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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 8th July 2025

1. Minutes of the previous recorded as a true record.
Proposed. M Friend Seconded. L Woodall
2. **Present.** J Parry (Capt.) R Mansfield (Vice). D Callaghan. M Friend. S Johnston.
L Woodall. R Richardson. S Smith. K Chapman.
R Richardson. K Chapman. S Smith.

3. **Apologies received.**
A Hatch. [D Hobbs](#). [A Forster](#).

4. Outstanding AOB.
None Outstanding

5. **Captains Report.**

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all committee members who gave up their time and energy to support the Men's Club Championship held on the 5th and 6th of July. Despite the challenging weather, we witnessed a weekend of fantastic golf, and the spirit shown by our members was outstanding.

A special mention must go to Nathan and the entire greenkeeping team. The course was presented in exceptional condition, and their hard work did not go unnoticed by players or spectators alike.

Looking ahead, the 2025 Presentation Evening is confirmed for 15th November. I am grateful to the Ladies Section for volunteering to assist with the set-up. However, I am still awaiting volunteers from the Men's Section—please do come forward so we can make the evening a success for everyone.

It is also pleasing to report that the Junior Section continues to grow, with our juniors now out on the course playing their own competitions. This is a testament to the efforts of all involved in nurturing the next generation of golfers at China Fleet.

In the Plymouth Area Golf League, we find ourselves just 0.5 points behind Launceston at the midway stage, with a game in hand. The squad rotation policy is working well, and there is a fantastic team spirit within the group.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the vital roles played by the committee: from tournament organisation and course management and fostering club spirit. Your commitment is what keeps the section running smoothly and ensures our continued success.

On a personal note, this year's Club Championship was particularly special for me. Watching Jason Friend develop his game since the age of 13, it was a proud and emotional moment to present him with the 2025 Club Champion's trophy—apologies for the emotional outpour! It is truly rewarding to see players coming through the ranks. I would also like to highlight our very own Mark Friend's achievement in winning the Net trophy, which stands as both a great committee and personal milestone.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and dedication.

6. Competition Secretary report.

Our 2025 season is now well underway.

Our June 7th monthly medal which was held on a very wet Saturday had a total of 76 participants. Div 1, 2 and 3 winners, results found on HowDidIDo.

The lowest Gross for the day went to Alan Blaikie with a Gross score of 77.

June 21st we held our annual Dragons Trophy event which had a total of 49 BB teams enter.

Congratulations to Simon Harper and Rob Smith with an amazing 47 points.

It was our 2025 Club Championships held on the 06th and 07th July.

On the Saturday there were a total of 124 entrees all competing to play in day 2 where only 60 Golfers can qualify. With light rain on the first day and wind, early light rain and wind on the second day the course was in itself challenging,

Congratulations to Jason Friend with an impressive overall gross score of 149 becoming our Club Champion for 2025.

Congratulations to our Nett Champion Mark Friend with a Nett score of 144.

The Brunel Cup goes to Andrew Johnstone with a Nett score of 145.

Full results will be published on HowDidIDo in due course.

Some members have requested more competitions on a Sunday; therefore it has been agreed that the Shop will be running a Sunday Pro Shop Stableford on a trial basis.

Upcoming events.

Trophy Day 26th July.

All 3 Divisions playing for their own coveted Trophy.

Kelly Salver. Elliot Bowl. Hickman Shield.

7. P.A.L. Report.

See Captains report.

8. Over 55's report.

We had a team of 3 pairs participating at Mullion Golf Club, 24th June, for this event.

The weather for the day was reported as really good, the course was well presented and in good condition, some players hadn't played it for some time and had forgotten how good and challenging it was.

The Team players were:

J. Johnston & R Patel. 66

M Friend & J Parry. 69

P Forse & S Smith 64

The winning Pair recorded a 58 from Mawgan Porth GC.

The winning Team recorded a combined 162 from Trethorne GC.

We Thank all our players for their time and commitment in representing the Club.

9. CGU upcoming event.

Lord Lieutenants Trophy @ St Austell GC 10th August.

A team has been created pending any changes.

10. Treasures Report.

Current running Total £2588.65. (less any outstanding invoices)

11. Web Page Update

The Web page is currently up to date, covering many items.

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Including photos of this year's Championship Weekend Winners.

12. Seniors Captain Report.

The weather continues to be very kind to us since playing our friendly matches.

We still have been able to play all our senior friendly matches to date, still a bit of a mixed bag.

Of the 11 Friendlies to date, we have Won 5, Drawn 3, and Lost 3.

In June we had 1 drawn match against St Enodoc at home which was very pleasing and later in the month we managed a good win against Bigbury at home which meant we did the double on them.

The membership for the seniors is up to 135, We are still getting the odd 1-2 joining per month.

The 1st Trophy of the year was the Peter Gill R1 & R2 and was won by Philip Beech with a great 2nd round, also including a Hole in 1 on the 15th hole.

The Anniversary Trophy at the end of June was won by Steve Andrew with a net 64, with Mark Jennings having a Hole in 1 on the 7th hole.

The Harry Champion Championship competition @ The Point, we did manage to qualify for the Final but it didn't go so well, but we at least got there. It was good to see Bowood coming 2nd to the Point on count back. As we stay sceptical about some of their seniors handicaps, not that I'm bitter.

On Monday 7th July Rob is leading our team down to St Enodoc to play the away leg after the home match finished 4-4 so all to play for.

Up Coming event this month we have the Rick Evans Trophy.

I have made contact with Chris Evans; (son) and they will be bringing down 4 players.

Chris's mum will present the Trophy as per last year.

Hopefully, a number of the instructors of the field gun crew will also be playing as well.

July is a very busy month. 5 matches to play plus the Seniors' Open on Wednesday 16th.

The Ladies are going to assist with the raffle and hopefully I will be able to set it all up before leaving to play at Tehidy G.C. for a couple of days in 1 of our society's Yearly Bashes.

13. Any Other Business.

Unfortunately H Woolway has stepped down from the Committee to commit more time to his other sport. We the members Thank him for his time & input whilst serving on the Committee.

A Taylor was put forward to join the Team, nominated by R Mansfield.

The team here present voted in favour and an in invite will be sent out.

Ps. There was a Battle of the Ports team event on Monday 8th July @ China Fleet this year.

The victors were the China Fleet's Team. Score 31/2 to 21/2.

Meeting Closed 17.55

Next Committee Meeting 12th August