

Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 May 2025

The meeting opened at 1322hrs

In attendance: Jonathan Perks (Chair), Gerry Prickett, Paul Smith, David Hughes, Russel Matthews, Christopher Perks, and Chris Fill.

Action

1. **Apologies** - Richard Ilett and Tim Mustill
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the SCM held on 10 April 2025 were accepted in full.

Matters Arising

2.1 The proposal that a free bucket of balls be offered when the course is closed, will now be taken up again once the current club plans for the development of the range have progressed. Planning permission has been applied for with regard to bringing in soil and materials to raise, and to level the range field.

2.2 The issue concerning the stroke indices associated with the Colbalt tees has been discussed with AB. Now that substantial playing evidence is available, new indices will be allocated when a fresh set of cards need to be printed. The date of this is unknown.

JP

All other matters arising were either completed or addressed later in the meeting.

3. Feedback from General Committee meetings

At the most recent meeting of the General Committee consideration was given to the following issues:

3.1 It was decided that the Seniors would trial the use of winter mats to preserve fairways during prolonged wet conditions. Although no date was agreed it is expected that this will start in November.

3.2 The club will hold a 'Virtual Pro-Am' event on 10 May. It is also planned to hold a similar 'ghost' event during the Open in July. The Seniors will explore the possibilities of staging their own similar event.

3.3 The Ladies section have requested that the ditches on the 4th and 16th be re designed to incorporate sleepers and gravel. No decision has been made but the Seniors representatives rejected the idea.

4. Treasurer's Report

The new Treasurer is now installed and recognised/accepted by the bank as a signatory on the Seniors bank account. He is awaiting a PIN number from the Bank for access to the account.[Type here]

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The latest accounts to 4th May 2025 show the bank balance currently stands at £2,501.59 and the Income & Expenditure account £810.65, in surplus.

4.2 Consideration was given to the management of cheque payments, as each cheque transaction paid in costs 50p. PS will talk with the member still making cheque payments to make them aware of this cost.

PS

5. Fixture Secretary's Report

The Fixture Secretary asked (through an email) whether the section is content to keep the current 11 clubs with whom we have 22 friendly fixtures. It was agreed that an additional match with Oxford City would be welcome. An away match in late September/October would be helpful in recognition of their largely dry course conditions.

RI

6. Awaydays / Tour reports

The tour to Breadsall Park and Little Aston is now complete.

Numbers for the June awayday at Kings Norton are low.

Numbers for the Autumn tour to Bournemouth are low.

It was agreed, following discussion, that any spare places could be filled by club members, if our quota was not achieved by a particular date.

CP

7. Proposed roll-up programme for June

The proposed playing programme for June was discussed and would be resent to all committee members before publication.

JP

8. Roll-up & Results Rota

JP requested, and it was agreed, that the invitation period to play in Roll-ups, be shortened as this will enable us to catch up with the rota without further iterations.

JP

CF requested that all documents distributed through the committee be dated and the author identified.

9. Competitions Update

JP advised that the forthcoming Twist event will require players to sign into ClubV1 twice at the start of the day. This is to facilitate a 9-hole medal and a 9-hole Stableford.

Feedback indicates that some players have been observed still playing 'winter rules', even though these have been withdrawn. JP will remind everyone at the next opportunity.

JP

10. Results – April 2025 - matches and roll-ups

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April 2025 Friendly Matches

13 April - Burford (away)	Won	3 ¹ / ₂ - 2 ¹ / ₂
18 April - Tadmarton Heath (home)	Lost	2 - 4
24 April - The Springs (away)	Halved	3 - 3
29 April – The Oxfordshire (home)	Won	4 - 2

April Roll-Ups

There were four individual competitions in April, two of which were qualifiers.

- 1 April – Seniors Stableford – won by
Clive Read (39pts) Div 1 (cb)
Bryan Sanders (39pts) Div 2
- 10 April – Club Mid-Week Medal – won by
Craig Whitworth (net 69) Div 1
Martin Wilkinson (Net 71) Div 2
- 17 April – Seniors Stableford - won by
Paul Fitzgerald (38pts) Div 1
Bryan Sanders (43pts) Div 2
- 22 April – Club Mid-Week Stableford - won by
Bob Clarke (43pts) Div 1
Gerry Prickett (40pts) Div 2

Five team competitions were held.

- 3 April - Waltz - won by
Ben Pritchard, Charlie Barker, Andy Marshall, Paul Fitzgerald (90pts)
- 8 April – Pairs - Better Ball - won by
Bob Crow and Dave Drew (46pts)
- 15 April – Texas Scramble - won by
Russel Matthews, Clive Read, Gerry Prickett, and Jonathan Perks (58.4)
- 24 April - Alliance - won by
Bob Clarke, Frank Olah, Martin Wilkinson, David Rawlinson (90pts)
- 29 April - Bonus Ball - won by
Bob Jones, Bruce Seymour-Taylor, and Steve Willingham (127pts)

11. AGM Review

The feedback from the AGM was considered to be very helpful.

11.1 Pace of Play

It was agreed to activate the plan to use an individual within each tee group as a 'Pacemaker'. Their responsibility will be to:

- 11.1.1 encourage the group to keep in touch with the group in front

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11.1.2 record the time taken to complete the round, on the card.

Each group will select their own pacemaker and it need not be the person marking a team card.

11.2 New Competition

In the light of the rejection of the proposed changes to the Annual Challenge and Memorial competitions a new event was proposed by RM.

This will be based on the current Twist event, but split over two days in one week. The Tuesday roll-up will be a strokeplay competition and on the Thursday a Stableford competition will be held. Winners for each competition will be identified and prize money awarded. In addition, each player's Stableford score will be subtracted from their net strokeplay score. The person with the lowest score will be deemed to have won the Seniors Masters. They will be awarded a salver and gain entry to the Seniors Champion of Champions event.

This was agreed as a suitable new event and will be trialled in 2025 and re-presented the AGM in April 2026 for ratification.

12. AOB

12.1 CF asked if all Silverware competitions should be played in handicap order. There were different views and it was decided to investigate this further prior to clarification. JP

12.2 It was agreed to form a working party to help organise and manage the Captain's Charity Day to be held 17th July. RM, TM and JP were co-opted.

12.3 DH agreed to see if the Summer Eclectic could be set up and managed on ClubV1 and to see if an invitation was required. DH

12.4 DH also asked who had won the club prizes associated with early payment of their subscriptions. Some information was shared but it was vague. It was felt that the club could and should communicate this and other news more effectively. JP, GP

The meeting closed at 1510rs.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 2 June via Teams, at 1700hrs.

Chris Fill

Chris Fill
14 May 2025

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