EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting: Thursday 23rd July 2026

VENUE: in person Downshire 6.15pm

FINAL

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	**Social secretary**	Dawn Ledgard

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES Minutes of last meeting: 25.06.2026 having been previously circulated were agreed. **Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings** ● HDID - 4-ball issues - update? Waiting to see how things go at the Glyfford Bowl	
REPORTS	
Captain's report **Golf:** ● June medals: were won by Kate (T) and Jenny (W) ● Tim Brierley 4-sections: we won our match against the Juniors. It was 3-3 until the final 2 singles matches came in, which turned it to a 5-3 win for us. ○ Suggestion is that we push for a change to only have 4-balls, not singles in 2027. It is a tricky format when 2 matches are playing together, plus some	

considerations with regard to safeguarding when playing the juniors if one junior wishes to leave the course early once their match is finished, which could leave a single adult playing a junior. As far as safeguarding goes this is not such an issue with juniors v the Ladies, but it is more so when the juniors are playing against the Men and Seniors (a sexist rule, but the case nonetheless).

- Club Champs - numbers playing was exactly the same as last year (22), so no drop-off with regard to the change to consecutive days.
    - Club Champion: Amilie Clarkin - in her first appearance in this comp
    - Lee Gonzales: Kate Godfrey
    - Deborah de Silva: Viv Lovell
    - Net Eclectic: Viv Lovell
    - Revival Trophy: Christeen Alexander (all but 2 of the field qualified for this!)
    - Best putter: Alex Cram

To consider:

- Deborah de Silva only had 2 participants, one of whom didn't play on day 2. It feels like a default win undermines the trophy. Should we make the handicap level a proportion of the field so there is more competition? One third would have been 7 players this year. Just lowering the handicap limit might not solve the problem, but would keep the ethos of it being an award for higher handicappers.
  Do we adopt an idea from the North Hants Women's committee memo and widen it to Division 2 players (their category is 22.0 and above)
- Do we continue with the Net Eclectic, with the possibility that an existing prize winner gets it? Do we award it to the next highest non-trophy winner? Do we go for the 4th place gross player (but this year that would have been the net winner!)?

ACTION: Norma & Al to update Comps Book with all of this: *Once the sign-up has closed one third of the field with qualify for DebdeS, but only players above 20.0 handicap?*

Net Eclectic: can't win anything else

Firming up the order of assigning prizes: 1st Gross, 1st Nett, 2nd Gross, 2nd Nett, 3rd Gross, 3rd Nett, then Nett Eclectic.

Captain's Day:
I hope everyone enjoyed this, I certainly did! The winning team had an obscene score of 99, from a 2 scores to count format!!

Coming up:

- Texas Scramble for new players
- Glyfford Bowl
- Tim Brierley 4-sections: Ladies v Men

Defibrillator training: I am exploring ways to provide training for members with regard to this kind of first aid. The complex has first aid trained staff, but it would be good to empower members who may be first on the scene.

Fund raising:
The auction raised £845. The Open Sweepstake raised £70 for each charity. The one-ticket raffle at Captain's Day raised £75, thanks to some donations as well. There was £20 left from the Brian Stapley money given to us by the Men (the money has paid for 3 rounds of drinks for our members), so I have put that onto Just Giving also. This takes the total raised so far this year to £4258. 🙂

Race Night: considering putting this on in October as a social, and a final fund-raising effort.

Downshire Golf Complex update: brief meeting with Simon, as follows

1. ***Broken tee peg containers:*** he is happy for us to move forward with these. Agreed we would proceed to commission one filament reels worth of containers (4 or 5?) to place across the course, next to the Ladies red tee. His preferred colour would be British Racing Green or similar.
   Since meeting him I think we should add a sticker that says: "Sponsored by Easthampstead Ladies Golf Club", but no sticker plate needed on the 3D model.

2. ***Ladies changing room & toilets:*** some details still being finalised, but he is hoping work will begin in August. The

plan is to replace the toilets, sinks, to include new wall coverings and floor surfaces. In the changing room the shower will change to one cubicle on the left, the middle step will be removed and levelled, with a changing area around the corner to the right. I have pushed the point regarding a lockable cubicle here. He is reluctant other than suggesting they add a pin number lock on the whole changing room. I have pointed out this is overkill and doesn't render it more secure as the number would end up being widely known. Depending on the Committee view I would like to send a written response making it clear that we support a lock being added to the shower cubicle and shower changing area itself. 3. ***What can ELGC do for the course?:*** I have left Simon to consider what this could be. We discussed lightweight flag poles, the ones which are thinner at the bottom. These cost £45-50, which I said would probably be fine (£50=£900 for 18). The course trialled these last year, but went away from the idea as overall reviews from other courses are that the thin section of the pole breaks more easily. Even with the existing sturdier poles Simon says they are often replaced twice a year - his view is that in general people aren't very careful in their treatment of the poles. This reinforces Alex's comments at the last meeting.	*We didn't discuss this...* New cups for the tee poles instead?
<u>Vice Captain report</u> Nothing to report	
<u>Treasurer's report</u> As at 20 July the account stood at £5265.35. This includes all the 50th financials. A comfortable position to be in at this time of year.	
<u>Handicap Secretary</u> Nothing to report	
<u>Membership Secretary</u> With **Adrienne Marks** joining us, our current membership stands at **72**.	

