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## Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

1. Minutes of the previous recorded as a true record.  
Proposed. S Smith    Seconded. R Mansfield
2. Present. J Parry (Capt.) R Mansfield (Vice). D Callaghan. M Friend. S Johnston.  
L Woodall. R Richardson. S Smith. D Hobbs. K Chapman. S Smith. A Hatch. A Taylor.
3. Apologies received.  
T White. A Forster.
4. Outstanding AOB.  
None.

5. Captains Report.

### **40. 2025 Presentation Evening**

The 2025 Presentation Evening is confirmed for Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.

My sincere thanks to the Ladies Section for kindly volunteering to assist with the set-up. I'd also like to encourage members from the Men's Section to come forward and lend a hand so that the event is a true success for everyone.

This evening is always a highlight of our golfing year, celebrating both achievement and camaraderie, and your support helps make it a memorable occasion for all sections of the club.

### **2. Plymouth Area Golf League (PAL)**

The Men's PAL Team reached the Plymouth Area League Final on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, facing Elfordleigh at Boringdon Golf Club.

I'm proud to report that China Fleet were crowned overall Devon & Cornwall Champions!

The final was fiercely contested, played in extremely challenging conditions with strong winds throughout the day. Matches were closely fought, with two going to the 18<sup>th</sup> green and two to the 20<sup>th</sup> hole — truly a test of nerve and determination, echoing the drama of the Ryder Cup.

Match Results:

- Pair 1: Jason Friend & Mark Friend – Lost on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green
- Pair 2: Ryan Gregory & Matt Tamsett – Won on the 20<sup>th</sup> Hole
- Pair 3: Alan Blaikie & Steve Vieira – Lost on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green
- Pair 4: Andy Forster & Joe Burford – Won on 20<sup>th</sup> Hole
- Pair 5: Darren Billing & Luke Friend – Won 4 & 3

Final Score: China Fleet 3 – 2 Elfordleigh

Special mention to:

- Matt Tamsett, who birdied the 20<sup>th</sup> hole to secure his match, and
- Andy "Fozzy" Forster, who delivered back-to-back birdies on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to seal the win.

Matches were played in tremendous spirit, and the support from over 20 travelling members made a visible and positive impact — thank you to all who came to cheer the team on.

**The Dragon flew high and proud all day!**

### **3. Old Course Record – Club Championship**

It has come to light that Tom Fox set the old course record of Gross 66 during the 2018 Club Championship.

We would like to arrange for this achievement to be formally recognised and framed within the clubhouse in due course.

Tom's Scorecard:

Front Nine: 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4

Back Nine: 3, 4, 3, 5, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4

### **4. Personal Season Highlights**

This season, and the 2025 Club Championship, were particularly meaningful for me.

Watching Jason Friend progress from a 13-year-old junior to becoming both the Individual CGU Foursomes Champion (with Dave Sleet) and the CGU Under-21 Champion, before finally lifting the 2025 Club Champion Trophy, was a proud and emotional moment.

Congratulations also to Mark Friend, winner of the Net Trophy – a fitting father-and-son achievement that reflects the spirit and continuity of our section.

### **40. Events and Achievements**

- Captain's Charity Day (30<sup>th</sup> August):  
In aid of Luna's Fund, raising £1,760 thanks to members' generosity and a £500 donation from Larch Construction.
- St Piran's Cup:  
Delighted to report we retained the trophy at St Mellion – well done to all who played and supported.

### **40. Looking Ahead**

- CGU Autumn Knockouts get underway, and our teams are ready to represent the club with the same commitment and pride that has defined the season.
- Thank you to every member who has played, supported, or volunteered this year – your enthusiasm continues to make China Fleet Country Club such a special place to play and belong.

**James Parry**

*Men's Captain*

### **6. Competition Secretary 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.

- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Monthly Stableford
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct Monthly Medal
- Winter Series

Scott Johnston

Men's Section Competition Secretary.

7. PAL Team Report.

See Captains report.

8. CGU Upcoming Team events.

CTC 19<sup>th</sup> October @ Launceston. V Bude.

Frank Wills 26<sup>th</sup> October. 1<sup>st</sup> round bye.

President's Trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ St Austell. V Tehidy.

9. CGU Depot & Petherick Cups.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September @ Truro GC.

The weather was reported as sunny and enjoyable.

