Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 03 September 2026

The meeting opened at 13:15 hrs

In attendance: Gerry Prickett (Chair), David Hughes, Paul Smith, Chris Perks, Jonathan Perks, David Rawlinson, Martin Wilkinson (guest to update on Autumn Tour)

1. **Apologies** – Graham McGowan-Smyth, Malcolm Wilson, Russel Matthews

2. **Autumn Tour – Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th October** (update from Martin Wilkinson)

Group of 20 players going to South Devon, organised into 5 teams of four players. The five teams will be made up of varying handicaps. Playing schedules will be circulated a week before Tour.

Prizes: Individual 1st, 2nd, 3rd each day, 1st, 2nd,3rd Tour overall, 1st overall Team, nearest the pins on par 3s and nearest the pin in 2 on par 4. **GP** to prepare proposal for prizes, agree with MW and then purchase prizes.

Payments: £4,080 now due for Mercure Hotel and a bank transfer for this has been set up by PS with GP to authorise later today. East Devon GC balance to be paid 2wks prior to Tour. Lyme Regis course pay balance on the day. Istanbul Restaurant - £5 per head deposit

Summary Schedule:

Tuesday 6th October:
Drive to Lyme Regis golf club to arrive around 11:15. Any food at own cost. 5 tee times booked from 12:24
Depart for Exeter where 19 players (excluding Dave Drew) will stay at the Mecure Hotel in 11 single rooms and 4 shared twins. The hotel has a first come, first served car park at a cost of £16 per night.
Assemble in the bar at 7:00pm and then head to Cosy Club restaurant only 2 minutes walk away for 8:00pm, for a three-course meal to be chosen from their Party Menu.
Wednesday 7th October:
After breakfast in hotel drive to Dawlish Warren golf club to arrive around 10:15am. 5 tee times booked from 11:00am. After golf return to Exeter and the Mecure Hotel.
Assemble in the bar at 6:30pm and then a 10-minute walk to Istanbul restaurant for 7:30pm where we have a booking for 19.
Thursday 8th October:
After breakfast check out of Mecure Hotel and drive to East Devon golf club to arrive about 9:45am. 5 tee times booked from 10:40am. After golf a platter of sandwiches has been arranged and a final prizegiving. Drive Home.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

These were approved.

3.1 Matters Arising from previous meetings

5 (11th June) – GP was actioned to provide reason for why individuals cannot delete their name themselves in the BRS booking system unlike previous system. To do this would require giving everyone edit access which could cause havoc with the booking system and there was agreement across all the committee members that we should keep the access rights as is and require players to phone the club to have their name removed from any booking.
3.1.4 (28 July 2026) – CP and GP were actioned to raise issue that there is only two clubs the SWGC have reciprocal rights (Donnington Grove and Springs) – Club has not taken any action
9 (28th July 2026) – CP completed action to inform Chiltern Forest GC that we will decline Home/Away fixture for 2027 but look at possible reciprocal away days.
5.3 (28th July 2026) – JP to assist CP with list of entries in the Champion of Champions – Action completed – list available and awaiting result from Memorial Trophy (17th September) to complete final list of entries.

4. Feedback from General and Men's Committee meetings

From the General and Men's Committee:

4.1 General Committee (GP)

- 4.1.1 Seven improvements to the course were provided by the Men's Captain to the General Committee. The club management have not taken any action so far on these proposed improvements
- 4.1.2 Micro-tining / top dressing to take place on 2nd / 6th greens to address disease that is spreading on these greens
- 4.1.3 Driving range – Full Planning Application has now be submitted to Cherwell District Council – *a search of the Cherwell DC planning register website on Monday 7th September showed no new planning application from SWGC but there is notice that there are currently delays in validating new planning applications before they appear on the planning register.*
- 4.1.4 Captains' Charity Day raised £5742.50, which is split 3 ways between Men's, Ladies' and Juniors' charities – Men's Captain has nominated his charity as Diabetes UK

5. Treasurer's Report

The report and year to date accounts are attached.

