MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025

At Downshire Golf Complex

Meeting started at 7:00pm

1. **Welcome by Penny Gillham, Captain**

Committee Present: Captain Penny Gillham; Vice-Captain Al Woolley; Secretary Suzanne Richards; Treasurer Ishbel Thomson; Handicap Secretary Hazel Rogers; Competition Secretary Mandy Creed; Social Secretary Dawn Ledgard; General Committee Members: Liz Clarke; Alex Cram

Others Present: Christeen Alexander; Lynda Atherton; Maureen Barnaville; Pat Bayle; Jenny Blewett; Anne Butcher, Gill Cain, Sandra Cook; Ritva Dean; Janet Galvin; Sonoko Gauci, Fiona Hobbs; Nicky Hooper, Barbs Hudson Reed; Angela Jennings; Sandy Kinch, Viv Lovell; Linda McLeod; Millie Millar, Edmee Murray; Kathryn Price; Chris Smith; Lottie Williams, Debbie Wilson, Charlotte Wood.

2. **Apologies:** Reiko Bennett: Sally Cushing; Jo Lawton Davis; Sandra Hall; Amanda O'Neill; Al Tinsley, Ros Weir

3. **Minutes of previous meeting: AGM 2024**

Minutes from last year's 2024 AGM were agreed as a true record. Acceptance of minutes proposed by Sandy Kinch and seconded by Ish Thomson

4. **Matters arising from previous meeting**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. **Annual Reports**

CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2024/25

It's hard to believe that it was 12months ago (well actually 53 weeks but that's another story!) that I took over the ELGC captaincy from Anne.

When I started the year, I was aiming to at the very least hand over the club in ok shape to Al, we're all here and are by and large smiling so we will tick that one off.

More than that I hoped we would have a great year of golf covering a variety of formats that would meet the varied wishes of our membership.

Let's have a look.

Building up to the serious stuff lets firstly think about social activities, perhaps golf related, celebrating our friendship. We majored on this in at the start of my year. Indeed, the Christmas Lunch games were a highlight. Not only was it enormous fun but most significantly was a pointer of things to come. The support Al gave me in getting the format change up and running was beyond brilliant- a definite theme for the year. In addition, the good humoured yet fiercely competitive approach to amongst other things tearing up a sheet of A4 paper was an illustration of what a brilliant bunch you are.

Dawn will highlight other aspects of this in the year but I wanted to once again thank all those who were able to come to my garden party. It was another fabulously sunny afternoon made extra special by you, by Denice and Kevin and our collective contributions to my Charity pot. Enjoy the photos on Al's screen show.

Friendly golf has been another success of the year. We had a few more Texas Scrambles, Waltzs and other friendly format events in our fixture list. They have always been very well supported in terms of numbers of signups and provide a slightly less competitive way to play club golf. I hope to see them continue in the future.

Another aspect of the year that I have particularly enjoyed are all the combined golf events with other golf clubs playing at Downshire. At this point my grateful thanks go the Ian Holder, Kevin Lee and Dean Pullen of Easthampstead Men and Richard Lansley and Lynne Clarkin of the Junior Club. The co-operation between the clubs has been great and makes a difference to organising events.

Competition wise of course an enormous highlight was the ELGC success in lifting the inaugural Ryder Cup. The excitement as Alex and Christeen completed the final hole was brilliant. And in light of things to come later in the evening very very wise team selection I think (Al, yours I believe)

We didn't fair quite so well in the separate matches against both the Juniors and the Men but you can't win them all.

The other joint event of the year that comes into this category was our Joint Captain's Charity Day. Not so well attended as in other years in part due to the Ryder Cup I think but still a fabulous day – once again sunny – that was enjoyed by all and raised yet more money for Thames Hospice and Mind.

Our annual fixture list has a couple of events that especially celebrate ELGC. My Captains Day with a co-ordinating theme was great fun, played in yet more sunshine. Thank you. And then the more competitive Captain v Vice fixture. The match play format often brings out the best and was enjoyed by all 44 players who took part. An incredible number given the size of our membership and testament to how I think we are getting things right at ELGC.

