

EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB**Minutes of committee meeting – Thursday 19th June 2025****VENUE:** in person Downshire 6.15pm**PRESENT/ APOLOGIES:**

Captain	Penny Gillham	Membership secretary	Norma Moran
Vice Captain	Al Woolley	Competition secretary	Mandy Creed
Treasurer	Ish Thomson Apologies	Committee member	Alex Cram
Secretary	Suzanne Richards	Committee member	Liz Clarke
Handicap secretary	Hazel Rogers	Social secretary	Dawn Ledgard

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting – 22nd May 2025 having been previously circulated were agreed:

Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings

- Treasurer's review – delayed until July meeting

Captain's Report

What a wonderful early summer of golf we have been lucky enough to enjoy. Only a few days ago as my trolley bumped over the hard, concrete like ground between the 3rd green and the 4th tee box I recalled picking my way through the same space a few months earlier when squidgy squelchy mud was the order of the day.

Club golf has continued to offer a variety of competitions.

May Stablefords brought some new names for 2025 to the podium with Jenny Ferrar coming in with a wonderful 44 points to take the Thursday prize from Millie and the weekend glory going to Sandy with Edmee second.

Play then switched to Foursomes in the qualifier for the Coronation Foursomes – well done Kate and Debs – with fingers crossed we hope that your score gets you onto the next round.

The beginning of June saw the next mixed trophy competition in the form of the Roberts Cup. After a slow start in terms of sign up we eventually had a good field playing this trophy with some new pairings debuting. In a close-run thing, Al Woolley and Dean Pullen sealed victory from Lynda & Mark Atherton. Congratulations.

Penny

<p>Both June medal competitions were well contested. The Thursday event was marred a little by just about the only day of golf rain so far this summer (brave words) but Ish took it in her stride and came first just ahead of Julie Rumsby. The weekend competition was won by Kate with Christeen second taking their winter good form into the summer season.</p> <p>A smallish field then enjoyed a weekday Texas Scramble – thank you Ritva for taking on the end of play admin duties. Winners were Norma, Edmee and Jenny F in this always popular format.</p> <p>The last event covered by this report is the Champion of Champions competition open to all 2024 winners. In beautiful golf conditions Ish continued her great run of form with a victory by one point over Edmee. Well done to all who qualified for this competition and to Ish for coming out on top.</p> <p>In other ELGC news Mandy's Competition Secretary report illustrates that there has been lots of other golf activity for the club in recent weeks. Many thanks to all who have represented the club. There are hopefully some great golfing adventures unfolding for some of the teams.</p> <p>Its also the time of the year when follow up competitions happen. So its absolutely brilliant to hear that Liz Clarke was successful in the next round of the Race to Woodall Spa and is now off to take part in the prestigious final. Congratulations.</p> <p>And finally, I just need to add my thanks to all who joined me at the ELGC Garden Party last weekend. As I said at the beginning of my captaincy each of us play golf for different reasons and have different things we hope to get from the game. But I think one thing we all enjoy is the friendships that it brings. As well as having a great time last weekend and raising a brilliant amount of money for Thames Hospice I think we saw that in abundance. May great golf continue as the summer rolls on.</p>	
<p>Vice-Captain's Report</p> <p>KO Comps: both comps are on track. We should update comps book to note that mixed ko is EGC members only for men, although this had clearly been stated in the comp comms.</p> <p>Our 50th: nothing to update</p> <p>The 4-sections: new approach for 2026 has now been agreed by the 4-sections captains. There has been some discussion re the format for 2025, given that we have already had the Ryder Cup this year. Following a suggestion from Penny the comp on July 12th, for one year only, will be in mixed teams of 4 with the best <u>playing team on the day</u> winning as opposed to a section winning. Format: 2 scores to count and all 4 on the par 3s.</p>	AI W
<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>The account stands at £7184.40.</p> <p>On Sun 8th June I emailed the committee with an analysis of the club account over the past few years</p>	Ish
<p>Competition Secretary Report:</p> <p>In the next round of the Duncan Trophy, we are playing Castle Royle away on Tuesday 24th June. The team has been selected and Gill Cain is captain.</p>	Mandy

<p>Easthampstead won the 2nd round tie in the Hawtree against Brent Valley on Sunday 8th June (141 v 132) and will now play Richmond Park in the 3rd round. I am waiting for Richmond to agree a date for the tie.</p> <p>In the Whitewebbs, Team C won their 2nd round match against Batchwood. They are now playing the 3rd round match against Royal Epping on neutral ground (Batchwood!) on Sunday 3rd August. Team B are playing their 2nd round match (after a Bye) against Mitcham (away) on Saturday 28th June.</p> <p>In the 2nd round, in the Kyocera Matchplay competition against Muswell Hill, the match was all square with 2.5 points each and unfortunately our team lost on the 19th hole decider. Thank you to Barbs for captaining and organising the tie.</p> <p>There has been a lack of availability or interest in volunteering for the JHB competition. However, I now have 2 teams selected – Gross team is Suzanne, Sandy K & Sally. The Nett team is Sandra C, Maureen & Charlotte W. (Charlotte is aware of the handicap cap). The competition is to be played at Cherwell Edge on Sunday 28th July.</p> <p>A number of ladies are playing in the UKPCC regional finals in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Liz Clarke came 4th in the regional qualifier and has qualified to play in the Race to Woodhall Spa Final event in August.</p> <p>With so many internal and external competitions Mandy asked for clarification on who reports which competition at the AGM?</p>	
<p>Membership Secretary Report</p> <p>Website has been updated - otherwise noting to report at the moment.</p>	Norma
<p>Handicap Secretary Report</p> <p>Hazel and Alex have both attended a Rules seminar at Frilford Heath and are now official Rules Ambassadors for the club.</p>	Hazel
<p>Social secretary report</p> <p>Congrats & thanks to Penny & David for a successful garden party last Saturday. Kevin Lowen & friends provided amazing music. Brian & Chris Smith built & organised games. Delicious sandwiches, cakes & cooling drinks were generously provided, we all donated to Thames Hospice & we raised £800</p> <p>This Saturday 21st June EGC are holding their annual Brian Stapley memorial comp but this year it's bigger & better with over £500 worth of prizes including some for Ladies only.</p> <p>It will be great fun with lots of challenges & different ways to play.</p> <p>We have responsibility for Hole 15 & have some of our kind & talented members make breakfast type snacks which will be served from 8.15am.</p> <p>We have 17 members playing with 100 golfers in total taking part. I will purchase water too as it will be hot again.</p>	Dawn

