EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting: Thursday 23rd April 2026

VENUE: in person Downshire 6.15pm

AGREED

PRESENT/ APOLOGIES:

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

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES Minutes of last meeting: 26 March 2026 having been previously circulated were agreed. **Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings** ● Changing rooms - quotes in process, no other update ● Trophies: insurance - self-insure. Obtain lock for when NAPGC trophies are there ● Winter League trophies replacement: suggest two small salvers? o *defer replacement until the trophies are full of names* ● Rules eve? *(see Social Sec report below)* ● Scramble date? *(see Social Sec report below)* ● Past captain's event: *see Captain's report below*	
REPORTS	
Captain's report **Golf:** Finally in full swing. Since our last meeting we have had March medals, won by Suzanne (Thurs) and, in her debut comp, Amilie Clarkin (weekend). This was followed by the April stablefords won by Sally and Fi (those low handicappers can't moan that stablefords disadvantage them!!). The Barbour Index was won by Vickie Motley. Our first mixed comp was the Easter Shield won resoundingly by Chris Smith and Lee Woods. The Coronation Foursomes, always a test of the ability to cope with alternate shots and playing from stranger places	

on the course than you normally put yourself in, was won by Sandy & Mo. Finally, the 'Champion of Champions' for this cycle is Christeen Alexander. **Coming up:** ***Captain's Charity Day on May 16th:*** currently 35 ladies signed up, which is huge! The men also have good numbers. ***Golden Medal & Interim Prize Giving on May 31st:*** will send out comms on this to ensure all are aware that the medal is doubling up as our prize giving as well. --- **Clothing:** Orders coming in slowly. Hoping to reach 30 items in order to secure a 10% discount. **Bag tags and pitch mark repairers:** please see images in the WhatsApp group, decision needed on the artwork for the pitch mark repairers. **Competitions book & Decisions book:** a brief discussion is needed in order to clarify the wording of rules for new members winning comps, and handicap limits for knockout competitions. **Past Captain's Day:** suggestion is to move this back into the Autumn, for better course conditions, and to combine it with a Thursday competition day. This will mean the ex-players will see the club in action. Thurs 10th Sept is a friendly - this would seem ideal. There would be a team comp, with a format that enables a past-captain prize to be awarded as well as a fun comp team prize. Other date options: Thurs 22nd Oct (stableford) or Thurs 29th Oct (fr - waltz).	ACTION: AW See agenda item Yes, to this on Thurs 10th September. AW to update Penny
<u>Vice Captain report</u> The 2025 Winter Knock Out concluded a couple of weeks ago with Hazel and Alex coming out victorious over Al and Karen. Sounds like it was a closely fought match and I think it was the right decision to extend the competition given the bad run of weather earlier in the year. The Summer Singles Knock Out and Summer Mixed Knock Outs have now commenced with the first rounds due by 31st May. We have (I think) 28 entries for the singles and 12 for the mixed. Next year's calendar has been reviewed with the Juniors and the Men and has been circulated to Vanessa. Inevitably some dates may need to change but the bulk should be fine. The dates of the 2027 committee meetings have also been provided and as usual are the 4th	

Thursday in each month except for end Nov when it is a combined Nov and Dec meeting and will take place on the first Thursday in December.	
<u>Treasurer's report</u> 1. The account stands at £8483.38. 2. Last year we discussed briefly whether match fees should be charged for finals, such as the Mary Forster, but as we were part way through the playing season we decided not to change it. We haven't had any finals yet, so I propose that we do not charge match fees for finals where there have been previous rounds to get there. Reasoning: teams have already paid for the previous rounds, which it can add up to quite a lot. Moreover, finals are normally held a fair distance away from the club, meaning extra fuel costs.	Agreed not to charge match fee for finals. Add this to Decision book.
<u>Handicap Secretary</u> ● All the Winter over time comps have been completed . The results have been sent to Edmee for the engraving as necessary. ● Howdido working reasonably well apart from the better ball comps which was all wrong. I have asked for help but nothing back yet. ● Alex Hart has been added as a member. She already has a handicap. Sandra Hall and Pili Belgrano have been included in the members list ● Picking and placing still in operation. We will have to consider the options post May 1st	We should mirror England Golf on this
<u>Membership Secretary</u> Alexander Hart has rejoined as a full member. Pili and Sandra Hall have taken up the new *Social Membership with Handicap* option. Neli has rejoined as a *Social Member without a Handicap*, with her handicap currently held by The Maidenhead (at what was Mill Ride GC) As this is a new membership category, I'm unsure whether she should be added to the main member list and included in the website contact details. I will, however, ask Barbs to add her back into the ELGC mail group so she continues to receive club communications. Our total membership including social type members now stands at **70**. I have also updated the Trophy Winners section on the website. Do we want to add all trophy winners onto the website with the existing board competitions? In order to do this though I will need to establish the winners going back to start of each trophy but it would	Norma to proceed with this as time permits

