EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting: Thursday 26th February 2026

VENUE: in person Downshire 6.15pm

PRESENT/ APOLOGIES:

Captain	Al Woolley	**Membership secretary**	*Norma Moran Apologies*
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	**Social secretary**	Dawn Ledgard

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES Minutes of last meeting: 22 January 2026 having been previously circulated were agreed. **Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings** Replacement for PING - this has just been announced as the 'Titleiste Women's Fourball comp' - see agenda item.	
REPORTS	
Captain's report Golf: This month has seen very little golf due to the wet conditions. The complex began offering a free time limited range token on our playing days, which have been used by some of those meeting for coffee. Trophies: ● A fresh trophy has been donated by Chris Smith (unearthed during house clearance!), and I am in discussion with Edmee regarding repurposing this to replace one of the older existing trophies.	To be discussed at the next meeting

• The locker clearance unearthed a defunct NSPCC trophy in good condition, which I propose using as an "Anniversary Trophy", to be awarded in notable celebration years as future committees see fit. This year we would award it to the Gross winner of the Golden Medal. After one year it would be returned to the trophy cabinet until next awarded. • Thank you to Ish who has repaired one of the Duncan Trophy shields so it will stand up properly in the cabinet. • The numerous NAPGC plaques have been disposed of as we have nowhere to display them, most were for reaching a final rather than for winning and none were recent. Fund raising: we have almost reached the £500 mark. I have started a rolling fund raiser, selling 100 squares on a grid for £1 each, with a £30 pro-shop voucher as the prize once all squares have been sold. The intention is to then start another grid, perhaps with a different prize next time. Thank you to all those who have donated so far. Golf Complex info: other than capital definitely being available from April for changing room refurbishment I have not been given an actual schedule for this to be carried out. I have asked for an update. County: email sent to club re entries for this coming via iG, and encouraging Div 2 & 3 players to enter the Spring meeting as this is at the club. Top 8 from Div 2 qualify for the Ann Bryant cup (ko comp, won by Norma in 2024).	
Vice Captain report The Winter knock out has reached the semi-final stage with the matches due to be played by 1st March. Due to the weather and the lack of play on our course I agreed with the Captain that we extend the "play by" date of the Semi finals and the final by 2 weeks. I have a meeting with Vanessa and the other Captains on 12th March to go through the provisional calendar for 2027. If there is anything I need to be aware of for next year can you please let me know beforehand. The Summer knock outs will soon be on my radar to organise and send out to everyone.	
Treasurer's report	

The Account stands at £6740.43. The last major invoice for this time of year, to BB&O for EG and BWG subs, has been paid. For comparison, the value of the account at Feb last year was £6480. We are now into 'normal jogging' for the year with monies in for match and comp fees, and money out for match fees, prizes and miscellaneous events. There is a substantial amount of money available for the ELGC 50th Celebrations.. Attached is the account as at today (24.02.26) - let me know if you have any questions. Also attached is an updated Treasurer job description.	
Handicap Secretary The new Howdidido app is now operational most people have downloaded it. There were a few initial blips but it appears to be working reasonably well. There are still regular updates at the moment so I think we give it a month or so and review again. Winter league has been a bit of a wash out and we have only managed to play 2 Thursday comps. Another is planned for this week and it would be good to get another one in. We have played 4 at the weekend I suggest we leave it at that and do best 3 of 4. We have now succeeded in moving Christeen Alexander's home club to ELGC.	
Membership Secretary We have 65 members renewed. The 3 who have not renewed are: Carolyne Scantlebury, Lynda Moore & Maria (Pili) Belgrano. For discussion already on agenda but as our members age maybe we should consider something for serious conditions/ injuries so we still retain our members. Liz will discuss our collective thoughts with you. ********** I'm still working on the past results to go on the website; it's quite time consuming and I've just not had time to start it.	
Competitions Secretary ● Mary Forster competition is well underway – team A have competed all their matches and unfortunately have not made it to the Final. ● The BWG Duncan Trophy draw has been made and ELGC are away at West Berks in the first round. Match to be played on 11 th April and team/captain still to be selected (from plenty of volunteers).	

