EASTHAMPSTEAD LADIES GOLF CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting: Thursday 27th August 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	Alex Hart	**Committee member**	Liz Clarke
Handicap secretary	Hazel Rogers Apologies	**Social secretary**	Dawn Ledgard

ITEM	**ACTION**
LAST MONTH'S MINUTES Minutes of last meeting: 23 July 2026 having been previously circulated were agreed. **Matters Arising / Actions from previous meetings** ● HDID - 4-ball issues - update after Glyfford Bowl? - this was still a problem ● Email regarding using the new mobile HDID app? AW to send out ● Changing room progress update? see Captain's report ● Advertising the Rules Eve on Sept 9th? Much discussion about rules in general. Suggestion to produce a laminated summary card for all members. The feeling was that we should be encouraging individuals to apply rules more rigorously, such as measuring club lengths for a drop.	
REPORTS	

Captain's report

Golf:

- McIlvean Trophy: this was won by Kathryn Price with an impressive net score of 65, runner-up was Kate Godfrey
- Tim Brierley 4-sections match v EGC Men: this was won by the Men 5 - 3. With one more round to go the Ladies are in second place in the table, but only 2.5 points separate 1st and 4th, so all to play for on Sept 20th.
- Captain v Vice: an amazing turn out with 40 players resplendent in red & white and blue & white stripes! This was won 7 -3 by the Captain's team, with NTP winners: Al W, Christeen, Anne & Hazel.
- August stablefords: new member Jane King was the Thursday winner with Edmée runner-up. The weekend comp was won by Sandy Kinch with Kate Godfrey runner-up. There was also an eagle from Fi Hobbs on the 10th, and a heron regularly on the 11th!
- Angela Uzielli: the pair going on to represent us at the county event are Neena Patel and Jane King

Coming up:

Tim Brierley 4-sections: Ladies v Seniors on Sept 20th, being played concurrently with Juniors v Men. There will be food and the trophy presentation afterwards.

Downshire Golf Complex update: update from Simon, as follows

- ***Ladies changing room & toilets:*** *the cubicles etc, are all on order, just waiting on a commencement date with the contractor*
- ***A new compound fence*** *has been erected around the greenkeeper's sheds. As per our social media posts this is classed as a boundary fence or OOB and therefore free relief cannot be taken. However, I did need to give clarity to EGC this week that the drain cover inside of this fence is an immovable obstruction. If this impedes stance or swing, then free relief can be taken under rule 16.1*
- ***With the extreme weather*** *we've encountered this year the whole course is under extreme stress, including the greens*

with some greens becoming hydrophobic below the surface 2 inches. This makes them prone to disease. We are doing everything possible to try and relieve this pressure, but we will need to do more spiking and lateral aeration when weather permits. • ***Bunkers** have also taken a hammering with sand turning to dust and causing them to puddle. It would be great if clubs could remind golfers that when hitting a bunker shot that sand moves forward, so when raking please start in front of the impact mark they make.* • *We're in the process of purchasing a machine called a Verti quake. This will be used to de-compact surfaces across the course including tees, greens and fairways. It's not a miracle cure but it will aid the health of the course and will hopefully have a very positive impact on surface drainage.* • *With the super El Nino weather pattern forecast for this winter we're trying to be as ready as we can be. For those who aren't aware a super El Nino changes the traditional flow of the jet stream which could impact the UK with more storms and another very wet mild winter.* • *We have now been assigned someone at head office specifically for golf marketing. I have already spoken to her regarding my plans for this year and next which include a better focus on women's golf and ELGC tied in with the women's majors. Going forward it would be great to get some images from your club to aid this.* **Defibrillator training:** possible dates for this are 6th, 14th or 20th October. Waiting for confirmation re St John Ambulance volunteers availability. Can we consider what donation we might give for them delivering this? £50, £100, £2 per head? **3-minute timer:** suggestion to buy some of these as a trial, although feedback from Nina Taylor is that the women at Windsor mostly don't need them, but it helps when playing with the men. Cost is 20 for £100, so £5 each. **UPDATE:** PoP Timer has a new product in production that is more robust (they were having problems with the clips when attached to bags and getting bashed about). This will be available in October.	*This wasn't discussed UPDATE: AW has spoken to the company
Vice Captain report	

Summer Singles and Mixed Knock Out updates: The Singles and Mixed Summer Knock-outs have both reached the Finals stage. The Singles will be contested between Al Woolley and myself - I'm hoping that Al will be tired from all the other finals and qualifiers she is playing at the moment! The Mixed final is between the Atherton's playing against Tom and Alex. I have received some helpful feedback about the date extensions I gave in the latter stages of this Summer's Knock-out Competitions. Although these decisions were taken with the aim of preventing the need for advancement by walkover I acknowledge that this can result in unhelpful precedents being set for future competitions. With that in mind extensions for events other than course closure should be considered even more carefully by the Vice Captain in future so as to preserve the integrity of the competitions whilst balancing the need to ensure the maximum number of matches are decided on the course. I do not recommend any changes to the existing competition rules at this time. The Winter Knock-out entry e mail will be sent out to everyone in the next few days for sign up.	
Treasurer's report The account stands at £5467.46. Very healthy. Please ensure that you get any expenses due to you in as soon as possible. Account end of year is 30th September.	
Handicap Secretary New members to gain handicaps: Emma Gale 35 Janice Harris 33.1 Jane King had a handicap already from The Drift Karen Faragher is on the system as away member, but yet to play with us The Howdido betterball saga Part 1: I've had an email from them saying that there has been yet another update and has it worked? I did not reply on the grounds that since the better balls have now all been played I have no way of knowing. They then closed the ticket, so I sent a stroppy email. This issue might raise it's ugly head next year. The version that has supposedly fixed the problem is 1 3 2 can we all Check.	

