

Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2026

The meeting opened at 0900 hrs

In attendance: Gerry Prickett (Chair), David Hughes, Paul Smith, Russel Matthews, Chris Perks, Malcolm Wilson

1. **Apologies** – David Rawlinson, Jonathan Perks, Graham McGowan-Smyth. GP advised that he had spoken with GMS, who explained he was having issues with his medication and wasn't sure when he would be well enough to return to golf / committee. He was pleased to hear that David Rawlinson was taking over as minutes secretary.

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

These were approved.

2.1 Matters Arising from previous meetings

5b (7th May) – CP apologised that family issues had taken priority, but he would try to complete rationalising documentation in website by next meeting

8d (11th June) – GP advised that he was seeking options for a Spring Away Day. Charlie Barker was helping with this. Russel is minded to take on the Spring tour if his Autumn tour proves successful.

5 (11th June) – Jonathan has provided BRS training to David and Chris. There have been a few challenges setting up and doing results, largely due to the array of options available, which adds complexity and has created a few issues (including at the Club Championships when Alan B was on holiday). However, there is excellent support from Alan Boswell to assist. GP to establish why individuals cannot remove their names from BRS but need to get the desk to do this. **Action GP**

6.2 (11th June) – Ladies and Seniors mixed pairs was a successful day. CP asked for views regarding the purchase of a trophy for future years. General consensus that this would be good and cost shared with Ladies. CP to take this up with Julie.

8 (11 June) – GP advised that the Seniors Charity Day actions had all been completed and the day had been a great success. A particular commendation goes to Adam Hawkins who had single handedly take responsibility for beat the pro at 16th hole and raised £300 in the process. PS advised that overall takings for the day will be slightly lower than for the 2025 event (see below item 4).

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

From the General and Men's Committee:

3.1 The Men's Committee (6 July 2026) CP

- 3.1.1 Bernwood Park (Magnolia as was) is rumoured to be opening for business in September. AB Golf will be providing their pro shop support.
- 3.1.2 Tightening up of requirements to enter Mens major competitions, which now necessitates handicaps based upon qualifying competition rounds and not only general play rounds.
- 3.1.3 No progress has been made so far on Tee-mats for the par 3's although they are promised for completion during the summer.
- 3.1.4 Currently there are only two clubs that SWGC has reciprocal rights (Donnington Grove and Springs). Seniors Committee view is that 2/3 further are required to cover issues such as when the Clutch Tour prevents roll ups. **CP & GP to raise this.**
- 3.1.5 Dress Code and Awareness of Rules are issues being highlighted with displays, posters etc. Seniors to note that shorts should be tailored ones and shirts tucked in. even in hot weather. GP to pass on information in an email regarding the rules board.

3.2 General Committee (GP)

- 3.2.1 The July meeting did not take place due to unavailability of participants. GP to raise following issues at next meeting:
Pick and Place on fairways in current conditions; Guest Vouchers for Members

4. Treasurer's Report

The report and year to date accounts are attached.

4.1 The key points are:

- Only roll ups played to the end of June have been included in these accounts and income in June was £778.00, increasing the year to date to £4,550.02
- Income & Expenses for the away day to West Midlands GC on the 9th June have been released to the Income & Expenditure account resulting in a surplus of £239.49. The larger than expected surplus is mainly due to an early payment discount received from WMGC. CP advised that Stuart Small and Barry Cumberland are both due refunds which will reduce the surplus to £109. It was agreed that this sum would be put towards Seniors Charity if not required in relation to Blackwell / autumn tour overspends.
- The Senior Captain's Charity Day on 16th July has raised £1,990.80 so far. This comprises £680.00 for golf entry fees, £1,090.80 from the raffle/beat the pro and £220.00 from other donations. A counterfeit banknote was identified amongst the cash when banked!
- The year to date surplus stands at £377.89

- Entry fees for the Singles KO have not yet been taken from Competition Purses – **PS** to follow up.

4.2 July Prizewinning Table

- **GP** will forward the template to **CP** for completion

4.3 Unwon Twos

- Discussion ensued as to whether these are ringfenced for Seniors General Funds. Committee agreed this was the case and GP apologised for his error recently in re-allocating unwon twos into the prize fund for the roll up.

5. Proposed Roll Up Programme

5.1 GPs draft September programme was agreed and will be uploaded to the website. **Action DH**

5.2 GP has missed the date requesting mid to end August Roll Up sign up. Deadline for this period to be extended until 6th August. **GP**

5.3 JP to assist GP with the list of entries into the Champion of Champions Competition on 29th September. **Action JP & GP**

6. Eclectic and OOM

6.1 Only 19 have signed up for this year's eclectic. A poor response.

6.2 JP is linking our singles competitions into the eclectic. **JP to provide mid competition update**

6.3. Heading up the OOM is Ted Peycke, a long way clear of Neil Firth in second place and Brian Plater in third.

7. Roll Up and Results Rota

7.1 The rota has been developed through to May 2027 by David Hughes and is posted on the website. Committee members to review and check availability for dates allocated. **Action by All**

8. Awaydays/ Tours Update – CP & RM

- Thursday 30th July Blackwell Heath GC – 27 are paid up. Refunds required for Barry Cumberland and Alan Boswell. **PS to action**

- Autumn Tour – East Devon – Bob Jones, who was room sharing with GP has pulled out due to back issues. **GP** will check if our reserve, Mike Atkins wants his place.
- Teams on Autumn Tour. RM has put together teams for the three days and is developing thoughts on individual and team prizes, with a suggested £15 contribution from participants to the prize fund..
- We need to get money balances in by end August so that we can meet the hotel payment in early September. **RM to draft a note for GP to send out to participants**

9. Friendly Fixtures - DH

- DH has circulated the proposed 2027 friendly fixture dates to committee for comment. Wychwood double header for the Painter Plate will be played at Studley in May and Wychwood in August (the reverse of this year). Ellesborough fixture will revert back to the norm of June at Ellesborough and July at Studley (impacted this year by Clutch Tour)
- All were happy with David's proposals
- Discussion surrounding a recent request from Chiltern Forest for a home and away friendly fixture in 2027 resulted in agreement that due to fixture capacity issues this will be declined but discussions regarding reciprocal away days would be put in hand. **GP to action**

10. Results Round Up – June – GP

- See item 6.3 above
- Seniors Club Championships: Congratulations to Nigel Lawton, our 2026 Seniors Club Champion and to Roy Fulton, 2026 Seniors Handicap and Over 70s Champion.

9 Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd September at 1330.

Gerry Prickett
15th August 2026