give us a definitive list and these will be updated annually as trophies are awarded. (I've been in touch with Anne and she did have a record she will send me) I have added in the new NAPGC Mixed Pairs into competition booklet, substituted details re the Titleist instead of Ping, I have added wording regarding bag carriers and not caddies into the Winter KO.	
<u>Competitions Secretary</u> ● In the Mary Forster competition, team B (Anne B, Al and Kate) won Region 1 and will play in the Final at Stockley Park on 10 th May. ● BWG Duncan Trophy - ELGC lost to West Berks in the first round. ● In the Whitewebbs –the first-round home match against Mitcham is on Sunday 24 th May and the team has been selected. Portsmouth have offered dates for the region 2 away match in round 2 and team selection is underway. The other round 2 match against Warley Woods is to be played at a neutral ground due to distance and is going to be played at Cherwell Edge on Monday 1st June. Team selection is ongoing. ● The team has been selected for the Interclub Shield on Thursday 28 th May. ● In the Academia Matchplay team competition, we have a Bye in the first round. ● The first round of the NAPGC Hawtree competition is being played at 3 neutral courses this year. Unfortunately, the majority of clubs have requested the same location (Stockley Park) so the NAPGC is in the process of contacting the clubs to see if any can change their preference. (The other 2 dates clash with major events in our calendar.) ● Individual entries (online) can now be made for the NAPGC Open, Presidents Trophy, and Senior Women';s competitions.	Update: Our qualifier will be at Stockley Park
<u>Social Secretary</u> ● Now the weather & conditions are improving I'll 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. Once they've made contact shall I encourage them to contact each other directly? Maybe via Whats App? I'll send it to the New Members Whats App group too. ● Following the successful & enjoyable Rules & Games evening by Hazel & Cram in January… we all learned lots! We are thinking to do a practical rules night outside maybe in May ? June? Cram & H have some great ideas from their Rules course. I am thinking of a Monday or Tuesday. Maybe Tues 12th	Yes to this re contact directly Aiming for September to avoid May/June events & summer

May, Mon 18th May, Tues 2nd June, Mon 29th June, Tues 30th June. It's a busy time but great if we can fit it in. ● Al & I decided to not hold the 9 hole Away Afternoon on a Thursday. It seemed wrong, just as our course is playing well to take season ticket holders & PMG members to another course on our club day. It is at Billingbear on Monday 8th June first tee is 14.10. (Sorry for those who can't make a Monday). I have 23 members already signed up & paid with 3 more possibles. I have secured & paid for 10 tee times so we can add more people up to the day. Paying the balance on the day. It is £20pp for golf & prizes (doesn't include drinks or food) but that is available to purchase at the club. I'm thinking of teams of 3 with a random Waltz comp. Your thoughts please? ● Shall we organise another Texas Scramble for new & potential new members? Help from members would be needed. Last year it was on Tuesday 22nd July. I'm suggesting Monday 27th , Tues 28th July or Mon 3rd, Tues 4th, Mon 10th, Tues 11th August. Which date works best? ● Angela has suggested a fun, fund raising games evening that she successfully organised before at West Byfleet. I was thinking maybe in November when we may not be playing much & the evenings have drawn in.	holidays Yes to this - Tues 21st July chosen as date Possibly late November, avoiding AGM in early November
<u>Secretary</u> Safe Golf accreditation is due for renewal	
AGENDA	
1. Knockout matches - playing handicap, wording clarification (Gill C) ● Max course handicap for KO comps is 36, i.e. no player should receive more than 2 shots a hole. *It was noted that NAPGC now has a rule for a maximum of 18 in their comps.* ● Discussion also re which handicap is to be used to qualify for the Rabbits Cup - course or index. Decision was course handicap.	Is this correct?
2. Clarification for decision book of number of comps for new members to win trophies (Al W ● No minimum qualifiers beforehand for trophy comps as long as valid handicap held i.e. for new members without handicaps - 3 qualifying cards must already have been submitted in order to win any comp. For new members already holding valid WHS handicaps there is no issue. ● 4 qualifying comps are still required for Club Champs, but this can include 4BBB competitions e.g. Easter Shield	Add this to Decisions Book

3. Golden Medal - double as May Medal or replace the May medal? (Al W)	This will be the only May Medal
AOB	
Rabbits Cup / UKPCC comp - suggestion agreed that these days should have a stableford comp running alongside for those not competing in either of the other options	Agreed: comms to club to reflect this
Discussion regarding starting some friendlies again (W Byfleet has been suggested): It was agreed that removing friendlies is what has contributed to our current strong financial position and so we shouldn't row back on this, no matter how tempting the options are!	
Meeting closed at: 19.30	