

Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2025

The meeting opened at 1326hrs

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

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

The minutes of the SCM held on 1st July 2025 were accepted in full.

Matters Arising

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

3. Feedback from General and Men's Committee meetings

General Committee – 9 July

- We now have a full complement of 9 Green keepers
- The ambition to develop the SWGC Trust has not progressed but is still considered to be an important development for the club.
- Pre-planning permission has been granted for redevelopment of the driving range. The application for full planning permission is now being prepared.
- There was a discussion about pick and place. The rules have changed so that this ruling can be used at any time during the year and can be applied to specific areas of the course.
- The Social Committee is considering its future.

Men's Committee

- The new scorecards are now in use.
- There was strong support for using portable fairway mats in the winter, and there was discussion on the type of mats to use. A stock of standard mats could be made available by the club for rental, but players will be expected to buy their own mats for their personal use.
- John Dennis suggested, to JP, that the last tree on the left when approaching the 12th green be removed. JP will raise this at the next General Committee but there was no support for this at the Seniors committee.

Seniors Committee responses and observations.

- 3.1 The new cards were considered by everyone to be excellent but there needs to be a means by which the 9-hole and the 18-hole cards can be more easily discriminated. At the moment these cards look the same and the wrong card can be easily picked up from the front desk. **Action: JP**
- 3.2 The idea that the tree should be removed was unanimously rejected.
- 3.3 It was suggested that the 2nd round of the Seniors Club Championship should be a two-tee start. This would enable more people to be present when the leaders return to the 18th and the clubhouse. This idea will be taken to the General Committee. **Action: JP**

4. Treasurer's Report (Agenda items 4 and 5)

- 4.1 The handover to the new Treasurer is now complete and PS confirmed receipt of the debit card.
- 4.2 PS reported that July was a quiet month The latest accounts to 30th July 2025 show the bank balance currently stands at £3,610.69 and the Income & Expenditure account £244 in surplus.
- 4.3 The Senior Captain's Charity Day held in July has raised £3,360 to date. The captain thanked everyone who volunteered their help in making this a successful day.
- 4.4 A trophy for the new competition (the Seniors Masters) has been purchased and the expense of £92.98 included in Miscellaneous Expenditure.
- 4.5 The Seniors Gold Card balance increased to £542 mainly as a result of the Summer KO Singles and Pairs competitions entry fees of £200 being credited.
- 4.6 PS reported that at present the NTP monies, in silverware competitions, could be accounted for more effectively. After discussion and clarification, it was agreed that he would prepare a standard spreadsheet that overcame this issue. This would replace the current document used to record event prize monies. **Action: PS**

5. Fixture Secretary's Report

- 5.1 In advance of his absence RI reported that the fixture list for 2026 was now complete and this was confirmed with a detailed supporting document.
- 5.2 RI has successfully scheduled the fixtures so that there is no more than one match per week. There are five weeks without a fixture.
- 5.3 RI has started to arrange this year's M4 Winter League fixtures. **Action: RI**

6. Awaydays / Tour Update

- 6.1 15 people are playing on the Autumn Tour to Bournemouth from 7 to 9 August, with one payment outstanding. CP to chase the final payment.
Action: CP
- 6.2 PS was approved to pay Calcot Park for the Senior's awayday. **Action: PS**

7. Proposed roll-up programme for September

- 7.1 The proposed playing programme for September was discussed. The only change was to make the roll-up on Tuesday 9th September a Singles Bogey rather than a Stableford. JP to make the change and TM to post on the website. **Action: JP and TM.**

8. Roll-up & Results Rota

- 8.1 The rota was discussed, and a few amendments made due to holiday commitments. JP to revise and re-issue rota to all committee members.
Action: JP

Results: July 2025 - matches and roll-ups

July 2025 Friendly Matches

5 July	Goring and Streatley (away)	Lost	2 1/2 – 3 1/2
15 July	Lambourne (home)	Halved	3 - 3
22 July	The Springs (home)	Won	4 - 2
29 July	Ellesborough (home)	Won	4 - 2

July Roll-Ups

There were 5 individual competitions in July, all of which were qualifiers.

