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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 14th July 2026

1. Minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true record.

Proposed. S Johnston Seconded D Harrison

2. Present.

J Parry (C). D Callaghan. R Mansfield. A Taylor. S Johnston. S Smith. D Hobbs.
R Richardson.

3. Apologies received.

M friend. P Beech. A Hatch.

4. AOB Outstanding.

Social media. **Still in good progress. With good feedback.**

New Cornish Bowl Captain. **Still in progress.**

Committee web page & input to be updated. **Being looked into and updated.**

5. Captain's report.

Another month, another memory-maker at China Fleet!

What a phenomenal month of golf we've had. The Men's Club Championship delivered two days of drama, joy, and some seriously impressive scoring. It's always the highlight of our season, and this year did not disappoint.

Huge congratulations to our worthy champions:

- Andy Taylor – Club Gross Champion (a performance built on grit and class)
- Will Brown – Net Champion (our junior sensation and absolutely one to watch for the future – we're proud to have you flying the flag)
- Pete Brandon – High Handicap Champion (a brilliant display of consistency under pressure)

To everyone who played over the two days – thank you. Your spirit, sportsmanship, and support made it a true celebration of club golf. And I cannot sign off on this without a special mention and heartfelt thanks to our greenkeeping staff. The course was immaculate – fast greens, pristine fairways, and raked bunkers. You are the unsung heroes of our club, and we are so grateful.

Plymouth League – Still in the Fight

It's been a rollercoaster month for our league team. After a tough 4.5–0.5 loss away to St Mellion CB, the lads showed real character to bounce straight back with a determined 3–2 home victory against Launceston. That response told me everything I need to know about the

heart in this squad. With two matches remaining, we are still right in the mix – every point counts now, so let's finish strong and leave nothing out there.

A Word on Our Growing Community

One of the most encouraging things I've seen this season is the sheer number of members turning out to support our men's competitions

On that note – if you're a member who's been thinking about taking the next step, we want to hear from you. Anyone looking to represent the club in future matches, leagues, or inter-club events, please do get in touch. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or someone looking to test yourself for the first time, we'd love to have you involved. There's no better feeling than pulling on the China Fleet shirt and playing for your club.

Social Media – Let's Keep Growing

A massive thank you to Ross Richardson, who has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to boost our men's section presence on social media. The engagement is growing week by week, and it's brilliant to see photos, results, and banter being shared with more members than ever before. My hope is that we can continue building on this momentum – not just for updates, but to strengthen the connection between all of us, on and off the course.

So whether you're a regular competitor, a social golfer, or someone who just loves the buzz of club life – this is your club, your section, and your season. Let's keep the energy high, the support strong, and the golf memorable.

As always, my door (and inbox) is open – if you have ideas, questions, or just want to chat golf, please reach out.

Play well,

James,. Men's Captain

6. Competition Secretary report.

Hope you are all enjoying the glorious sunshine and not too burnt like some of the course.

Recently, we have held some amazing trophy events, with some amazing golf being played and some adventurous golf as well.

In late May, we held our annual Anniversary Plate in fantastic conditions. Congratulations to Steven Ryder on a great score of Nett 64.

The 20th and 21st of June saw St Mellion visiting CFCC for the annual

Pavey/St Piran Cup event, which was run over 2 days, with Saturday fixtures in Foursomes, Greensomes and 4BBB.

On day one, it was all even at 3 – 3. Sunday consisted of 12 individual Matchplay.

CFCC, for the 3rd year in a row, retained the cup, winning 12.5 – 5.5.

Congratulations to all those who took part.

The Dragon Trophy a 4BBB Competition took place. Congratulations to our winners, P. Grant & R. Mountfield, who recorded a great Stableford score of 46.

The 4th and 5th of July saw us hold our annual major trophy event, The Club Championships, with fantastic weather and the course looking immaculate. After day one, everything was tight at the top, leading into the final day, with the last group all within 3 shots.

After day 2, there was only one clear winner. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Results below.

Gross and Club Champion – Andy Taylor (Greyburn Cup)

Nett Champion – Will Brown (Flying Witch)

Division Winner – Pete Brandon (Brunel Cup)

Upcoming Events this Month

18th July – CFCC Trophy Day- Divisional Trophies.

25th July – Saturday Roll up (Eclectic)

Regards

Scott

7. Seniors Captain report.

Since the last report we have had 4 more Friendly Matches

Bigbury at home winning 5-1 giving us an overall 8-4 win.

