

Ladies Section

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 25th March 2025

Present

Gill Kendall (Lady Captain), Sue Tate, Julie Steel, Julie Kelly, Isobel Wright Pamela Hulmes, Mel Bradbury, Maxine Bailey

Apologies

Tina Hutchings

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 were proposed as being a true record by Julie Kelly and seconded by Sue Tate.

Matters Arising

As discussed at the meeting on 25th February Julie wrote to the Secretary at Pike Hills to amend the ladies tee times for the next winter period. This will allow more flexibility for other members wishing to play on a Tuesday morning when there are free slots. Alistair has made the adjustments as follows:-

- On Tuesdays Ladies will have the tee booked from 10:00-12:00 from 1stMarch-31st October
- On Tuesdays Ladies will have the tee booked from 10:00-11:29 from 1stNovember-28th February Thus meaning members and visitors could book the blank times between 11:30 AND 12:00. We will see how it works next winter and reduce or increase it if need be.

Lady Captain's Report

This month opened with the new Lady Captain's coffee Morning, with the proceeds going to Admiral Nurses who support the families of patients with Dementia. It particularly targeted funding Admiral Nurses training in York area. The stalls were an interesting mix of artisan craftsmanship and home-made fudges! It was extremely well attended by our own lady members. Although very few guests came from outside to visit us, (on the day) an amazing £920 was raised. And my heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who contributed or helped out on the day. The Ladies Tuesday golf sessions continued with the Winter Games, with a particularly high turnout for the rest of March which was gratifying. We were lucky to have dry weather in March which meant conditions were much better than last year (at this time of year). Chef Paul dazzled us with the first of his steak night extravaganza's, which was fully booked up and turned out to be a fabulous evening with an Irish themed guiz and some instrumental music and Irish folk songs. Going forward, the Captain's Drive-In and Social including Rock 'n' Roll Bingo afterwards, was moved to the 21st of March. Both Lady captain Gill and Club Captain Chris Richardson, were delighted to make this happen as the opening Salvo to the golf season, as Lady Captain Gill was expecting to go into hospital for a spinal operation on the 26th March. Although much of the paperwork has been done going forward, Vice-Captain Pamela Hulmes will be stepping into the breach. Vicky Joughin will be visiting LC Gill fortnightly to update members on what's happening in the golf world via email. The Ladies New to Golf (LNTG) Taster Session on Sunday the 16th March, was extremely successful, with Club members turning up to support Linda Whalley and professional Mark Robson. Several more members of the public turned up who were not expected, which was very gratifying. Many were interested in continuing the future sessions. The YLGCA delegates meeting on the 17th of March went very smoothly - a big thank you to the three superb gentlemen - Paul Steel, Peter Kerr, and Martin Chapman who expertly ran all the parking for over 100 visitors - several of whom commented on the excellence of the service they offered. A big shout out also to Julie Steel for organising the event and Angela Littlewood and Maxine Bailey for helping arrange and rearrange tables, chairs, cups and saucers for the delegates.

Secretary's Report

It was noted that we have received the resignation of Heather Smith who will no longer be a member of the general committee with immediate effect.

Val Chapman attended the YLCGA delegates meeting on the 17th March. Her report follows:-

The meeting began with thanks to all the Area Reps and Delegates for the role they played. There are still some job vacancies which they need to fill.

This year they are celebrating 125 years in ladies golfing and they also want to hear about any achievements by lady members in our own golf clubs. Especially any ladies who achieve a 'Hole in One'. These 'Hole in Ones' have to be sent in with a signed and countersigned card to the Area Rep. These names will be entered into a draw and Lady Captain, Lesley Ford, will give a prize to the winner.

Competitions Secretary

They are encouraging ladies to enter the YLCGA competitions, ie. The Am/Ams and Challenge Bowl, as they are very good value for rounds of golf at Huddersfield and Ilkley. There were comments from the floor that the Golf Genius website isn't particularly easy to use when registering.

The rules for the County 4s are changing in that once a couple is submitted you cannot swap partners. When registering, reserves should be entered, otherwise if a couple can't play you will forfeit that place. Once an entry is received an acknowledgement will be sent, so as to avoid any confusion over submissions. Also, check all email addresses and CDH numbers.

Registering for buggies should be done now.

In all competitions on the 2025 Calendar, apart from the ones stipulated, a Handicap Index of 36 is required. If you have a HI of anything above 36 and want to play off the HI of 36 you still cannot play.

Juniors

The Junior Championship is to be held at Pike Hills Golf Club on 20 July 2025. Volunteers are needed to assist with this competition. All girls must be registered on WHS. Out of all the Juniors in the County, there are 2,500 boys and only 250 girls. The Golf Foundation are aiming at going into schools to promote the sport and encouraging the Golf Pros to also contact their local schools.