Now is also the point to mention **Greensomes Golf.** This too, has gone really well this season ably organised by Denice and Kevin and supported by Sandra and Paul Norrris. Turnout has been higher than in recent years helped by in part our lovely summer. In total 39 members and 5 visitors took part. Over the 19 evenings 288 rounds were played with an average of 15.2 players per evening 53% were ladies. Prizes were awarded in a number of categories but the overall best lady was Gwen and best man Chris Hartney. A lovely social evening was held at Denice and Kevin's at the end of the summer. Come along next year if you can- its great fun.

And amidst all this more serious golf happened. Mandy will highlight some of the Competition activity. From a county perspective we once again fielded teams in the **Bronze, Silver and Gold Leagues**.

Denice reported that in the 2024/25 **Bronze League 1** ELGC was a creditable third behind Sand Martins and Royal Ascot with 11 players representing the Club. Thank you, Denice, for organising.

In the **Silver League** Edmee is pleased to report that our silver team finished the league 3rd behind Castle Royle and the winners Sand Martins. It was always going to be difficult task this season after winning the previous year but our silver players did us proud. A huge thank you to all who took part or volunteered to play, it made Edmee's job easy. And thank you Edmee for organising.

And the **Gold League** was thoughtfully managed by Sandy. She's reported that in the 24–25 season despite a good start, Frilford Heath were storming away beating every team in sight. ELGC were determined when we played them to try and take at least one game which we did and we ended up second in the league, which we were very happy with.

Changes in the League structure have meant that this was enough for us to be promoted to Division 1 for the current season. We knew this would be a tough season with some very very good teams. In one our first two games we did okay, but in our most recent game we were up against Frilford Heath. We had a good team out and I'm pleased to say we won 2 of the matches and lost the third on the 18th hole which was a fantastic result. Frilford applauded us on how we played.
We are currently sitting 4th out of the seven teams which is brilliant.

Sandy would like to thank all the girls for playing giving up time from work et cetera to represent the club. Thank you. Roll on March when it starts again.

Much of the summer has been blessed with beautiful weather – for which I'm very grateful. Perhaps the golf gods were working in mysterious ways when they sometimes failed push my ball in the right direction. And in truth it goes back to our fabulous weekend away at Dale Hill – so well organised by Al. The forecast was poor; we were promised a sticky course but the reality was sunshine and a bit of mud - nothing to trouble mud pros like us. From there we rolled on through a great year.

So that just about wraps up my Captain's speech for the moment – you will hear more from me later with my thanks to all who made all these things and more possible.

VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The knockout comps this year have been well supported.

The Winter KO was contested by 14 pairs, with Sally & Lynda Atherton winning their 3rd title in four years against Millish - quote: "in beautiful sunshine and no mud!".

The Summer Singles KO had 24 entrants with Sandy Kinch emerging victorious against Gwen in the final.

The Summer Mixed Pairs KO saw 12 pairs whittled down to an Atherton/Moran final, with Norma and Michael playing some brilliant golf to win, which apparently included chip-ins, long putts and birdies!

This season's *Winter KO* is underway, once again with 14 pairs entered.

Well done to the winners and thank you to all the entrants for keeping these comps running to schedule.

Al Woolley

TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts have been audited by Hazel Rogers. The Income & Expenditure and the Balance Sheet have been sent by email.

A few years ago we were in severe financial trouble. However, we are now relatively flush.

A few things to note:

1. We have included an accrual of £1200 for prizes to be awarded later this evening.
2. The figures in the accounts include expenditure on the boards. (£2,322).
3. Last year I forecast that if things went as planned, we should have a year-end balance of around **£3k.** Happily, our balance is £**4,520,** so thanks to you all for entering competitions and boosting the coffers.

So – to the future:

1. The Committee has agreed that there is no requirement to increase subscriptions, competition fees, or match fees.
2. There will be a significant subsidy for the 50th anniversary celebrations next year.
3. A Review of prizes will be done – the overall prize pot was reduced a couple of years ago – but now that we are relatively well off, we will have a look at what we can do regarding prizes.
4. The phrase: 'Fix the roof while the sun is shining' is apposite, and we will also have a review of trophies – some are looking a bit tired and we will seek to replace them.
5. Finally - Historically we have had a 'working capital' of around £2k. The time has come to increase this to £3k. This means that if we dip below £3k we will take speedy action to ensure we remain solvent.