5.1 The key points are:

Income and Expenditure Account:

- Roll up income includes July (£350.02) and August (£1,324.95) increasing the year to date to £6,224.99
- Prizes paid out for July and August were £322.00 and £1,244.00 respectively, increasing the total year to date to £5,809.00. Retained sums were £28.00 and £81.00 respectively
- Income and Expenses for the away day to Blackwell GC on the 30th July have been released to the Income & Expenditure account resulting in a deficit of £4.00
- The previously reported surplus of 239.49 for the away day to West Midlands GC has been reduced by repayments to non-attendees of £195.00 and the transfer of £40.00 to the Captain's Charity raise. The final surplus is £4.49.
- Expenses in the period were the monthly website fees of £10.08 for August and bank charges of £20.36, which were higher than usual as result of the fees for banking cash from the Captain's Charity Day.
- The Charity Day auction receipts of £1,440.00 have been received, increasing the amount raised for the Charity in the year to £3,550.80.
- The year-to-date surplus stands at £217.45

Balance Sheet

- The Lloyds Bank balance increased to £10,257.03 at 31st August, mainly due to the Charity auction receipts and the final balance receipts from the autumn tour participants.
- Deferred income comprises receipts totalling £5,978.50 from amounts paid by 20 participants of the autumn tour in October

6. Proposed Roll Up Programme for October

6.1 Will include a Ladies vs Seniors pairs better ball competition – Wednesday 21st October

Schedule:

Thursday 1st – Alliance
Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th – Autumn Tour
Tuesday 6th – Pairs Aggregate
Thursday 8th – Club Midweek Medal (Q)
Monday 12th – Away Friendly vs Oxford City
Tuesday 13th – Waltz
Wednesday 14th – Home friendly vs Harleyford
Thursday 15th – Seniors Winter League Round 1(Q)
Tuesday 20th – Club Midweek Stableford (Q)
Wednesday 21st – Ladies vs Seniors
Thursday 22nd – Greensomes Pairs
Tuesday 27th – Bonus Ball
Thursday 29th – Senior Stableford (Q)

6.2 Winter league to start 15th October (all the dates now in the Club diary). £5 entry fee to be collected through the Seniors Account.
6.3 GP proposed introducing new format – Team "Shambles" – 4-ball team – every player plays drive then team choose best drive and from there play their own balls – lowest gross score recorded for each hole. Potentially use for Xmas shotgun start event.

7. 2027 Fixtures (DH)

- 6 fixtures confirmed, awaiting to hear back from Ellesborough and Gorling/Streetly.
- Ladies matches confirmed for August 10th and October 20th.

8. Eclectic and OOM

8.1 OOM – JP agreed to update spreadsheet for July and August (completed) and take this task over for the rest of the year
8.2 Eclectic – a template for the eclectic was set up on Golf Genius. JP agreed to see whether he could add appropriate competitions to the template and compile a leader board (post meeting note – JP has completed this)

9. Roll Up and Results Rota

9.1 The rota has been developed through to May 2027 by David Hughes and is posted on the website. Chris Fill has offered to help out with the Roll Up Rota and will organise the November Roll Ups instead of DR and the February 2027 Roll Ups instead of RM. Committee members to review and check availability for dates allocated. **Action by All**

10. Results Round Up – August – GP

- 1st Graham Brogden, 2nd Colin McGregor, 3rd John Fishburn, 4th Roy Fulton, 5th Clive Reed.

11. Any Other Business

- JP – proposed we start to co-opt new committee members before next April
- Xmas Seniors event – Tuesday 8th December – shotgun start – Team Shambles format followed be Xmas lunch. **GP** to discuss arrangements for golf and catering with Alan Boswell
- DH to post photo of Masters Winner Graham Brogden with GP to website
- CP circulated proposed structure for website – DH has had discussions with Paul Dore and advised committee on the outcome. Agreed that with challenges to formatting website for mobile devices we will keep the current structure.

Committee closed at 14:50pm

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st October at 1330.

David Rawlinson
7th September 2026