



Ladies Section

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 3.30 p.m.

Present

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

Apologies

None

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 were proposed as being a true record by Mel Bradbury and seconded by Tina Hutchings.

Matters Arising

The Competition Secretary reported that she had been consulting with Chris Lone regarding the setting up of divisions as discussed at our last meeting. He did not advise more than 2 divisions as this would be cause a lot of work and would be difficult to manage. On looking at the statistics this season the higher handicappers are playing well and their handicaps have adjusted accordingly. It was agreed to look at this later in the year once we have analysed the data more.

Lady Vice advised that the preparations for our exchange day in September are well underway, with a visit planned for that week to Ripon, to tie up any queries and confirm catering requirements etc. The cost will rise from £45 from last year to £50 this year. Ian Craig has done a risk assessment regarding the coach entering the club and parking. It will remain on the day as to whether we will embark in the car park or on the hard shoulder. He has been asked to cone off the parking near the 15th so that the coach can park safely on its return.

We still have no exchange day club for next year due to Pontefract confirming they will not be able to accommodate us on a Tuesday. Gill Kendall was asked if she could communicate with the Yorkshire Ladies Group to see if there is anyone who would be interested.

Lady Captain's Report

The ladies new to golf session for this year is coming to an end and has been a great success with many of the ladies joining the club. Myself and a few of the committee members have been helping out and I am encouraging the new ladies who have joined the buddy group to come out with me on Tuesday mornings.

Last month we had a murder mystery night which proved to be a success. Everyone who attended had a good laugh and Chef Paul did us proud again with the food. Must do one of those again next year.

June certainly turned up the thermostat this month, with weather so steamy it felt less like a round of golf and more like a full-body sauna with clubs. Despite the extreme heat, our Tuesday medals were still successfully played, proving that our ladies are made of stern stuff.

The ditch also came into play more than ever this month And the charity box proved it.

Here's to cooler days, kinder bounces, and keeping the ditch firmly out of play next month.

Secretary's Report

Despite putting notices up in the locker room for volunteers and raffle prizes for St Leonards Hospice Day there has been a disappointing response.

Treasurer's Report to 05/07/26

Community Account	717.84	
Cash Tin	90.14	
Savings Account	4,074.75	
		4,882.71
Less		
Lady Captain's Charity	934.65	
Total		934.65
Total		3,948.06

We discussed how we could spend some of the monies available and one suggestion was to subsidise some new PHGC tops etc for the playing teams. As some of our newer ladies are now taking part they would not have been here when the last order was placed. We discussed that the present Ping shirts were not great quality and Max offered to look into a different manufacturer.

We had 24 players in the Magnolia Cup, which together with some cash donations, resulted in £200 going to the charity.

Competitions Secretary Report

1 Recent Competition Winners

Date	Day		Who Won?		How Many Entered?	
			18 Hole Competition	9 Hole Competition	18 Hole Competition	9 Hole Competition
21 May 26	Thu	LADIES A TEAM V BROUGH HOME LADIES B1 V FOREST PARK AWAY	A Team Won 7/0 B team lost 4/1			
23 May 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford	Lisa Starkey		5	
24 May 26	Sun	Rose Marie Cup	Abi King		20	
26 May 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Fun Greensome Competition	1st Sue Naylor and Vicki Joghlin	2nd Pat Ho and Val Chapman		
28 May 26	Thu	LADIES A TEAM V FOREST PARK AWAY	matched halved			
30 May 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford	no entries			
31 May 26	Sun	Ladies Weekend League v Selby AWAY	WON 3-0			
01 Jun 26	Mon	County Foursomes regional final Wolley Park GC	Karen H and Val Chapman represented Pike Hills GC - did not progress to next round			
02 Jun 26	Tue	Ladies Magnolia Cup	Pat Ho	Pauline Brown	24	8
04 Jun 26	Thu	LADIES B1 TEAM V EASINGWOLD AWAY	Ladies B1 lost 4 1/2 to 1 1/2			
06 Jun 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Medal	Yvonne Tomlinson	N/A	6	N/A
08 Jun 26	Mon	LADIES A V BROUGH AWAY LADIES B1 V FOREST PARK HOME	Ladies A lost 4 1/2 to 1 1/2 Ladies B1 WON Forest Park 3 1/2 to 1 1/2			
09 Jun 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal & 9 Hole Stableford LADIES B2 V KP CLUB AWAY	Melanie Bradbury B2 lost to KP Club 5/0	Carole Ahere	14	6
13 Jun 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday competition - Medal	Linda Whaley	N/A	1	N/A
14 Jun 26	Sun	Coronation Cup York Union Ladies Championship – Malton & Norton	Lucy Smith	N/A	20	N/A
16 Jun 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal & 9 Hole Stableford	Melanie Bradbury	N/A	23	N/A
18 Jun 26	Thu	LADIES A TEAM Forest Park HOME LADIES B1 V Easingwold HOME	Ladies A WON Forest Park 3/2 Ladies B1 LOST Easingwold 3 1/2 1 1/2			
20 Jun 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Medal	Gill Kendall	N/A	3	N/A
22 Jun 26	Mon	LADIES B2 V WAKEFIELD HOME	Ladies B2 Won 4 1			
23 Jun 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal - stableford & 9 Hole Stableford LADIES B1 V HUNLEY HALL AWAY	Pauline Brown	Julie Kelly	11	9
25 Jun 26	Thu	Ladies A V Pannal AWAY LADIES B V KP CLUB HOME	Ladies A Lost 3 to 2 Ladies B WON 3 to 2			
27 Jun 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford	Yvonne Tomlinson	N/A	3	N/A
28 Jun 26		LADIES WEEKEND LEAGUE V HAINSWORTH PARK AWAY	Ladies weekend league lost 3/0			

