidied.

Championship weekend July 5th & 6th (Create a poster for display + e-mail)

An e-mail was received from a member.

An idea was put forward for the Captain to take to the Golf team.

Meeting Closed @ 20.15
Next Committee Meeting 10th June