- 1 July - Seniors Stableford - won by
Paul Dore (43pts) Div 1
Stephen Capaldi (42pts) Div 2
- 8 July - Club Championship Rd1 - won by
David Dust (76pts)
- 10 July - Club Championship Rd2 - won by
Mark Stokes (75pts)
- 22 July - Jeremy Potter Trophy - won by
Graham Brogden (38pts) Div 1
Ian McIntyre (42pts) Div 2
- 31 July - Seniors Stableford - won by
Richard Hayward (37pts) Div 1
Richard Moore (40pts) Div 2

Five team competitions were held.

- 3 July - Pairs: Scramble - won by
Chris Fill and Richard Hayward (Nett 66)
- 15 July - Texas Scramble - won by
Brian Goodsell, Graham Brogden, Barry Cumberland and David Hughes (Nett 61.1)
- 17 July - Charity Day Extravaganza - won by
Bob Clarke, Martin Wilkinson, and Mike Ryan (141)
- 24 July - Alliance - won by
Steve Willingham, Clint Green, Wal Gray, and Andrew Cassetari (99pts)
- 29 July - Pairs: Multiplier - won by
Richard Hayward and Ken Tuffley (78pts)

9. Competitions and Matches

- 9.1 JP reported that SW Seniors have played 14 matches this year, and have won 8, Drawn 2 and Lost 4.
- 9.2 The committee offered their congratulations to David Dust, Dave Drew, and John Dennis for their success in the Seniors Club Championship, played in July.
- 9.3 The Order of Merit table is being updated monthly and posted on the Seniors website and noticeboard.

10. Knockout and Eclectic Competitions

- 10.1 JP's previously circulated suggested prize allocation for the Eclectic was agreed.
- 10.2 GP reported that the two KO competitions were progressing satisfactorily.
- 10.3 CF raised a concern voiced by a senior concerning the way in which the Eclectic was calculated and communicated. This had been discussed extensively at the previous meeting. CF was assured that the outcomes had been communicated to the person concerned and that he was content.
- 10.4 CF questioned whether Seniors, who did not participate in the roll-ups, should play in the KO events. The sentiment was that they should not be involved but that the so called 'spirit of inclusion' mentioned by KH and AB at the AGM hampered change. It was agreed that the position might be helped if the first two rounds of the Singles and the Pairs KOs were scheduled to be played in set roll-up times, as discussed at a previous meeting. **Action: GP**

11. M4 Winter League

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting as TM was unable to stay.

- 11.1 TM asked the committee whether we should / want to continue our involvement with this league. It was agreed we do and should continue our membership of the M4 Winter League.
- 11.2 TM then asked who should be captain. It was agreed that the M4 Winter League captain should be appointed for a 3-year term. TM will continue in this role for one more year.

12. Deterring unsociable behaviour/etiquette on the golf course

- 12.1 The committee had received an email from one player detailing some unfortunate events that occurred on the 18th during the Captain's Charity Day event. This involved a group driving off before the fairway was clear, and the subsequent argument/discussion that took place at the 1st tee.
- 12.2 The committee agreed that although a subsequent email from another player provided a different perspective, it was not their role to judge who was right or wrong. However, it was their obligation to encourage a safe and enjoyable golfing environment for all seniors.
- 12.3 After much discussion it was agreed that an email response should be sent to the two involved groups. The captain had prepared such a message which was then discussed and amended. A separate email needed to be sent to two particular participants who were not aware of the message sent in by BJ.
Action: JP
- 12.4 CF raised other issues concerning unfortunate behaviours observed on the golf course. These involved some who thought urination next to the Sausage Hut was acceptable, littering, and the dropping of cigarette butts around the tees. Further etiquette matters were raised by others, such as some who left buggies at the furthest point from the next tee, and people not being ready to play when it was their turn. It was agreed that CF would prepare a message to be sent to all seniors, by JP, concerning golf course behaviours and etiquette. **Action: CF**

13. Any Other Business

- 13.1 It was agreed that the entry fee for the forthcoming Seniors Masters events would be £2.
- 13.2 DH and others reported that they had not heard the siren to start the day's shotgun event. JP will follow up with KH. **Action: JP**
- 13.3 DH questioned why the draw (tee allocations) had not been circulated prior to the shotgun event. JP explained that this was organised by the club and that he had requested that the tees be communicated on two occasions.
- 13.4 Yet again some players arrived too late for the shotgun start that day, despite emails from the captain urging early arrival.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2nd September.

Chris Fill

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