Club Champion Jason Friend played in the Depot Cup (scratch) returning a gross 72. 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Mark Friend nett winner played in the Petherick Cup returning a nett 70. 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

This was the first time Jason had played at Truro, returning a very impressive card.

40 top players participated in this event from all over the county.

The Committee Thanks both players for their time in representing China Fleet Golf.

10. Cornish Bowl Report.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Venue, Trethorne GC. 11.30tee.

Opponents were Bowood GC.

Team Members.

Phil Beech & Kieth Chapman.

Jack Rendle & Chris Jarvis.

Graham Street & Robin Mountford.

Geoffr Pugh & Ian Fraser.

Angus Firth & Tony Bouch.

All arrived safely with plenty of time to relax and put in some chipping & putting practice. The mood was friendly and they were all looking forward to their matches.

Weather was exceptional with very light wind and plenty of sunshine.

After the first 5 holes we were in get shape, after 8 holes Bowood had settled down and pulled back some of their deficit. After 14 holes 1 of our team had lost 5&4, with another going down the 15<sup>th</sup> dromy but lost on the 15<sup>th</sup> green 4&3, another team going down the 15 were 2 up and they consolidated their win 3&2 on the green. Leaving 2 teams who were both winning and losing holes thru-out the day. After the 17<sup>th</sup> both remaining teams were all Square going up the 18<sup>th</sup>. It was nip and tuck all the way but we were ousted on the green, with Bowood taking the win 4-1. (it was mighty close)

The Course was in suburb condition with the greens lighting fast with the warm air.

Our after match consisted of a 2 course meal (roast) was also well catered for.

The Teams interacted well whist playing and chatted away throughout dinner.

The Committee Thanks all of the Team Members and reserves for making themselves available in representing China Fleet Golf.

Dave Callaghan

Team Captain.

11. Treasurers Report.

Treasurer is away & nothing recorded.

12. Seniors Captain report.

This is my last few weeks as Captain for the seniors and I shall be handing over to my Vice-Captain Philip Beech at our upcoming AGM on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The year has flown by. We have played 25 matches out of 26. Unfortunately I had to cancel the last one away to St Austell due to storm Amy.

Over the year the team has won 9, lost 11 and drawn 5 matches. 43 players were used throughout the year out of a membership of around 140 players.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September it was my Captain's day.

St Austell Brewery kindly supplied the beer for the day and Ginsters generously supplied pasties and sausage rolls.

China Fleet catering staff heated everything up and brought it all out at the halfway point 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> area, where Ann Chapman served it to the players. Not forgetting the home made cakes.

The weather was great and over 36 prizes were up for grabs in the raffle.

The Total raised on the day was over £650 which was very pleasing.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> will be the last competition in my role as Seniors Captain.

It is the Seniors Bogey competition & Robin Smith has made some modifications to the competition to encourage a more aggressive play.

The green staff have also done an amazing job throughout the year & at times in some very difficult conditions. The greens recovered incredibly quickly after the summer maintenance and I have only had great feedback from players & visiting clubs alike.

The catering staff have also done an amazing job throughout our matches;

I have only heard good things from the away teams as they all left with full stomach's and big smiles.

Captain

Kieth Chapman

13. Greenkeepers Report.

**Greens:**

The greens recovered very well from greens maintenance back in August and have been performing consistently well most of the year. This week we have carried out our Autumn maintenance, which has been slow going however, essential that we do this to give us the best chance of the greens standing up to and drain well ahead of a harsh winter.

**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 8 inches of rain falling since August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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, (2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>) 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 started the 5<sup>th</sup> medal tee, and next week will commence the 5<sup>th</sup> yellow tee. The yellow markers will be placed onto the winter mat for the remainder of the winter.

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

Next in line will be the 13<sup>th</sup> medal tee, which will be re-levelled, and moved very slightly to the right, as we can no longer use the left-hand side of the tee due to the growth of the trees on the left.

**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.

You may have seen the robot that has been on demo for the past few weeks cutting fairways 1.2 and 3 as well as 4 metres of rough outside these fairways. We will soon be demonstrating a similar robot from a different manufacturer over the next few weeks.

**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

**14. Any Other Business.**

China Fleet Golf Team attire (bundle) to be reintroduced for new team members.

Men's Section Summer Eclectic (2 divisions) being looked into for 2026, to run with certain Competitions.

AGM 2026. Additions to the Terms of Competitions ref the new Memorial Day Competition. ( Nett & Gross returns) & Prize structure.

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.

**Meeting Closed @ 20.10**

**Next Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November**