



EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting: Tuesday 9th December 2025

VENUE: in person Downshire 6.15pm

PRESENT / APOLOGIES:

Captain	Al Woolley	Membership secretary	Norma Moran
Vice Captain	Gill Cain	Competition secretary	Mandy Creed
Treasurer	Ish Thomson	Committee member	Alex Cram
Secretary	X	Committee member	Liz Clarke
Handicap secretary	Hazel Rogers <i>Apologies</i>	Social secretary	Dawn Ledgard <i>Apologies</i>

<u>LAST MONTH'S MINUTES</u>	ACTION
<p>Minutes of the last meeting: 23 October 2025 having been previously circulated were agreed.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings</u></p> <p>Centre management meetings? Al This has been discussed with Simon, the best way forward seems to be for Al to meet with Simon periodically, informally. Ladies have been forwarding to me some of the comms shared within the Men's section which is also useful.</p> <p>Changing rooms - Al Quotes are being sought and money has been set aside in the new financial year (April 2026) budget for the toilets and sinks to be replaced, and new flooring fitted. It is not financially viable to knock the wall down between the toilets and the changing room. They are still trying to establish the exact cause of the damp problem next to the shower area. I asked him whether the showers would be replaced or just removed. He said they would probably be replaced. I expressed a concern that women would feel very vulnerable showering in there and suggested he</p>	

<p>considers a shower cubicle on one side and a small changing area on the other, all of which is lockable. I also asked whether it would be possible to have it ready for the Anniversary Waltz, with Edmee cutting the ribbon!</p> <p>Secretary role - Al & Gill We will take the minutes today and next month, after which I will email the club to ask if anyone would consider stepping in. If there are no volunteers would everyone on the committee be prepared to take it in turns to do the minutes? The committee agreed they would.</p> <p>AGM: decisions on Constitution and Club Champs into decision book? Al Suzanne has already made the amendments, and Al has uploaded the amended decisions book to the website. Al has the hard drive and notes from Suzanne.</p>	
<p>REPORTS</p>	
<p><u>Captain's report</u></p> <p>All competitions have gone ahead in November and so far in December. It is very wet underfoot, but very encouragingly most players are now choosing to carry. The decision was made to make all of the friendly comps in December only 9 holes, with a reminder that players are still able to continue to the back 9 should they wish. This has been well received.</p> <p>Simon reports that a number of the men are using the playing mats that are on sale in the pro-shop. He has no objection to these being used on tees or on the fairway if we wanted to use them in friendly comps (these cannot be used in qualifying comps, but the mats can if all players use them [needs fact-checking!]).</p> <p>A very positive discussion has been had with Simon regarding the status of the changing room and also the possibility of a 9-hole rate for members playing in club comps.</p> <p>The two Christmas events were well supported and I think fun was had by all. The decision to play on the range rather than the course before lunch on Sunday seemed popular. Speaking to Simon afterwards he said that if we decide to do that in the future the centre could have mulled wine or a glass of prosecco brought out to the range to make more of an event of it.</p> <p>The Christmas Hamper raffle raised £250 for charity, and Chris Smith has raised £29.50 from the sale of her towels. Total money raised for Daisy's Dream so far is an impressive £449.24.</p>	

<p><u>Vice Captain's report</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Round 1 of the Winter KO is complete.</p>	
<p><u>Treasurer's report</u></p> <p>The account stands at £4523.61. Still robust.</p> <p>For comparison - this time in 2024 it was £3680, and in 2023 was £1230. EG are increasing their subscriptions by £0.75 to £12.00 per person in 2026. Minimal effect on the accounts.</p>	
<p><u>Handicap Secretary</u></p> <p>Unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Any report will be carried over to the next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>Nothing to report this month, nothing heard from Sinead, Millie is going to speak to her when she sees her next.</p> <p>I will be sending reminders re payment of next year's subs after Christmas.</p>	
<p><u>Competitions Secretary</u></p> <p>The Mary Forster (NAPGC) competition for 2025/26 is underway with 3 teams of 3 players entered. The draw has taken place and ELGC are fielding teams in regions 1, 2 & 4. Initial emails have been sent out to the other clubs. Region 2 clubs have responded and we have matches arranged for 10th January (The Oaks) and 17th January (Home). Team A for this region has been selected. Tees have been booked for the home match and a decision regarding catering is pending. (The other clubs in regions 1 and 4 have not responded yet.)</p> <p>After discussion of various options, it was agreed that sandwiches and chips would be provided, but no drink.</p>	
<p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>I am yet to send out an email encouraging members to message if they book a casual tee time & would like other members to join them for a game. We could find out when the members have free time. I know in friend groups this is already happening, but this would be more inclusive and encouraging to all, especially new members. I'll send a message on the New Members WhatsApp group too. If members of the committee & more experienced players started the ball rolling that would be helpful. However, it will really get going next Springtime.</p>	

Our Rules & Games evening, organised by Hazel & Cram will now be held on Wednesday 21.1.2025 . I'll send a Save the Date message out, just checking this is still ok with the majority of you. Our Golden Quiz night will now be on Tuesday 10th March , a date for your diaries.	
<u>Secretary</u> Nothing to report.	
AGENDA	
1: Future meeting times and dates: AI Agreed to retain the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 6.15pm. These are the dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 22, 2026 • February 26, 2026 • March 26, 2026 • April 23, 2026 • May 28, 2026 • June 25, 2026 • July 23, 2026 • August 27, 2026 • September 24, 2026 • October 22, 2026 • November 26, 2026 	
2: Golden Medal and other calendar changes: AI Book with Vanessa, updated version onto website and changes emailed to the club.	AI
3: Christmas Lunch golf in the future: AI Discussion about whether to retain playing on the range, rather than playing the course. This would mean we all finish at a similar time. It would also enable us to start earlier and so have lunch earlier (13.30?). Agreed that committee members would informally canvas club members for their opinion between now and the next meeting. <i>We could book tees for the Saturday for those who want to play the course. AI</i>	Everyone
AOB	
Food for MF home matches - sandwiches and chips to be booked (but no	MC

drink). Captains to give feedback to Mandy after each match.	
Norma has offered to take responsibility for making any updates to the decisions and competitions books in the absence of a secretary.	AI to share the documents with Norma
Emergency Contacts on Phones. All committee members to make members aware of this functionality on mobile phones and encourage members to update their own details.	Everyone
9-hole fee: Simon is looking at whether there is anything in the till system to base a 9 hole members rate of play on. Can there be a play-more golf rate for 9 holes too? These players might choose to pay! Either way the complex wins. This rate may be trickier to implement. <i>(For info - it currently is £4 a point)</i>	AI to follow-up with Simon
Using playing (small) mats or tees on the course: This was discussed and opinions varied. It would not be to protect the course and will not be made compulsory by the complex. Research is needed into what is allowed. Some disagreement as to whether this is needed. Could trial in a friendly?	AI
Meeting closed at: 19.20 Next meeting: January 22nd @6.15pm	