EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting: Tuesday 22nd September 2026

VENUE: in person Downshire 6.45pm

PRESENT/ APOLOGIES:

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

ITEM	**ACTION**
LAST MONTH'S MINUTES Minutes of last meeting: August 27th 2026 having been previously circulated were agreed. **Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings** ● Email regarding using the new mobile HDID app? *included in October Newsletter* ● Extra tee times on 2027 calendar - Gill? ● 3-minute timer: supply not available until mid-October. Could aim to order to distribute at the AGM? ● Friendlies not mixed with those playing comps - communicating to members *included in October Newsletter*	
REPORTS	
Captain's report **Golf:** ● Tim Brierley 4-sections match v EGC Seniors: this was drawn 4-4. This match concluded the 3 match series with the Seniors coming out on top by 1 point from the Men. The Ladies came third. There is general agreement to remove the singles element. *Question - is there any merit in an honours board for this comp?*	

• September stablefords: the Thursday winner was Jane King who has made a great start to her membership, with Linda Mc runner-up. The weekend comp was won by Penny with Kate runner-up. **Committee:** Alex Hart is no longer able to take up the secretary role as she has recently accepted an exciting volunteering role with the Royal Philharmonic and doing both would be tricky. **Downshire Golf Complex update:** ***Ladies changing room & toilets:*** *the refurbishment should be starting on Sept 22nd. We have removed items belonging to the club, including the par tree.* **Defibrillator training:** still waiting for confirmation re St John Ambulance volunteers availability, looks like this won't be happening for the moment. **3-minute timer:** follow up - a new more robust design is in hand and will be available from mid-October.	
<u>Vice Captain report</u> Summer Singles Knock-Out Final was played between myself and the Captain…the Captain was victorious and a very worthy winner on what was a lovely and speedy Autumn morning (18 holes played in 3hrs 15 mins!). The Summer Mixed Knock-out Champions, narrowly beating Cram and Tom in the Final are Lynda and Mark Atherton. Congrats to the Atherton's and to Al. The Winter Pairs Knock-out entry email has recently been sent out with entries requested for early October so that we can try and get the first round played by mid Nov and then give extra time for the future rounds to be played. I'm hoping we can avoid the worst of the weather delays by starting early this year. Now a Vice Captain is in place for 2026/7 we will review the Calendar and make any tweaks required.	
<u>Treasurer's report</u> The bank account is £4,754.06. I have emailed the men to ask for their invoice so I can pay it by 30th Sep. End of year is 30th September, so please get all expenses to me by 28th September. (Nb - this includes prizes). Needed so that we have an accurate end of year balance for the AGM in early Nov.	

Handicap Secretary New members to gain handicaps: ● Tarnya Lansley 46.3 ● Tina Francis 46.3 There are two other potential members currently doing cards Score verification process is still causing the occasional problem, mainly people who don't have the new app.	
Membership Secretary It has been another busy month, with two further new members joining us following the scramble event. Tarnya Lansley and Tina Francis have now both completed their three cards for handicap and have already taken part in our Las Vegas Scramble. These additions bring our current membership total to 78. In addition, two ladies who expressed interest earlier in the year but postponed due to injury have now restarted their membership applications. Alex Morrell, who has recently retired and previously held a handicap that has since lapsed, will be regaining her handicap. Moya Kelleher, who is still working and has not held a handicap before, will also be having cards marked. I will continue supporting all new and returning members as they progress through their handicap cards and settle into club activities.	
Competitions Secretary Al W and Kate G won the Final of the NAPGC Greensomes on 14th September at Winter Hill against a pair from Thorney Park for the Toprock Bowl. I have received the entry information for the Academia Team Matchplay competition for 2027 – cost is £90 per team.	
Social Secretary Following our Texas Scramble for potential new recruits, from the 17 that played, we now have had 5 ladies join the club and a number still in the pipeline - a great result. I have been following up & keeping in touch with them as I think more will join us in time. If we can organise an occasional friendly, with just one of us playing with a couple of new people to see how they are getting on & to keep their interest. I will send out an email to all members for volunteers but have already asked a few of you. Maybe one more time before the weather turns? The outside practical rules night on Wednesday 9th September was a great success. Many thanks to Hazel & Cram - your Rules course is paying dividends. Following up with a rule of the month in the new	

newsletter - inspired idea Al. Maybe do an inside quiz type one during the winter- last year it was January 21st - sadly an awful stormy night! What do you all think, especially H & C? Or maybe a little something on rules included on February 16th (see below). We've booked with Vanessa to hold a fun, games evening, get together on Tuesday 16th February 2027 - note for your diaries. When the course may be closed & we may not have been to the club for ages... if it is like last year, really hope it's not. Planning to hold another Quiz night on Tuesday 9th March 2027, now the Complex is holding a regular quiz evening is this still ok?	
<u>Secretary</u> x	
AGENDA	**ACTION**
1: Items from reports: a. Honours board for 4-sections? (AW) - there is a small space between the wooden ones. b. Social things: Rules eve? Games eve? Quiz night? (Dawn): Games eve to include a brief rules quiz on things covered so far	AW to speak to the Men and also to Simon
2: Use of Buggies in Competitions (Norma): We should revisit the current guidance on the use of buggies during competitions. Our Decisions Book includes two entries: ● "A buggy can be used by a player if 60 years of age or older" (added in 2005) ● "A buggy can be used by a player if required for medical reasons" (date not recorded, but not from 2005) Neither entry makes clear whether buggy use is permitted during competitions, and given that the majority of our tees are competition formats (stablefords, trophies, medals, etc.), the current wording leaves very few circumstances where a buggy could be used if it is excluded for competitions. Dawn has highlighted that, from an EDI perspective, we should consider whether buggies ought to be permitted in competitions to ensure fair and inclusive access for all members.	Gill to check on R&A rules and BWG rules England Golf wording implies a buggy not allowed for a short-term injuries Hazel to check with Zoe Wright at England Golf Dawn to clarify current situation

Can you all consider the implications and come prepared with views so that we can agree appropriate wording and update the Decisions Book accordingly.	to the member who has queried it
3: Complex update (AW) - should we have sent a retirement gift/voucher to the greenkeeper who has just retired?	Consensus was no
4: Broken tee pots: viewing of prototype (Liz) The charge for the first 6 is £80. Tent pegs to be sourced. Hoping to get them out for the Gold League on Mon 28th Sept.	Al to show the prototype to Simon and then we will commission another 12 to be made.
5: AGM (Norma) - Nov 3rd, which means notification needs to go out by Oct 3rd with retiring members of committee listed and inviting nominees. Oct 27th (one week before) agenda to go out.	Norma is dealing with all the paperwork
6: October Newsletter approval (Al)	Approved
7: Christmas Lunch (Gill): Dec 6th, two courses (Main and Dessert). Gill to speak to Vanessa to see if cheese can be added to the dessert list. Reminder, the plan is to go on the range, not on the course. Perhaps play a warmer virtual course!	Cheese added to the dessert options
8: Committee members - discussion regarding future planning with regard to General Members.	Norma to find the planning document produced by Ish and share with the committee
AOB	
Academia - 5 players singles matchplay. Mandy will enter one team.	
Mary Forster - we will enter 3 teams	
Committee Meeting day - to be discussed for future meetings. Possibly Tuesday evenings?	Gill to check with Vanessa
Meeting closed at: 8.15pm	

Next meeting: **October 29th @6.15pm**	