



Ladies Section

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Present

Gill Kendall (Lady Captain), Sue Tate, Julie Steel, Julie Kelly, Isobel Wright
Mel Bradbury, Tina Hutchings

Apologies

Maxine Bailey, Pamela Hulmes

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

- The past captains' photos are now with Hazel Cushing who is in the process of getting these re-framed in the colour blue, as voted for by ladies committee members. We will look to see if the handyman can fix these with brackets so that in the future they do not move as easily.

Lady Captain's Report

A great start to the season with some fine weather and moving from playing nine holes to 15 holes of golf on a regular basis.

The 1st April saw the start of competitions with the Lady Captain v. Lady Vice Captain's team. Past Lady Captain Isabel Wright, kindly stood in for me in

my absence while still recovering from my spinal operation and she was able supported by Pamela Hulmes, as vice-captain, who completed a lot of the physical preparations in my absence. The format was Better Ball Match Play and ended with a draw between the Captain's team and Vice-Captain's team, so we will be looking forward to the final re-match in the Autumn to see who is the overall winner. On the day, the First prize of French Cacharel rollerball pens went to Karen Hornby and Margaret McRobbie and the Second prize of designer tea towels went to Liza Griffiths and Anne Cornthwaite. Lady captain Gill launched an Easter-themed family competition to design an Easter golf shoe. The youngsters had certainly taken the task seriously and as a result, we had some beautifully embellished golf shoes to display in the bar area. The prize winners were announced on 15th of April and First prize went to Ariana aged eight from the Grieves family, followed in Second place by Annabel Taylor age 9. Third prize went to Macy Collins age 7.

The Ladies New to Golf (LNTG) Sessions are coming towards their final week of the first series and it is a delight to see the improvement some of the new ladies have made.

Recently introduced have been changes to Saturday tee-times due to competitions and medal entries which have created a lot of discussion, but brings Pike Hills in line with a lot of other Yorkshire golf clubs in allocating a Saturday morning slot dedicated to competitions and medals.

Also trialled this month, was a Snainton Golf Shopping Event which had some teething troubles, and changed timings caused confusion for ladies who worked, and had planned to attend. After the event, Snainton Golf have left all the clothing items in the Pro Shop plus several other lines added this week, for ladies to browse at their leisure over the period of the next two weeks before they are all returned.

The new Club V1 phone app promises to offer a lot of flexibility in booking tee times and paying for items remotely, topping up cards and even paying annual fees. With everything new it does take time for people to get used to the format, but it is very simple to use and I'm sure it will be a quick success.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report to 20/03/2025

Community Account	1,107.67
Cash Tin	14.50
Savings Account	4,024.69
	5,146.86

Less

Locker Room Fund	596.35
Lady Captain's Charity	906.40
Total	1,502.75

Total 3644.11

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 Secretary Report

1 Recent Competition Winners

Date		Who Won		How many entered	
		18 Holes	9 Holes	18 Holes	9 Holes
12.4.2025	Saturday	Lisa Starkey		3	
19.4.2025	Saturday				
26.4.2025	Saturday				
29.4.2025	Tuesday				

2 Forthcoming Competitions

Competition	Date
Institute Council Cup	Played during summer 2025
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.

3 Changes to Competitions

From 2026 the Pike Hills Golf Club Committee has agreed to introduce a minimum of 6 qualifier competitions to be played in the previous 12 months before a player can enter a cup/trophy (Club Board) competition. As the lady's section adhere to the men's ruling on the number of qualifying cards, it is recommended that the ladies section apply the same 6 qualifying card rule.

4 Saturday

The Pike Hills GC main committee have decided that every Saturday - during the playing season (April - October) any member wishing to play between 8am and 12pm will be mandated to play in a medal competition (white, yellow and red). Whilst this is a controversial decision made by the Pike Hills GC Committee as a lady section, we are unable to disagree with this approach. My suggestion is that any lady member who is unhappy with this decision write to the Pike Hills Golf Club Board directly as this is a decision taken by the overall Board not a Pike Hills Golf Club playing section.

Lady Members of Pike Hills Golf Club

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The lady member can only win the cup/trophy (Board) competition if they are:

- A Full 7-day member
- Have 6 x 18-hole qualifying cards in 2025.
- *(cup/trophy) Club Board competitions played in the previous year are not counted in the 6 card qualifying rounds.*
- *The lady member can enter the (cup/trophy) Club Board competition if they are not a 7-day member - but they cannot win the cup/ trophy.*

2 Saturdays

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Consequently in 2025 there will be over 30 opportunities for ladies to enter a qualifying round due to the introduction of the Saturday white/yellow/red medals.