2 Forthcoming Competitions

30 Jun 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Fun Foursomes Competition
04 Jul 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford
05 Jul 26	Sun	LADIES WEEKEND LEAGUE V THE YORK AWAY
07 Jul 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal - stableford & 9 Hole Stableford
11 Jul 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford
12 Jul 26	Sun	LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP DAY 36 HOLE, 18 HOLES AND 9 HOLES
13 Jul 26	Mon	LADIES B2 V CAVE CASTLE AWAY
14 Jul 26	Tue	Ladies Stableford Incorporating Grandmothers Cup & 9 Hole Stableford
18 Jul 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford
21 Jul 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal & 9 Hole Stableford
	25 Jul 26	Sat 92 Club
28 Jul 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Fun Greensome Competition
30 Jul 26	Thu	York Union Ladies Aldwark trophy – Sandburn Hall
	02 Aug 26	Sun LADY CAPTAINS DAY 2026
04 Aug 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal & 9 Hole Stableford
08 Aug 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Medal
11 Aug 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal & 9 Hole Stableford
15 Aug 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Medal
	16 Aug 26	Sun Centenary Trophy
18 Aug 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Medal - stableford & 9 Hole Stableford
22 Aug 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford
25 Aug 26	Tue	Ladies Tuesday Fun Foursomes Competition
29 Aug 26	Sat	Ladies Saturday Competition - Stableford
30 Aug 26	Sun	York Union Ladies Fulford Rose Bowl – Forest Park

3 Divisions

At the start of the 2026 season, several ladies expressed concern that the higher handicap players were dominating the Tuesday qualifying competitions. As a result, in May 2026 the Ladies Committee discussed the possibility of introducing divisions for Tuesday competitions. The aim was to encourage greater participation by giving all members a more realistic opportunity of winning a prize, particularly as the early qualifying rounds had been won predominantly by players whose handicaps were reducing.

What is to note the start of the season winning scores were generally within the range that could reasonably be expected under the World Handicap System, rather than being exceptional performances. This suggests that the results reflected good

golf on the day rather than an inherent advantage associated with a higher handicap.

Since that discussion, the pattern of results has changed, with several competitions being won by players within the lower handicap range. This suggests that competition results are now more evenly spread, and the committee should therefore reconsider whether the introduction of divisions remains appropriate.

The current number of lady members is not sufficient to justify three handicap divisions. However, there is a significant imbalance between the number of players who would fall into the traditional Division 1 and Division 2, with considerably more players in the division 2 higher handicap category.

The committee is therefore asked to consider the following options:

Option 1 – No Change

- Continue with the current format.
- The player with the best nett score wins the Tuesday competition and award 2nd and 3rd places depending on the number of entries.

Option 2 – Introduce Two Divisions

- The overall winner remains the player with the best nett score.
- Introduce two handicap divisions; based on an average of WHI for participating ladies on a Tuesday:
 - **Division 1:** WHI up to 27.0
 - **Division 2:** WHI 27.1 and above
- Prize winners would be recognised within each division, providing more opportunities for members to win while still rewarding the overall best performance.