Inter-Club Championship

In 2025 there are 116 Clubs taking part with 313 teams with 5 players in each team. They are still finding it difficult to arrange matches where there is the minimum of travelling distance. They may have to look at dividing the County into sub-divisions in order to alleviate this situation.

They are also asking Clubs to use the Online Form on the Website for submitting fixtures so they get all the correct information and **on time**. They are also expressing the importance of reading the Terms of Competition.

If a Club has 2 B Teams they cannot interchange the players. Ensure all cards and results are legible when sent in after the match and they are asking that the relevant Captain copies in the opponent Captain when submitting.

The Finals will be on 3, 5, 9, 11 and 14 September 2025 at Moortown.

England Golf

The matter of 'Equality Diversity and Inclusion' was stressed.

Recently Pontefract Golf Club refused to pay for their Lady Captain's fees for the year but the Ladies' Section have finally succeeded in turning this around with help from England Golf under this heading. Remember this if there are any problems with unfairness in Clubs. A new 'Mission Statement' is available on the Website which includes items such as sustainability, etc. Being safe in golf. The emphasis is being put on 'shouting' when there is a stray ball.

Women in Golf - only 12% of all members are ladies. They are trying to encourage ladies into the game and just play golf, not necessarily get a handicap immediately. They feel that they will reach handicap stage eventually. Any Club could contact Daphne Ledger and she would come and give a session on recruitment if desired.

Handicap Secretary

Handicap Workshops are being held on 24, 27 and 28 March at Huddersfield, Woodhall Spa and Howley Hall and on 16 April at Hessle and are bookable through the England Golf website. A player's handicap can still be reviewed in the winter months if necessary.

The Rules Ambassador. There is a proper accreditation system where you need to achieve 90% or better on the Level 1 Rules of Golf. A Course is being run and availability can be checked online with a maximum of 2 people per Club.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report to 20/03/2025

Community Account	1,107.67
Cash Tin	8.00
Savings Account	4,020.42
	5,136.09
Less	
Locker Room Fund	596.35
Lady Captain's Charity	906.40
Total	1,502.75

Total 3633.34

Our income is made up from:

Competition entries, Profit from Exchange Day, The sale rail, 50% of Lady Captain's Dance profit
Santa Sunday

Our main fund raiser for the year is Santa Sunday

Competitions Report

1 Recent Competition Winners!

Ladies Winter Medals / Stableford Tuesday and Saturday Competitions

Date	Who Won		How many entered	
	18 Holes	9 Holes	18 Holes	9 Holes
11 March 2025	Anne Cornthwaite	N/A	1	N/A
15 March 2025	Julie Kelly	N/A	1	N/A

2 Forthcoming Competitions

Competition	Date
Veterans Cup	4.5.2025
Rose Marie Cup	25.5.2025

Entry Sheets are on display in the lady's locker room for the Veterans Cup and Institute Council Cup - both will be drawn on 21 April 2025

Medal / Stableford competitions are due to commence on 29 April 2025 - weather dependent! Ladies will enter these competitions as per previous seasons and book their own tee time on BRS.

Handicap Secretary's Report

Nothing to Report

New Ladies to Golf Report

This year's Taster Day went ahead on Sunday 16th March. We had 10 attendees with a further 3 who had expressed interest but didn't turn up. To date, 5 of the ladies have signed up for Ladies New to Golf Stage 1.

LNTG Stage 1 will commence on 1st April and run for 4 weeks.

Stage 2 is scheduled to commence on 3rd June and will run for 6 weeks.

Women in Golf Report

The quarterly Women in Golf report was issued to the Main Committee, Ladies Committee and Support Group in mid March. The main area of progress on the objectives is the increase in lady members who are either on the Management Board or Sub-groups.

Junior's Report

Nothing to report.

Item Discussed

- We are still awaiting quotes from Hazel for the new framing of pictures in the locker room. Once she has returned from holiday we are hoping to receive these and then make a decision on the colour choice.
- Lady Captain is still awaiting a price for the afternoon tea from the chef Paul for the event on the 17th June for 125 Years of Ladies in Golf
- Lady Captain asked Isobel Wright if she would step in for her in the Lady Captain v Vice Lady Captain game whilst she was recovering from her operation, which she accepted

- Plant Stall 5th May, Sue Tate to ask Lisa Griffiths if she is willing to take on the purchasing of plants etc. If she declines the consensus was to forego this event for this year
- Brough Competition 25th April Sue Tate is to step in for Pamela Hulmes
- Mel to inform John Masiak that we would like to have the Magnolia Trophy
 presented at the Ladies Social this year as not many members stay after the
 competition on the day
- Diary Dates when Lady Captain is absent due to her operation were distributed and discussed
- New Committee Photo needed, Sue will ask Hazel if she can attend our next meeting to take for us.

Any Other Business

There was nothing in the suggestions book and other topics were discussed as above

Date of next meeting -

Tuesday 22nd April 9.00 a.m.