Handicap Secretary

On 28 March I attended a WHS Workshop at Howley Hall, this was very well attended by representatives from golf clubs around Yorkshire.

Here are some of the points discussed :-

- Support for Golf Club Rules Ambassadors, to be able to deliver rules sessions for club members, resolve issues at club level, mark their course appropriately, write local rules and terms of the competition with accuracy and pace of play management strategies. Charlotte Long attended this training at the beginning of April in Durham.
- iGolf members should be welcomed at open competitions.
- Joy Hunter is the Yorkshire Regional Advisor offering support and knowledge with Course Rating. The next change in Rules to Golf will be in 2028.
- Ruth Goodwin is the Regional Handicap Advisor for Yorkshire
- Q & A Widget can be found on the England Golf website (red icon at the bottom right-hand corner of screen, ? WHS® Help). This is a useful tool for members.
- Handicap Index ® Manipulation - Clubs must be robust and have a clear strategy in place, scores must be returned promptly after play. Players should be encouraged to put General Play scores in to reflect a true handicap using the MyEG app. Furthermore, players should have 6 competition scores, eg Medals and Stablefords to be eligible to play in competitions.

- WHS - is it too complicated? Golf is a complex sport, with complex rules, no two holes or courses are the same. Resources are available to support and educate members.
- The WHS Portal has various levels of access at Club level.
- There are various reports available for clubs to manage and monitor Handicap Index ® records eg Deleted Score Intents, Competition versus General Play Scores, Annual Review Report. These reports are used by the Ladies Handicap Committee to highlight any issues.

Angela Littlewood will be playing at Malton and Norton Golf Club on Sunday 22 June 2025 in the Race to Woodhall Spa.

New Ladies to Golf Report

LNTG Stage 1 commenced on 1st April with 26 ladies attending in total. The ladies are very enthusiastic and initial indications are that the majority will carry on to Stage 2 which is due to commence on 3rd June and will run for 6 weeks.

Ladies in GolfReport

Nothing to report

Juniors

Easter break for juniors. Starting back May 3rd. 4 sessions on Saturdays still, few spaces available. Will be running one of my adult and junior on course competitions soon at the start of June.

Item Discussed

- Changes to Saturday tee times - discussed as reported by Competitions Secretary. Also maybe look next year to adding Sunday medals as well
- New Club V1 app - This has now been introduced and will enable members to access BRS through the app, pay for competitions, top up your account balance and pay fees. The Handicap Secretary is currently updating the system to show all competitions.
- Snainton Golf Clothing event - we feel this was poorly run and had a complaint from a lady member that she had taken time from work to come at the advertised time of 4.00 p.m. only to find the clothing had been taken to the

pro shop and this was closed. Lady Captain responded with our apologies but as house were also unaware, there was little we could have done. House to ask committee for exact contract rules for Snainton and to see if we could have an event with clothing from Suitably Sporty. This company advertises on social media where and when they are setting up shop and this would attract people from other clubs which we feel would be beneficial.

- Easter shoe Competition - There were only 9 entries for this competition which was run at a loss by the Lady Captain. It was anticipated that this would promote family inclusion and was something that could possibly also run on Santa Sunday to gain revenue?
- Ladies Veteran Cup - Competitions Secretary will be away on holiday on the date of competition so Karen Hornby has agreed to do the presentation etc.
- Brough Pro Am - takes place this Friday and everything in place
- Plant Stall - Liza Griffiths has agreed to run this stall
- Hospice Day - Lady Captain to arrange volunteers from the ladies section to man the halfway house and to ask members for donations for hamper prize and cakes etc
- Lady Captain's Race Night - All planned and advertised for the 16th May, DJ Ollie will be attending, Mr & Mrs Greaves will be running the tote and Lady Captain to provide a glass of fizz on arrival
- Competitions - as mentioned above from next year 6 cards to count for competitions, main board comps do not count as qualifiers.

Any Other Business

There was a note in the Suggestions Book regarding the Snainton Golf Clothing event and was responded to with comments as mentioned above.

Date of next meeting -

Tuesday 3rd June 3.15p.m.

Lady Captain Signature

Date of approval