That's all I have - any questions on the accounts? There were no questions.

Vote on the accounts. Proposer – Treasurer Seconder – Fi Hobbs

The accounts were accepted.

HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Normal Handicap Calculation

Average of the best 8 of your last 20 scores

Situations where this does not apply

Handicap is not fully developed:

3 Rounds Best 1 less 2

19 Rounds Ave of lowest 7

Soft Cap

If Handicap index has increased by 3 strokes from the lowest in the last 12 months, Upward movement is reduced by 50%.

Currently 2 soft caps in operation

Hard Cap

The most you can go up in one year is 5

The handicap committee can overrule these in extreme circumstances (injury, illness etc)

Extraordinary Cut

Exceptional Score Reduction

Triggered when a player plays 7 to 9.9 shots below handicap index

In this case -1.0 reduction is applied to last scores

If a player plays more than 10 under handicap then a 2.0 reduction is applied to last 20 scores

We've had 8 of these this year

Again, handicap committee can override

Number of Score Differentials in scoring record	Score Differential(s) to be used in calculation of Handicap Index	Adjustment
3	Lowest 1	-2.0
4	Lowest 1	-1.0
5	Lowest 1	0
6	Average of lowest 2	-1.0
7 or 8	Average of lowest 2	0
9 to 11	Average of lowest 3	0
12 to 14	Average of lowest 4	0
15 or 16	Average of lowest 5	0
17 or 18	Average of lowest 6	0
19	Average of lowest 7	0
20	Average of lowest 8	0

Hazel Rogers

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our current membership stands at **68**.

At the time of our January renewal, we said goodbye to the following members:

Alison Cannon; Margit Demeriz; Anna Eastland; Anne Johansen; Nelina Ladak; Margaret Woodcock

This year, we've been delighted to welcome six new members:

Gloria Wong; Sue Shimmen; Nicky Hooper; Angela Jennings; Janet Galvin; Libby Pritchard

If you haven't yet had a chance to check your address and contact details, please see me after the meeting so I can ensure everything is up to date.

Norma encouraged members to check the website to see all the information that is included.

There are membership badges available from Norma for anyone who has not received them.

Norma Moran

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thank you once again for your support – it has been lovely to see so many new members taking part in the external competitions this year. Hopefully our recent recruits will take the plunge next year.

2025 has been the year of missing out by one point in so many of the external matches. Next year I am sure the tables will be turned.

NAPGC Results:

Mary Forster:

We entered 2 teams in this competition with Team A (Al Woolley, Kate Godfrey, Jenny Blewett and Gill Cain) getting through to the Final at Stockley Park in April. They came 3rd with Bird Hills winning and Gill was 3rd in the individual results.

Hawtree:

We entered 1 mixed team and we made to make it through to the 3rd round, having beaten Southsea and Brent Valley in earlier rounds. Sadly, we lost in the 3rd round to Richmond Park by 1 point, narrowly missing out on the Final. This competition is tricky to coordinate and find

sufficient players to participate, so a big thank you to Alex Cram, Norma Moran, Karen Foan, Jenny Blewett, Penny Gilham and Chris Smith for taking part.

Whitewebbs:

We entered 3 teams in this knock out competition. Sadly, team A lost their first match on count back and Team B lost by 1 point. Team C made it through to the 3rd round and lost by 1 point to Royal Epping. Team C players were Al Woolley, Alex Cram, Ish Thomson, Anne Butcher, Penny Gilham and Hazel Rogers.

JHB:

Once again, we entered 2 teams in this one-day competition. Sally Cushing was the Gross individual winner and ELGC A team were 2nd in the Gross and Nett. A big thank you to Edmee Murray for stepping in to the Gross team despite some reluctance.