<p>We could do with some other people to man our table, Sandra Hall will be there for some of the time. Hopefully our playing members will tidy up as they pass through.</p> <p>I have booked another 9 hole Away Day to Black water Valley on Monday 4th August first tee 2.15pm followed by sandwiches, cake & prizes. It is £20pp not including drinks. We have 14 signed up so far, hoping for more. Wayne Owers will also offer a group lesson beforehand for £8.50</p> <p>Liz & I are arranging a Texas Scramble on Tuesday 22nd July first tee particularly for those new to golf, coming back after a break & to help recruit new members. We currently have 11 ladies signed up & so far 6 members, Chris, Mandy, Suzanne, Jenny, Liz & me so will need a few more volunteers to play and promote ELGC.</p> <p>We are thinking Tuesday 22nd July first tee 5.44pm, Rhys is hopefully available too.</p> <p>It's £18.65pp for the golf (if not a season ticket or PMG member) ELGC committee agreed to fund a drink for everyone afterwards.</p>	
<p>Secretary report</p> <p>New DBS processes in place: England Golf have introduced new platform "know your people" to make applying for DBS much more straightforward.</p> <p>Current issues raised by England Golf include:</p> <p>Course safety – "Play safe – stay safe". Reminders of how to avoid accidents. Materials have been created for clubs to use on their social platforms. I will share these with Norma who can select those that may be most relevant.</p> <p>Preferred lies – also "hot" topic. Clubs are being encouraged to remove these as soon as possible whilst recognising that the unseasonal weather has created problems.</p> <p>"Fore your mind" – the promotion of positive Mental Health initiative was launched by England Golf in February to help support golfers' mental health. A scorecard has been created that players can use to structure a conversation with someone who they may be worried about. Alongside the score card is a "Symptom Checker" which offers support and signposting. This could be something that we share with the members.....</p> <p>June newsletter – Penny was kind enough to share this with the committee.</p>	Suzanne
<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	Millie
<p>AGENDA</p> <p>1. Club championships – Hazel / Alex /Penny Penny confirmed that catering has been booked, tea and cake for Thurs / Saturday and sandwiches, chips and tea on Sunday – we will be paying for these from club funds. Sign ups are complete. The Club Champs will be run in accordance with the Club Competitions document including the hierarchy of prizes. Penny to send out the Captain's</p>	Penny / Alex / Hazel

<p>monthly update earlier than usual to “explain” the club championships to the newer members.</p> <p>2. Proposal of Vice Captain 2026 AI AI asked for the committee’s agreement for the prospective vice captain 2026 – this was unanimously supported by the committee as “an excellent choice”. There was some discussion about whether or not the name of the vice captain should be made known. Agreed that we would not publish the name but if committee members were asked we would tell them.</p> <p>3. Governance / Succession Processes 2026 onwards Review existing Constitution: the existing constitution was originally written in 2017 and so it would be timely to review and update to reflect both national (England Golf) and local (Easthampstead ladies) changes that have happened in the last 8 years.</p> <p>Selection process: Discussion about the selection process of Vice captain and the use of the past captains’ committee – both Penny and AI confirmed that it had been extremely helpful discussing potential captains with them and would propose that this process continues. The committee agreed unanimously to maintain the same process but with the addition of ratification by the committee.</p> <p>In order to facilitate a vice captain who is not already on the committee AI proposed the following amendment <i>“A prospective vice-captain should ideally have served on the committee. Where this is not the case the prospective vice-captain should be co-opted to the current committee at the earliest opportunity, as a non-voting member.”</i> This would allow for a prospective captain to attend committee meetings. This was agreed unanimously in the meeting..</p> <p>New members: prior to joining should play at least one round with a member of the committee. Committee agreed.</p> <p>The membership section is currently not in line with what is happening so Penny and Norma will review the current membership section and ensure that it accurately reflects what is happening.</p> <p>Voluntary roles – whilst these are mentioned in the constitution it was suggested that a list be drawn up naming all those who have undertaken various “jobs” eg engraving; collecting fees; captains of league teams etc</p> <p>Suggestion that a Review of constitution should take place every 3 years to any changes are accurately reflected. A draft constitution will be brought for committee approval prior to AGM when it will presented to the members for ratification.</p>	<p>Penny / Norma</p> <p>Suzanne</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>1. Suggestion that exemplar score cards are shared with new members to try and educate new players on how to complete score cards for the various competitions. Committee agreed that this would be a good idea and that cards would be anonymised.</p>	<p>Liz / Norma</p> <p>Penny</p>

<p>2. Penny has arranged a Captain's away day on Tuesday 7th October at Winter Hill.</p> <p>3. Rules Ambassador training – both Hazel and Cram attended and felt it was extremely useful. They are now both Level 1 qualified and are keen to progress. As a result of the training they will arrange another rules evening to share their learning.</p>	<p>Hazel / Alex</p>
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Penny thanked the committee for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7.16pm

Next Committee Meeting – Thursday 24th July 2025 at 6.15pm