The Howdido betterball saga Part 2: Viv Lovell's lovely score in the Glyfford bowl has not reached her handicap. I have been shunted to WHS from Club VI and back and I'm still waiting for a resolution. On the plus side the new score verification process is working well. The only problems with that are caused by operator error and people who won't have the new app	AW to send email to members re having the app
<u>Membership Secretary</u> It has been an extremely busy month following the scramble event, with a number of new joiners coming through. I have been marking cards and meeting prospective members to guide them through the IT systems and general club processes. I am also marking a first card for handicap with **Tina Francis** on Wednesday. Our current membership now stands at **76**. I would like to formally welcome the following new members: ● **Jane King** – recently moved into the area and joins us from The Drift. ● **Janice Harris** – has completed three cards and has now been issued with a new handicap. ● **Emma Gale** – has also completed her three cards, received her handicap, and has already played in two fixtures. ● **Karen Faragher** – introduced by Gill Cain. Karen lives on the Isle of Man and may only be able to play occasionally when visiting the UK, but we are delighted to have her with us. I will continue supporting our new members as they settle in and familiarise themselves with club systems and competitions.	
<u>Competitions Secretary</u> In the Whitewebbs – team C lost their third-round match against High Wycombe. NB It transpired after the match that the NAPGC had misinformed me, as the match should have been played on a neutral ground, not at High Wycombe. In the NAPGC JHB competition Sandy Kinch was the individual gross winner and team A (Sandy, Ish & Gill) won the team nett competition, narrowly missing out on the gross by 1 point.	

In the Women's Championship of England, Katie Lansley retained her gross competition title. Al W and Kate G won the regional final and will now be playing in the final of the NAPGC Greensomes on 14th September at Winter Hill against a pair from Thorney Park for the Toprock Bowl. BWG county competition – the Anne Bryant KO Cup was won at Royal Ascot by Edmée, with Ritva as runner up. We had a lot of qualifiers in this comp after the Division meeting was held at Downshire.	
Social Secretary Following our Texas Scramble for potential new members, from the 17 that played we have had 3 Ladies join us. Tarnya Lansley, Tina Oliver (Francis) joining shortly and a number in the pipeline - an amazing success. I have been following it 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? We are holding a practical rules night outside on Wednesday 9th September from 6pm starting at 6.30pm. Cram & Hazel have some great ideas from their Rules course. I've spoken to Vanessa. We can definitely be in the gazebo, bar area & have the meeting room for after. If a wake is booked they will have the main room. I'll send out an invite this week. 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. Planning to hold another Quiz night on Tuesday 9 th March 2027	
Secretary x	
AGENDA	**ACTION**
1. Items from reports: a. Complex info	

b. Whitewebbs ruling re neutral courses for area final, also not counting neutral venue as a home fixture (Mandy): frustration re the incorrect ruling from the organiser re the recent Area Final which should have been played on a neutral course. Contact has been made with the NAPGC regarding this and not counting neutral venues in earlier rounds as a home fixture. (Email sent by Al W)	AW has written to the NAPGC to express our concerns
2. Complex update (AW): as per Captain's report	AW to follow up with Simon re lockable cubicle AW to share info with club members
3. 3-minute timers? (AW) we can afford to buy one for everyone, with some for future members 100 = £500	AW to contact the company
4. Safeguarding training on Sept 14th at Badgemore Park (AW) UPDATE: only active safeguarding members can attend (these are the safeguarding officer Millie, Capt, VC)	Ish & Liz will attend with Millie
AOB	
1. KO extensions: Vice-Captain to be careful regarding any precedents set	
2. Friendlies being played when there is a comp (Alex): only when there is a spare tee, so the two sets of players are not mixed	AW to put a club email together
3. Tee times: Gill to look at the number of tees in the calendar for next year and add more on Thursdays.	
4. Finding ways to keep other potential members involved / interested (Dawn): discussion around this included offering friendlies with committee members before which may require extra tee times being booked.	
5. Broken tee pots: one reel has been purchased and Liz's son Reece will proceed with making/printing as many pots as this will create.	Liz to liaise, and also confirm costings
6. Vice-captain: a new VC has been agreed. Name to be confirmed next meeting.	

Meeting closed at: 19.45	
Next meeting: **our September meeting has been moved to Tuesday 22nd Sept at 6.45pm**	