Toprock:

ELGC team L, Chris Smith and Gwen Williams made it through to the semi-finals where they lost to Haste Hill, 2&1 and had the drama of having to call an ambulance for one of the opposition players. Obviously, she recovered as Haste Hill went on the be the eventual Final winners.

Women's Matchplay Knock Out:

ELGC team F, Gill Cain and Julie Rumsby also made it through to the semi-finals where they were knocked out by Hoebridge.

County Results:

Duncan Trophy: The team beat Bearwood Lakes at home in the first round but then lost to Castle Royle away in the second round.

Interclub Shield: The players representing the club in this one-day competition were Linda McLeod Denice Lowen and Julie Rumsby. The winning team was Sonning.

Other results:

Kyocera Matchplay: The team which was ably captained by Barbs Hudson-Reed, lost in the second round to Muswell Hill.

UKPCC Ladies Final: At The Shropshire, Vickie Motley retained her Nett Championship title.

NAPGC Women's Championship of England: At Cherwell Edge, Edmee Murray won the individual Nett competition and Division 2. Kate Godfrey was 2nd in Division 2. (The Gross winner was Katy Lansley, an Easthampstead Junior)

NAPGC Seniors: Maureen Barnaville was 1st in the Super Seniors Individual. Sandy Kinch and Maureen won the Pairs by 1 point.

Penny Gilham & Gwen Williams represented the club in the Angelia Uzielli at Sonning and Liz Clark qualified for the Race to Woodhall Spa final in August.

Once again, I am starting to look for volunteers for the coming season. Please consider joining in, whether you are seasoned player or a newcomer to the club.

I have reluctantly agreed to carry out this role for 1 more year. If anyone is (vaguely) interested in taking over in 2026/27, please let me know – I am more than happy to share my experiences – the pitfalls and triumphs!

Mandy Creed

Social Secretary Report

Easthampstead Ladies Golf Club we are a friendly, sociable, welcoming golf club for women.

But alongside all the monthly, trophy, county & external competitions we arranged some extras too.

We held a 9 hole Away Day followed by sandwiches & cakes at Blackwater Valley.

Supported EGC in their memorable Memorial Day for Brian Staply, which involved, running hole 15, cakes from our generous & talented baking members, wearing funny hats, photos & a chalk outline, scene of crime, funny story all overseen by Sandra Hall who is a total star.

We organised a Texas Scramble for those new to golf & non-members, which has been successful in introducing new members to our club.

Fresh off the press, we are suggesting for our members to arrange friendly, casual games organised through our club email. Not on our usual club days.

Great for us high handicappers, new members & really for everyone practising & enjoying playing with friends, with no pressure of a competition.

But there is more to us than playing golf

We've held Quizzes, party fun nights, Shwapping events and last year our usual Christmas Golf & lunch was enjoyed by all without even stepping on the course.

So, make sure you sign up & take part in some, if not all, we at Easthampstead Ladies club have to offer.

Dawn Ledgard

County Delegate

As you are all aware BWG run a wide range of events and completions open to affiliated Clubs and members to promote golf in Berkshire. As a member of a club, you are automatically a member of BWG. As the Club Delegate for this club, I go to two meetings each year which provides communication from BWG to the Berkshire Clubs.

I will circulate next year's spreadsheet of Competitions asap, but it is always available on their website.

The County have had a big emphasis in getting more women and girls into golf. Apparently 18–50-year-olds make up only 13% of golf members….and 65 is the average age of members!!!
To help recruitment Berkshire Women's Academy was started initially at Mill Ride and then Royal Ascot. At the recent meeting that I attended with Al, we shared the success in recruitment that we at ELGC have had through our now annual mid-summer Texas Scramble event

Junior Golf at BWG is subsidised and gives girls the opportunity for free coaching for <20 and >20 but they are hoping to get more girls involved even >30 handicaps and under 14s. Jacqui Quilter wants us to encourage girls we know or play with to make themselves known to her to take advantage of professional coaching and County competitions. The Junior Club at Easthampstead were singled out as excelling in providing so many great golfers for BWG Juniors.