Option 3 – Two Divisions Plus Best Gross Prize

- The overall winner remains the player with the best nett score.
- Introduce the same two handicap divisions:
 - **Division 1:** WHI up to 27.0
 - **Division 2:** WHI 27.1 and above
- In addition, award a **Best Gross** prize.

- This would result in three prizes being awarded each Tuesday competition

There is no plan to implement divisions on a Saturday in which less than 8 ladies per week participate.

3 Rules Ambassador

I represented PHGC at the England Golf Rules Ambassador workshop on 28 April at Sandburn Hall Golf Club. Thoroughly enjoyable day and following the workshop all attendees are asked to complete the Level 1 Examination; to be a recognised Rules Ambassador Level 1 a pass rate of 90% is required; I am pleased to say that I passed with 96%. Attendance at the workshop was paid for PHGC.

4 Slow Play

Following the slow play on Tuesday 5 May a communication has been drafted to be e-mailed to all Lady Members

5 County Foursomes

Karen Hornby and Val Chapman have signed up to represent Pike Hills GC in the Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association County Foursomes event. Details of the competition and entry sheet have been advertised on the lady's competition notice board. Entrants pay their own entry fee.

Area Finals, Final & Dates

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| • Central East | 1st June | Woolley Park |
| • County Final | 13th August | Wetherby |

Handicap Secretary

A query had been raised about entering a zero score in stroke play. She clarified that you can enter a 0 if you pick up but this will make you a N/R for the competition, but the score would still count for your handicap. She will put this information into a poster and display for members in the locker room.

The topic of Lady Vice for next year was raised and it was suggested that we all put names into envelopes and hand to her for consultation.

It was also discussed that next year once our Vice is Lady Captain she will not be able to perform her duties as Handicap Secretary. Mel Bradbury and Tina Hutchings kindly agreed to help out with this.

Cards are still not being marked correctly and we discussed disqualification for repeat offenders.

New Ladies to Golf Report

LNTG Stage 2 (Improvers) commenced on 3rd June with 24 ladies attending. They are all very enthusiastic and have all definitely improved. Two of the ladies have already taken up the offer of full membership. The remainder have taken up the 6-week Taster Membership which will commence on Sunday 12th July. I would not be surprised if several of the ladies, once they have done their Taster Membership, ask to take up the full membership deal.

OBJECTIVE 1

To run an annual Ladies New to Golf coaching course for ladies with no previous golfing experience (Beginners)

How this will be achieved

- Inform all members about dates of courses and encourage family and friends to apply.
- A new Pro and Ladies Co-ordinator took over in 2020 resulting in a review in how Ladies New to Golf was run. Consequently, existing lady members with previous coaching skills and/or experience of the coaching programmes as an attendee were sought to encourage the new ladies.
- Lady Captain and Lady Vice-Captain to be in attendance as much as possible.
- Keep individual group size small to give feeling of 1 to 1 support.
- Provide a motivational introduction to the coaching by the co-ordinator with a tour of the clubhouse and a social get-together at the end of the programme.
- Keep in touch with attendees by attending sessions and via email.
- Conduct an annual review as a follow up to a satisfaction survey to all attendees at the end of the programme.

Background – Ladies New to Golf (LNTG) coaching has been held at Pike Hills in differing forms since 2008. On average, 20 ladies have attended each year but conversion to PHGC membership was low at 19% of attendees. Concern had also been raised that many of the ladies who became members did not integrate into the Ladies Section. In 2020, a new Pro and a new Ladies Co-ordinator took over the running of the LNTG. A review of how the programme was run took place resulting in a number of significant changes.

Progress made – The 2026 Taster Day took place on Sunday 12th April with 24 ladies attending. This was followed by the 2026 Ladies New to Golf Stage 1 (Beginners) sessions which commenced on 22nd April with 25 ladies attending, 18 of whom had attended the Taster Day.

OBJECTIVE 2

To run an annual coaching course for ladies with limited previous golfing experience (Improvers)

This is designed to develop the basic skills taught in the Beginners coaching and to introduce the ladies to course play and course etiquette.

- Encourage ladies who have attended Beginner's sessions to take up further coaching.
- Offer coaching to other inexperienced ladies who show an interest in joining the Club via PHGC marketing channels in line with the marketing plan.
- Invite other current lady members to join the groups on the course to encourage integration into the lady's section.
- Explain the concept of Ladies Winter Fun Games to New Ladies to provide support and encouragement.