● I have emailed out for volunteers for the BWG Interclub Shield and have had a good response. ● As agreed, I have sought interest in the JHB and will enter 2 teams. ● To date, very few couples have entered the NAPGC pairs competitions this year compared to previous years.	
Social Secretary Our Rules & Games evening by Hazel & Cram was a great success, we are really grateful for all their hard work. There were 18 of us, less than we hoped for but it was an awful weather night so a quite a few decided against venturing out. Are we thinking to do a practical rules night outside maybe in May? Cram & H have some great ideas from their Rules course. What do you think? When would be a good time? Our Golden Quiz night is Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm, diaries. Our sub committee of Al, Suzanne, Mandy & me have it in hand & looks to be an event not to be missed! At the moment we have 56 coming. Keep spreading the word, there is still space for 10 more people. Teams of 4 (maximum) or individuals to make up teams I will shortly send an email to the group 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's groups this already happens but this would be more inclusive and encouraging to all, especially new members. I'll send a message on the New Members Whats App group too. If members of the committee & more experienced players started the ball rolling that would be helpful. I sent out an email requesting raffle prizes & possible contacts for 4 ball vouchers to auction this year, ready for Quiz night the response had been great. Our members are very generous. For the Auction we could advertise it earlier so we can have bids from people who can't make the quiz too- what do you think?	
Secretary Apologies sent for England Golf meeting in April. Agenda appears as not applying to clubs of our type, and is more for golf club managers.	

AGENDA	ACTION
1: Update re Associate membership - see notes below AW Fees to England Golf and County to be linked to WHS handicaps lists at clubs. Handicaps no longer lapse if someone doesn't play for a long time. Detailed discussion regarding the two "social membership" options being proposed. Details to be updated and shared with the committee to be voted on at the next meeting.	Action: Al to update the proposals and share with the committee
2: Titleiste Women's Fourball comp - seems to be the replacement for Ping. Will need a calendar adjustment for us as the deadline for comp is 8th July and our current PING date is just after that.	Action: Al to look at our calendar, also to check about the Golf Foundation comp.
AOB	
1. Mandy: Catering for MF: Mandy has suggested agreeing within playing groups regarding food provision from the start.	
2. Dawn: query re club kit. Al to follow-up. Liz suggested Alison-Embroidery in Binfield.	
3. Dawn: 10 more spaces for the quiz, strictly team size of 4.	
4. Alex Cram: Alex is now vice-captain of Berkshire Vets. Age is now 55+. Alex to email the club to publicise. We currently have 7 members.	
5. Winter KO: firm up the rules re having a caddy - this is a winter comp so, just as with MF last year, expectation should be that carrying might be necessary i.e. no caddies allowed	

Membership update (Feb 2026)

England golf are proposing that affiliation fees will be charged for any player who holds a current WHS handicap. This along with the County affiliation fee would amount to approximately £25. The consequence is that a player wishing to have a non-playing membership with ELGC would need to make a decision about whether they continue to hold a handicap.

In light of this the following categories are proposed:

Type of membership	Description	Cost of membership
Handicap Social Membership:	This category is for anyone whose circumstances mean they can't currently play golf, but they wish to retain membership of the club and also maintain their world handicap system handicap. The cost of this membership would need to cover the necessary affiliation fees levied on WHS handicap holders. ● These players would remain in the club Google email group. ● As long as these players hold a current handicap they would be permitted to play in the charity day and Captain's Day if there are playing spaces available. This would be at the discretion of the Captain. If their circumstances change and they wish to revert to playing golf in other ELGC events/competitions a top-up payment would be needed to convert their membership back to full-membership. This will not be on a pro-rata basis.	£25 per year (2025/26) (this figure would change when the fees levied by England Golf and BWG change)
Non-handicap social membership:	This category is for players who have left the club, but wish to retain contact with the social activities of the club on a non-playing basis. They would either have let their handicap lapse or it is held by another club (or they could become an i-Golfer?). ● These players would remain with the Google email group. ● If they don't hold a handicap they would not be permitted to play golf in ELGC events. ● Those retaining a current handicap elsewhere would be permitted to play in the charity day and Captain's Day if there are playing spaces available. This would be at the discretion of the Captain.	£10 per year

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The decision book from February 2025 states:

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> - **Full Member:** which gives full access to all ELGC activities, includes a mandatory subscription to England Golf (EG), Berkshire Women's Golf

(BWG), and National Association of Public Golf (NAPGC), together with GolfGuard Insurance. It is to be expected that full members will be able to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 135 strokes. A joining fee is payable on the first year of membership.

- **Junior Membership:** For girls under 18. Reduced rate for girls also members of Easthampstead Junior Club.
- **Associate Membership:** Available at the discretion of the Committee, usually to past full members who no longer play golf but wish to maintain contact with the club, keep up to date with ELGC news and attend non golf ELGC functions
- Social Membership: Is no longer offered
- County Membership: Is no longer offered

If agreed the new February/March 2026 entry would read (changes have been highlighted):

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Junior Membership	For girls under 18. Reduced rate for girls also members of Easthampstead Junior Club.	£10 per year, no joining fee if EJC member £20 per year, no joining fee if not EJC member
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