Then an away match at Looe, unfortunately a loss for us ½ to 5½, followed by the away match at St Enodoc we were on the losing side 1-7 overall 6-8 win for St Enodoc.

Our latest was the away match at Dartmouth, again we were worthy losers

1-½-½ to 3 ½-½ (2-4) still giving us an overall 7-5 win.

Our Competition season is now well and truly underway with the Peter Gill Trophy R1 & R2 and the Anniversary Plate now complete. The weather has been also outstanding with plenty of extra fluids taken on board.

Upcoming events is the Seniors Open 15th July with a very good entry, also 3 more Friendly team matches. St Austell 23rd July. Tavistock 30th July. Elfordleigh 4th Aug.

Phil Beech

Seniors Captain.

8. Upcoming Cornwall Golf events.

Maxam Cup 26th July @ Falmouth.

9. Treasurers Report.

We are still looking into new Banking arrangements.

10. Greenkeepers report.

Weather:

The course is now beginning to become very dry with the extreme temperatures. We are doing our best to keep the greens and tees watered with use of wetting agents to prevent severe dry patch. All fairways and tees also had an application of wetting agent, seaweed, and molasses, to aid better rooting, all round plant health and prevent dry down. Where we don't have irrigation (fairways), due to this application, the dry down hasn't been as quick and the bounce back when we do have some rain, will be much quicker, which is what we have seen in previous years.

Greens:

Heights of cut were slightly lowered ahead of the club championships, and we achieved some decent green speeds despite an unfortunate breakdown of the turf iron on the Saturday morning! A monthly needle tine was carried out in the days following the Championships to relieve stress and compaction.

One of our sets of greens mower units has just returned from an annual regrind/sharpen and will be back in action next week.

With our annual visit from the STRI a few weeks ago, we have just received the report on data gathered from samples sent away for testing. Good to see everything is trending in the right direction, with good feedback on the announcement of Project 32.

Unfortunately we have had another oil leak on the 5th green, due to aging machinery, We are currently looking at options to bring forward a replacement machine.

We currently have an infestation of leather jackets on our 4th green, hence the amount of bird pecking damage. We have stationed a few bird scarers, and will look to do some sheeting next week if the temperatures cool to raise the pests to the surface for removal.

Tees:

The 15th tee has now had irrigation installed, and has now been fertilised and seeded. We expect to see some germination in a week or so, with the banking around the tee to be completed in a few months. We are hoping for the tee to be in use by April/May 2027.

We have carried out some tree work to improve the lines of sight on certain tees, namely 9th and 13th medal tee.

Fairways:

Robots are set to arrive on Monday 13th. A few days mapping and we will then store them in our shed as there will be no grass left on the fairways due to the heatwave!

In all seriousness, the list of benefits of the robots is endless and further information will be on the way.

Paths:

A section of path that was damaged and broken away in places was resurfaced last month. Work will soon begin on path extensions announced in project 32.

Bunkers:

All bunkers were flymo'd, strimmed, and growth regulator mixed with weedkiller applied. Sand distribution was checked ahead of the club championships and most greenside bunkers were watered in order for us to give them a much better rake. When our bunkers become so dry it becomes difficult to keep the sand where it needs to be, so watering aids presentation.

Water hazards

All water hazards have now been strimmed and tidied.

Trees:

We are currently in the process of spraying glyphosate weedkiller around all trees to enhance presentation and reduce strimming.

G.U.R.

Last week we begun on one of our regular G.U.R. areas on the back of the 10th green where we are in the process of installing a small drain taking the water down away from the green into the hedgerow.

Many thanks

Nathan

11. AOB.

New Coarse records were discussed for the various tees in place for 2027.

Green Tees. Winter season. Registered Roll-ups & Comps.

Yellow Tees. Summer season. Registered Roll-ups & Comps.

White Tees. Competition Days. When the new 15th tee becomes in play 2027.

The White Tee course record is currently **66** in **2011** (we believe) held by **Tom Fox**.

5,4,3,4,3,3,3,4,4.= **33**. 3,4,3,5,3,3,4,4,4. = **33**

12. Robotic Rules.

You may now have seen the new Robotic Mowers out and about and have also been sent an e-mail regarding CFCC Local Rules. (if not ask in the pro shop)

Also on the **Notice Board**

We have been duly informed that they will not be out and about on Competition Days.

Meeting Closed 20.05

Next Meeting 4th August 2026