Progress made – Ladies New to Golf 2026(Improvers) commenced on 3rd June with 25 ladies attending.

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OBJECTIVE 3

Improve the age profile of lady members

How this will be achieved

- Continue running Ladies New to Golf each year.
- Encourage more Juniors to join the club and promote a pathway from Junior Girls to Ladies Section.
- Promote inclusion via the club website, social media and local community groups.

Background – As at 18 March 2021 only 15 lady members were aged between 20 and 59 year, and 9 Junior girls were aged between 5 and 19.

Progress made - As at 1st June 2026, there were a total of 97 playing lady members. Of these, 24 lady members are aged between 20 and 59 years. Twenty-five of the playing lady members have come through Ladies New to Golf since 2020.

The number of Junior girls aged between 9 and 19 is 2.

OBJECTIVE 4

Appoint a designated Charter Champion within the club who can assist with the promotion and reporting of the charter

How this will be achieved

- By capturing and recording a baseline of all the key measures we are committing to within the Charter including membership data for our Club to determine the impact of the Charter
- Regular reporting to the Main Committee and to the Ladies Committee to ensure everyone is focused on Women in Golf.
- Regular communication in the club newsletter about the charter and current progress
- The Club will formally display the Charter commitments internally and externally – noticeboards, website, social media, membership packs and utilise the England Golf press release.

Progress made – The Support group held its first meeting of 2026 at the end of March.

OBJECTIVE 5

Monitor the Board, Trustees and subgroups to ensure they contain a proportionate representation of ladies.

Identify female members with the skills and experience to fit different roles.

How this will be achieved

Regularly review the make-up of the Board, Trustees and subgroups.

Acquire a better knowledge of the skills and experience of all members.

Progress made – At the 2025 Pike Hills AGM two ladies were elected to the Management Board. They are Vicki Joughin (Head of Marketing & Membership) and Max Bailey (Head of House).

The following subgroups also have lady members

House

Janet Greaves

Gill Kendall

Sue Tate

Marketing and Membership

Linda Whaley

Competitions

Mel Bradbury

Julie Kelly

Mandy Nicholson – helps with the mixed competitions

Handicaps

Julie Kelly

Greens

Pauline Brown

OBJECTIVE 6

Ensure that the regular member surveys provide feedback on the inclusivity of PHGC and to what extent the environment welcomes women.

How this will be achieved

Work with the Marketing Subgroup on the wording and analysis of the member surveys.

Carry out a regular Flash Poll of Lady members

Support the Ladies Buddy WhatsApp Group

Progress made – A member's survey was issued in August.

OBJECTIVE 7

Uphold England Golf's Terms of Affiliation (SafeGolf, ED&I and Disciplinary)

How this will be achieved

Upkeep our SafeGolf Personnel Register and update if needs be to refresh training requirements.

Work with local CCSO to understand if there's any policy updates that need to be actioned across the terms and ensure the club are maintaining requirements within the terms.

Progress made – all England Golf Terms of Affiliation are currently up to date at Pike Hills

Women in Golf Report

We are continuing our involvement with England Golf in their new initiative to increase women's membership at golf clubs across the country and have been invited to become a "Pioneer Club", one of only a few across the country. Gill Kendall has joined Vicki Joughin and I in this project and we are looking for other ladies to join us. Vicki, Gill and I are going to a meeting in Manchester on 8th July to meet other Pioneer Clubs.

Items Discussed

Gill Kendall has organised a 5 & Fizz event for the LNTG, this will be a trial event to see if the interest is there for regular fun competitions for new starters. Committee members were asked for their help on the day to join the teams.

Any Other Business

We received two letters regarding the changes to presentations for competitions, asking for us to review and reinstate the presentations on the day. This was a trial for this year to see how it would work. Mel Bradbury has received a great deal of positive feedback regarding the new format. It was agreed that the current season will proceed as planned, after which a formal proposal will be presented for consideration and a vote at the next AGM. The Secretary will draft and send a letter to the two individuals outlining this decision.

Lady Captain's Day has been arranged for 2nd August. There will be a Buffett meal after the competition at a cost of £25 cash, Tina to sort the money out on the night. The Competition Secretary offered to do the cards for the day.

Date of next meeting -

Tuesday 25th August 3.30 p.m.

Lady Captain Signature

Date of approval