BWG are also in the process of preparing for incorporation which is aligned to what other Counties are doing and will protect the volunteers who run the county from personal liability. There will be no change to how we engage with the County as a result.

Going forward the BWG Committee need a Treasurer, Secretary and Competition Secretary to shadow this year's committee members with a view to taking over the following year. If you'd like to get involved let me know and I'll put you in contact with the right people……..

Sandra Hall (read by Gill Cain)

Welfare Officer

Milie introduced herself as ELGC Welfare Officer – available for anyone who may have concerns. Members can either speak to Millie at the course, Millie is here for 3 days a week in her role as a Course Marshall as well as playing in ELGC competitions when she can be contacted. There is also a dedicated email address that members can use: elgcwelfare@gmail.com

Millie Millar

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following list of Nominees, which were circulated in accordance with the constitution, are proposed:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Captain	Al Woolley	Selection committee	Selection Committee
Vice-Captain	Gill Cain	Selection Committee	Selection Committee
Secretary			
Treasurer	Ishbel Thomson	Anne Butcher	Sandy Kinch
Handicap Secretary	Hazel Rogers	Kathryn Price	Millie Millar
Membership Secretary	Norma Moran	Jenny Blewett	Lynda Atherton
Competition Secretary	Mandy Creed	Penny Gillham	Suzanne Richards
Social Secretary	Dawn Ledgard	Liz Clarke	Debs Wilson
Committee members	Liz Clarke	Dawn Ledgard	Anne Butcher
	Alex Cram	Sandy Kinch	Gill Cain
Associate Committee Member: Welfare Officer	Millie Millar	N/A	N/A
Associate Committee Member: BWG Representative	Sandra Hall	N/A	N/A

Standing down from the committee: Penny Gillham (Captain); Suzanne Richards (Secretary)

7. **Annual subscription:** this was covered as part of the Treasurer's Report, there will be no change to the annual subscription of £65.

8. **Constitution:** an updated draft Constitution and previous Constitution have been circulated ahead of the meeting. Penny outlined the main changes:

    - the inclusion of a Social Secretary on the committee
    - regarding the appointment of Vice Captain, they would hopefully be an existing member of the committee however this is not always possible and so the updated a constitution states that if a vice captain elect is not on the committee, they can attend the committee meetings from the point at which they accept the role
    - the increased use of IT is now reflected
    - "Expectation of member conduct" – rather than detailing "misconduct" of members this section now is covered in a number of policies, including Code of Conduct and behaviour Policy (these can be found on the website)
    - that the Constitution is reviewed every 3 years

Penny explained that for the Constitution to be adopted a 2/3 majority is required
Members were asked if there were any questions? As there were no questions this was put the vote.
Vote: Unanimous agreement – the Constitution has been accepted.

9. **Club Championship arrangements**; Penny explained that following this year's Club Championships a number of members had expressed the view that in the current format this, our most prestigious competition, is not fair and could be said to lack integrity given that the playing conditions on the Thursday could be very different to those on the Sunday, potentially providing a big advantage to those playing on one day rather than the other. The Committee had discussed this over the course of two meetings as there had been different views. (The discussion / points raised can be seen in August and September committee meeting minutes).
   Penny asked if there were any questions / comments:
   "If this change goes ahead any member without a season ticket will incur greater cost"
   Response: there will be additional cost for some depending on the membership the player has, season tickets holders will be unaffected, those who are on PMG will use more points on the weekday before 10am than the cost on the weekend, whilst those who pay and play will pay approx. £18 more based on current prices
   Al explained that the event could be deemed a "Major event" in which case the complex may offer a reduced fee, although season ticket holders would not benefit from this. Al will discuss "major events" with Simon – although need to be aware that there is a limit to how many clubs can have.
   "What about whether other trophy competitions shouldn't they all be played on the same day?"

Response: that is a good question and one that the committee discussed, but in the end the decision was that as the Club Championship is the blue riband event of the year it should have integrity.
"To be inclusive we should leave it as it is"
Response: agreed that this could be correct but it was the only competition that this would apply to and every effort should be made to ensure the club championship is fair
"Can see that this makes sense but not keen".