Sinead McCormack chose not to play or have a card marked due to the hot weather and said she would be in touch. I have not received any further reply from her regarding arranging a marked card, so I have sent her a follow-up email today.	
<u>Competitions Secretary</u> ● In the Whitewebbs – team A lost their second-round match against Portsmouth (away). In region 2, team C are due to play High Wycombe away on 9th August. ● Two teams are playing in the NAPGC JHB competition on 26th July. ● In the Women's Championship of England at Cherwell Edge on Saturday 26 th July, we have Kate L. Vickie M, Maureen, Edmee and Christeen A playing (Al W injured) ● Norma & Jenny represented the club in the Australian Spoons and came 5th . ● We have 1 pair remaining in the NAPGC Greensomes (Kate G & Al W) who have won the regional final ● We have no pairs left in the pairs ko.	
<u>Social Secretary</u> There has been so much going on I still haven't sent 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, I've encouraged them to contact each other directly via Whats App. Let's see how it goes & maybe have a WhatsApp group for this purpose. I'll send it to the New Members Whats App group too. ***Do you all still think this is a good idea?*** Planning a practical rules night outside, maybe in Sept, Cram & H have some great ideas from their Rules course. I am thinking of a Monday or Tuesday. If we went for Tuesday 8th Sept, sun sets at 19.30 is that too early to make it work? The Texas Scramble for new & potential new members is set & booked for Tuesday 21 st July first tee 5.36pm. Green fees are £19.40pp. We charged £19pp & included prizes & a free drink. So with Ish's blessing we are subsidising it. We have 32 players (19 new non members, 3 members that haven't played with us much & 10 lovely ELGC members plus Al, me & possibly Ritva walking round & supporting, if anyone else fancies walking around or meeting & greeting please do.	
<u>Secretary</u> X	

AGENDA	ACTION
1. Items from reports: a. Captain's report: club champs prize changes? b. Four-sections format in 2027: *agreed that we should remove the singles element* c. Rules Night date? *Agreed as Sept 9th 18.30 start.*	Noted above
2. Complex update - see Captain's report for notes (Al): a. Broken tees container b. Changing rooms c. What can we do for the course?	New cups for the hole as well as poles?
3. Defibrillator training: do you know where this is kept in the complex? Would you know how to use one? (Al) *Answer: in the office* Suggestion that we have an evening in the autumn upskilling everyone on this. St John Ambulance run free courses - Al has filled out enquiry form to book a session (on a Tues eve late Sept, early Oct). *Since first considering this the Men's Captain has had a heart attack, albeit when at home, not at the course.* Also: perhaps training on the life-belt use? Charlotte Woods' husband David can do this (he is a Search & Rescue member)	ACTION: Al to follow-up with St John Ambulance *(If no response Liz suggested Tiger Lilly training)*
4. Should we mandate that members use the new mobile HDID app? (Ish). For discussion and mulling over - no decision needed yet. The new HDID /EG system requires that the marker authorises/approves the final score of a competitor. This is by means of a HDID message to the marker. This works fine if both are using the new app. However if a marker enters their information via the website (or the old app?) this step cannot be done, therefore the score is not registered properly on EG and any handicap changes are not properly registered. Hazel can authorise, but this needs to be done on the day of the comp, otherwise no overnight amendments. So if Hazel is unaware, or	ACTION: Hazel to check with HDID whether this issue re using the web version might be resolved? Al *Info/explanation email to club - see notes*

unavailable and there are back to back comps there could be an issue, and it's more work. It may be that the App/interface/system will in time resolve this. But if not, should we insist that all members buy and use the new app? Financial background - the app costs £2.99 a year. Each member has to pay this as it's their own phone. We have not increased subs since 2022. ***Explanatory email notes:*** *Move from the old app to:* *1: The new web version OR the new app* *2: Using the web creates an issue because the notification to attest doesn't come up* *Not doing this means the person whose card has been marked will have an incorrect handicap until it is attested.* *We will not increase subs for the 2027 season to cushion this for one year.*	
5. Can we move the September meeting from Thursday 24th Sept to Tuesday 22nd Sept? (Al)	Agreed, with 6.45 start
AOB	
1: speak to the office about the quality of the wifi being a problem - wifi extender? (Gill)	ACTION: Gill to offer a wifi extender to Simon
2: Social event on Feb 16th 2027 - important if the course is closed a lot (Gill) *Games night agreed, date to be confirmed with the complex*	ACTION: Dawn & Gill to check with Vanessa re date
3: Away membership? (Gill) *It was agreed anyone who plays in our comps must be a full member, especially as membership cost is relatively low*	
4: Rules - some concerns about people's understanding and retention of rules (Norma) ● *Make a compendium of Hazel's rules to go onto the website* ● *Hazel to reactivate the rules bulletin* ● *Try to ensure the newer & higher handicappers have a more experienced player with them in a medal*	ACTION: Norma & Al Hazel Alex

5: Competition's Secretary: Mandy will be standing down, so we need to consider who might stand for this role? *Some individuals were suggested. Mandy feels it isn't onerous, but the perception is that it is very onerous.*	ACTION: Al and Gill to email club re playing a part in running the club
Meeting closed at: 8.00pm	