

Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2025

The meeting opened at 1250 hrs

In attendance: Jonathan Perks (Chair), Paul Smith, David Hughes, Russel Matthews, Tim Mustill, Richard Ilett and Chris Fill

1. **Apologies** - Gerry Prickett and Chris Perks

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

It was noted that the minutes of the SCM held on 9 October 2025 were correct, and acceptable. However, Chris Perks was in attendance, not absent as the minutes indicate.

JP took the opportunity to thank TM for captaining and managing the roll-ups in his absence over the past month.

Matters Arising

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

3. **Feedback from General and Men's Committee meetings**

From the General Committee:

3.1 It is still the intention to trial the use of fairway, portable mats in November (18th and 25th roll-ups). It is probable that mats will be used on all fairways, but consideration is being given to identify areas where mats will be of particular use. For example, on the approaches to the 3rd, 5th and 6th.

3.2 The club is still intending to install tee mats on the par three holes, in time for the winter season.

3.3 The Seniors Pairs Open will be moved to a Friday. The club also intend to hold a Ladies Open and a Junior Open.

3.4 ClubV1 is likely to be replaced when the licence expires at the end of the year. It will be replaced with Golf Genius, which integrates with BRS.

3.5 Consideration is being given to updating the club's website. This might enable the Seniors web pages to be hosted and thus lose the costs associated with using a separate domain.

3.6 The establishment of a trust is proceeding. 5 to 7 trustees will be required, possibly drawing candidates from each of the sections. It is intended that this trust will be the main charity of the club. It is regarded as a means of differentiating the club. It may still be possible for the captains to support their own selected charities. JP is to confirm whether this will be possible.
Action: JP

3.7 The club will host a Captain's Dinner after the Turkey Trot on 21st December.

3.8 The sleepers on the 3rd and 8th need to be replaced. The job is complex and may require the lakes to be drained, for the repairs to be properly undertaken.

4. Treasurer's Report

PS highlighted the following points.

4.1 Income from October Roll Ups of £746 and prizes payouts of £700. The retained sum was £46.

4.2 Income from the Summer Knock Out Competitions totalled £320 and the associated prize money expense was £298. The retained sum was £22.

4.3 The reported surplus at 31st October was £418.52.

4.4 At 31st October the Lloyds bank balance was £4,398.38 and the Seniors Gold Card balance was £775.09.

5. Fixture Secretary's Report

5.1 It was agreed that in future all friendly inter-club matches that have been cancelled, abandoned or not played/fulfilled, would not be rescheduled. Exceptions might be made in the light of exceptional circumstances and/or the wishes of the respective captains. This policy will be effective from April 2026.

5.2 All friendly matches for the 2026 season are fixed and in the club diary. The Tadmarton matches are arranged by AB and need to be checked. **Action: RI, JP**

6. Awaydays / Tour Update

In the absence of CP there is nothing to report.

7. Proposed roll-up programme for December

The proposed playing programme for December was agreed.

8. Roll-up & Results Rota

Individuals responsible for the organisation of December's roll-ups and the results, were identified and confirmed.

9. Competitions and Matches

9.1 JP reported that Nick Birt had won the Singles KO and that Paul Smith and Ben Pritchard had won the Pairs KO (on the 21st hole). They were congratulated by the committee and they will all be entered into the next Champion of Champions event.

9.2 Following the recent Texas Scramble CF had investigated the handicap allowances used, without any intention of overturning the result. He and Roy Fulton had found that the allowances used were very different to those recommended by the WHS.

When the WHS allowances were applied to the handicaps of the players and groups, a very different set of results was achieved, and these figures were circulated. It was stated by JP and TM that the allowances used (10% for 4 balls and 20% of 3 balls) was an attempt to simplify the process.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the allowances needed to be fair and that the current approach might need to be tweaked. However, it was important that whatever change was made, any new set of allowances needed to be simple to apply. CF would rework the results using 15% for the 3 balls. **Action: CF**

It was also agreed to see whether the new system, Golf Genius, would be able to manage scramble allowances. **Action: JP**

(Subsequent to the meeting CF found through AI that Golf Genius does manage scramble events using various handicaps, so the problem is solved and the proper set of handicaps can be utilised).

9.3 The result of the summer's eclectic competition resulted in 5 players tied. The ClubB1 system automatically ranked these players as per the count back process, or its equivalent. This has led to discussions about whether all those who are tied should receive the same amount of winnings or whether payments should be tiered made according to the system.

After discussion it was agreed to revisit the topic before the start of the next eclectic event in 2026. **Action: JP, GP**

(Subsequent to the meeting CF found through AI that Golf Genius does manage eclectic events. This might facilitate the forthcoming discussion).

Results: October 2025 - matches and roll-ups

October 2025 - M4 Winter League

7 October	Easthampstead (home)	Lost	3 and 1
14 October	Hadden Hill (home)	Won	3 and 1

October Roll-Ups

There were 4 individual competitions in October, all of which were qualifiers.

9 October - Seniors Stableford - won by
Nick Birt (40pts) Div 1
Colin Taylor (38 pts) Div 2

16 October - Winter League Rd 1 - won by
Graeme Buchholz (41pts) Div 1
Colin Taylor (45 pts) Div 2

21 October - Club M-W Stableford - won by
Ben Pritchard (40pts) Div 1
John Walker (39pts) Div 2

28 October - Seniors Medal - won by
Mark Stokes (nett 73) Div 1
Bob Jones (nett 72) Div 2

Five team competitions were held.

2 October - Waltz - won by
Colin Macgregor, Gerry Collins, Roy Fulton and Terry Davies (93pts)

7 October - Seniors Alliance - won by
Trevor Hansson, Gordon McMurdo, John Walker and Roy Fulton (98pts)

14 October - Bonus Ball - won by
Richard Parry, Graham Reed, Steve Wall (127pts)

23 October - Pairs: Better Ball - won by
Russel Matthews and Paul Fitzgerald (40 pts)

30 October - Texas Scramble - won by
Graham Brogden, Tim Mustill, and Graham Burt (nett 60)

10. M4 Winter League

Although a home win against Haddon Hill was achieved SW's poor run in the competition continues with another loss against Easthampstead.

11. Christmas Lunch

The use of the bronze tees for the Christmas Scrambled Waltz was discussed and agreed. The menu was reviewed and the entertainment confirmed. **Action: RM, JP**

12. Any Other Business

12.1 It was agreed that the captain should notify the head greenkeeper of the forthcoming monthly programme of events. This action might help to avoid the use of temporary greens during silverware competitions.

Action: JP

12.2 There have been several occasions recently where balls struck from the fairway have reached or have landed, close to players either on or leaving a green. It was agreed that JP needed to remind participants of the need to respect the safety of members and to observe golfing etiquette. **Action: JP**

12.3 It was confirmed that strokeplay events involving silverware would be played in handicap order. Club M-W medals and other Seniors Medal events would group players according to normal roll-up criteria.

The meeting closed at 1421 hrs.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 4 December.

Chris Fill
16 November 2025