Penny reminded the members that the Committee, as stated in the Constitution were able to make changes to competition formats without having the agreement of the members but wanted everyone to have the opportunity to share their thoughts.

Al suggested that the new format should be trialled in 2026 and then reviewed. The worst-case scenario – is that those without a PMG / season ticket currently would incur additional costs.
"Should we charge a comp fee to help cover costs for others?"
Response: not considered the way forward.

The Club Championship will be run over Saturday and Sunday in 2026 and then reviewed.

10. Book Club Report 2025

We are now approaching the end of our 8th year – 94 books read! Wokingham Library continue to provide their boxes of books whilst a number of members are either listening to audio books or reading eBook versions. To cover the cost of using the library books, we ask for a small donation on a yearly basis.
We continue to alternating between real meetings and Zoom meetings, but will review this arrangement for the coming year. There are currently 21 members which can make the distribution of books quite challenging. We have welcomed a couple of new members this year. We have a WhatsApp group for informal chat (on books of course!). Everyone is welcome to join – just speak to Suzanne or Mandy if you are interested.
This year's books have once again been an interesting mix – historical novels, contemporary fiction, a couple addressing the plight of immigrants and a few which have really struck a chord with some of us. We are currently reading our first book of poetry – it will be interesting to see what everyone makes of it.

Below are the books and dates for the next few months:

Book Club List - 2025/26

November	Oranges and Sunshine - Margaret Humphries	Non-fiction account of child migration to Australia

December	Snow - John Banville	Detective story
January	Idea of Perfection - Kate Grenville	Contemporary love story set in Australia
February	The Silent Patient - Alex Michaelides	Psychological thriller
March	Such a Fun Age - Kiley Reid	Debut novel addressing woke culture
April	Olive Kitteridge - Elizabeth Strout	Pulitzer Prize winning collection of short stories

Mandy Creed

9. **Any other business**: an apology that this item had not been previously added:

Emergency contact information – Al explained that all participants in County competitions have to provide their emergency details, which are then thrown away at the end of the event. Having discussed this, committee decided that maintaining a list was not the way to go. So, as an alternative Al gave a brief explanation of how to add an emergency contact to their phone. This can then be accessed without any pass codes etc and works for both android and I phones.

10. OUTGOING CAPTAIN'S SPEECH

I trust you already know that I have found it an enormous privilege to be your Captain this year. In many ways I still feel a newbie as compared to so many who have been part of the club for such a long time. You have looked after me well.
I said last year that one of the many things that makes ELGC so different from other sports clubs I've been part of is the willingness of so many to get involved whether on the Committee or not. It really does make a huge difference.
If you've ever thought – even a tiny bit or just in a fleeting moment – I'd quite like to be ELGC Captain one year then my advice would be to go for it. You will be supported by so many, you will get a chance to raise some money for a favourite charity, you will give back to the game which gives you so much enjoyment, you can have a go and trying things 'your way' and as our reviewed constitution will make clear once you've done your bit you can sail off into the sunset (at least for a bit).
And so, to my thanks – always a perilous job as it includes so many and if I don't publicly thank you this evening it doesn't mean I'm not grateful.
Let's turn first to our Committee.

Liz – your contributions to our meetings have provided a valuable perspective, thank you. You've supported several initiatives especially around encouraging new members and its greatly appreciated.
Norma – obviously a super-efficient membership secretary, but you have also done so much to keep our website up to date. I, for one use it often and I'd encourage others to as well. Everything you could need relating to the club is there. On top of this you've helped me out of several pickles and stepped in when neither Al or I have been around, for example running the Easter Shield. Thank you.
Dawn- as social secretary you have been the energy behind so many events this year. Your drive, smile and enthusiasm are real assets to our club.
Mandy- the Competition Secretary role comes with some special little nuances and requires an organised mind (all that Bridge is such good training!) You are always on top of things and really speedy at responding to messages. I know the new Committee are beyond grateful that you have agreed to continue in your role.
Ish- your knowledge about the history of ELGC has been invaluable at many times this year. You challenge our thinking but in a good way and always with the best interests of the Club at the heart. Again, a super-efficient Treasurer who makes it look easy.
Alex – week in week out you manage our tee times. Despite your pleas we still imagine that were the only ones when we just on this one off etc want to change our minds. You (generally) manage this with a smile and a sigh but we understand your occasional grumble and all promise to do better. Thank you.
Hazel – another person who has an ongoing commitment to keep us on the straight and narrow with the mysteries of the WHS. Hazel and Alex have also started on some England Golf rules training to become even more expert in this area. As players and a club, we will benefit. Thank you.
Suzanne- you have been a brilliant Secretary. Minutes appear almost before we've finished our sentences. But more than that we can always rely on your wise judgement in tricky moments.
And lastly from a committee point of view, Al. Thank you so much for your friendship and support. I've been very lucky to have you as my VC and the Club will be in very safe hands going forward.
Others to thank are Millie. Millie carries out the role of Welfare Officer with a quiet authority that you'd expect. She does more than many of you realise and again it's been a privilege to get to know you a little better.
Sandra Cook – I continue to be in awe with the speed with which things appear on our Facebook page. Thank you for again quietly and thoughtfully getting on with this task.
Sandra Hall who continues to represent us on BWG and is happy to continue with this task. Thank you.
Barbara who keeps all things IT straight and quickly responds to pleas for help. I've also come to appreciate that Barbs is another of our experienced wise sounding boards who cares deeply about our club and its members. Thank you.
Linda McLeod – without her we'd be bankrupt. Again, her quiet efficiency at doing what she does to collect competition fees is greatly appreciated.

I'm so much hoping that I haven't left anyone out of this list which does have one more very important name on it.
Edmee - we are I'm afraid at this point going to embarrass you. At our last Committee meeting we were collectively reflecting on how many members make ELGC the Club it is and we came to you. You are amazing – you are reliable, you always do what you say you are going to do, nothing is too much trouble if we ask for help, you are always willing to mark cards, encourage new members, you take on the role of organising trophies and engraving with no fuss and often provide answers to questions before the questions have been contemplated. For me personally you have always been my golf guru as you consoled me through some dreadful rounds when I first joined in 2019. So, I'm delighted on behalf of the Committee to make a little bit of an extra fuss of you and present you with these flowers and a card. Thank you.
You will no doubt be grateful to know that I've nearly finished. My last thanks is to all of you who have embraced my wish to support Thames Hospice. Kathryn I'm once again going to publicly thank you for sticking to your word and making an extra contribution based on your pars and birdies this year. Our current overall total (including gift aid) is £2869. I'm beyond delighted.
And, finally, I send the new Committee the very best of luck – I'm absolutely sure that under Al's wise captaincy we are in for another great year and a memorable celebration of the 50 years of ELGC.

Penny Gillham

11. INCOMING CAPTAIN'S SPEECH

My first duty as Captain is to say an enormous thank you to Penny for all her hard work and dedication to our club over the last year, and prior to that as Secretary and Vice-Captain. I have really enjoyed our collaboration this year Penny and I need to remind you that you have promised to be available for wise-counsel when I need it over the coming year! Please accept these gifts and card as a token of our appreciation.
In the September of 2011, Foanie and I were accosted by Pat Bayle, after she had seen Foanie hit a wonderful tee shot on the 9th, and we were persuaded to become members. I don't think it is exaggerating to call it a life-changing moment, one that opened up the frustrating and at times extraordinary world of the game of golf, but also a host of new friends and, most importantly, new travel buddies!
For a number of years my stock reply to any comments about potential captaincy was "Not until I'm retired". In the end avoiding being captain wasn't a strong enough reason to carry on working! It's been an interesting year, in a good way! I've learned a lot and been super impressed by how the committee operates, and the huge number of other volunteers within the club who help to make everything run smoothly - undoubtedly this is one of the strengths of this amazing club.
Penny didn't sell the captaincy very well, as she followed her invitation with the observation that 2026 will be our 50th anniversary year and suitable celebrations would need organising!

Fortunately, I have a wonderful sub-group already helping with this - thank you Anne, Norma, Dawn and Barbs. Thank you also to Gill for agreeing to be my vice-captain - I have never been so glad to hear about someone being made redundant!!
I have spent some time considering which charity to support, hoping perhaps to dovetail with the incoming Men's Captain. In the end I kept coming back to the charity I have been involved with as a volunteer since 2006 - that is Daisy's Dream, and it seems serendipitous that they will also be celebrating a big anniversary next year - 30 years since they were founded. It's a small Berkshire based organisation supporting families through bereavement, primarily of a parent, working with the children and the surviving parent to help them navigate the feelings and practicalities of the new world they find themselves in. I have seen at first hand the impact this charity has, both through my role as a volunteer, but also in my pastoral role at work. My Mum was orphaned before she was 14 and even as an elderly lady she found this loss hard to deal with, I have no doubt that she would have benefitted greatly from an organisation such as Daisy's Dream, particularly in her teenage years. I will send out some links for more information and to a Just Giving page for donations through the year - also look out for an item on them on 'Children in Need' tomorrow.

Al Woolley

12. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES / TROPHIES

MEDALS	Winner	Runner Up	FieldSize
Thursday			
June	Ishbel	Julie R	16
July	Ritva	Jenny B	18
August	Christeen	Kathryn	19
September	Jenny B	Suzanne	15
October	No fixture	No fixture	/
November			
Weekend			
June	Kate G	Christeen	10
July	Not played	Not played	/
August	Debbie W	Christeen	14
14September	Liz C	Suzanne	11
October	No fixture	No fixture	
November			

STABLEFORDS	Winner	Runner Up	
Thursday			
May	Jenny F	Millie Millar	23
June	Kate G	Neena Patel	17
July	Charlotte Wood	Gill Cain	23
August	Penny Gillham	Dawn L	22
September	Kate G	Sonoko	20
October	Jenny B	Angela J	16
October 13 Hole	Christeen	Millie	11
Weekend			
May	Sandy K	Edmee	18
June	Viv Lovell	Hazel	12
July	Debbie Wilson	Sonoko	14
August	Kathryn P	Suzanne	19
September	Linda McLeod		8
October	Alex C	Sally	12
October 13 Hole	Nicky Hooper	Vicky Motley	21

MEDALFORDS		
Q2 2025	Christeen	
Q3 2025	Viv	
TROPHY COMPETITIONS	Winner	
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP		
Club Championship (gross)	Alex Cram	
Club Championship (gross)2nd	Sally Cushing	
Club Championship (gross)3rd	Millie Millar	
Lee Gonzales (Nett)	Gill Cain	
Lee Gonzales (Nett) 2nd	Denice Lowen	
Nett Eclectic	Charlotte Wood	
Deborah De Silva	Viv Lovell	
Champion Putter	Maureen	

Revival	Chris Smith	

Others	**Winner**	**Runner Up**
Champion of Champions	Ishbel	Edmee
MacIlvean Trophy	Fi Hobbs	Sally
Millenium Trophy	Sandy K	Karen F
Founders Cup	Kate G	Denice
Bute Cup	Ishbel	Alex C
MIXED COMPETITIONS		
Roberts Cup	Al W & Dean Pullen	n/a
Glyfford Bowl	Kathryn P & Grahame Smith	n/a

KNOCKOUTS	**Winners**	
Singles	Sandy K	
Mixed Pairs	Norma & Michael Moran	

Over Time Competitions	**Winner**	**Runner Up**
Summer Birdie Tree W	Suzanne	
Summer Birdie Tree T	Alex	
Summer Eclectic W	Sandra Cook	
Summer Eclectic T	Christeen	
Summer Par Tree W	Christeen	
Summer Par Tree T	Christeen	
Most Improved Player 2025	Gill Cain	(second Charlotte Wood)
Putter of Year 2025	Kate & Sandra Cook	
Captain's Trophy 2024-25	Kate Godfrey	

Note – field size must be 10 or more for a runner up prize to be awarded

A vote of thanks was given by Fi Hobbs,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Minutes Agreed at

Signature: AGM Approved Date: 3 November 2026