Easthampstead Ladies Golf Club
CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



This third edition of our newsletter is my final one as Captain. The year has gone super quickly and honestly it has been a blast. 😎 The Golden Anniversary celebrations went well, I have managed to play with the vast majority of you at least once, we have installed some broken-tee containers and the changing room upgrade has finally been realised (with full credit to Edmée for her tenacity on that). My highlight though was the sea of red and white stripes for "Where's Woolley" - a long-held plan finally coming to fruition!
I have tried to be creative in my fund-raising efforts and have been blown away by everyone's generosity - the final total will be announced at the AGM.



Finally, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the smooth running of the club during my year and the enthusiasm with which all members embrace our activities both on and off the course! All the best to Gill and her team, and here's to another great year! 🥂

AROUND THE CORNER...

By the time some of you get round to reading this the AGM will have taken place and Gill Cain will be our Captain for the coming year - a few words below from our incoming captain...

"I am very proud and excited to be your Captain for the coming year and invite you all to come along to my Captain's Drive In's on Thurs 5th Nov and/or Sat 7th Nov at the start of the November medals. Come and play, or just come and support me as I try to drive off - eek!

Arrangements for our Christmas comps on Thurs 3rd Dec (Mince Pies) and our Christmas Meal on Sun 6th Dec (Range/Xmas Dinner/Secret Santa) are progressing and I hope to see as many of you as possible there. Details will be sent out imminently for you to sign up."



ELGC HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

It may have taken several years of nagging from the Ladies section - but it appears that good things come to those who wait. We finally have sparkly new toilets, automatic taps and a newly decorated, clean and fragrant changing room. Many of you have already tested the facilities out! A big thank you to Edmée for keeping the pressure up on Everyone Active - and to Simon Cottee for getting it done.

The par tree will be reinstated on the wall as soon as possible, along with some information about ELGC.





COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- **Membership:** our membership number currently stands at 79. A warm welcome to Alex Morel.
- **Social:** the Away Day was a sunny affair and a great way to sign-off on our summer social golf. Theale Golf Club proved to be a popular choice of venue, which definitely requires plotting your way around. ***Coming up:*** on Tues 16th February there will be a games evening combined with "shwapping" of clothes you no longer need.
- **Calendar:** the 2027 calendar is now available and will be put onto the website in a downloadable format as soon as possible.

UPDATES

COURSE / CLUBHOUSE: *from Simon, Course Manager*

- ***Seeding:*** we are endeavouring to get as many priority areas as possible. These are generally around greens and approaches caused by the drought conditions of this summer. The areas are too big to rope off or circle with paint. If you land on obviously seeded areas you may take free relief (not nearer the hole).
- ***New hole stabilising rings:*** *these* seem to be a positive addition with majority of feedback being good.
- ***De-compacting:*** 3 greens left work on with the new machine, which will be done over the next couple of weeks. We will then continue this process across fairways, prioritising the worst ones to aid surface drainage going into winter.
- ***Robot mowers:*** we're hoping they will help the course stay in a better condition than previously through the winter providing we don't encounter too many extreme weather events...
- ***New simulator technology in the shop:*** this has been upgraded and installed. It is bookable for people and groups to hire out by the hour to play a round of golf, get fitted for clubs or gap testing.

BEYOND THE CLUB

NAPGC & COUNTY NEWS / RESULTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

COUNTY:
Competitions for 2027 are HERE. Information and entry forms are all available on the front page of the website bwg.golf (on the right-hand side of the page). Make a note of the dates in your diaries.

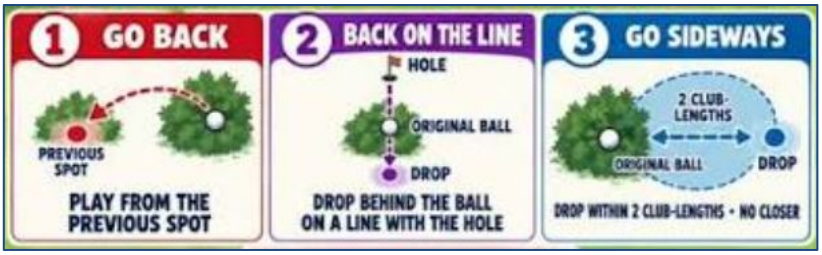
NAPGC:
The ***Mary Forster competition*** is a winter team comp. Each team is drawn into a group and then plays at each of those courses. A team comprises 3 players who play as individuals, but their scores are combined for each round to decide the winners of the group when all of the fixtures have been played.
Let Mandy know asap if you wish to be considered for one of the teams.

RULE OF THE MONTH



YOU ONLY KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW...

Unplayable Ball



This is covered by Rule 19.

The player is the one who decides whether the ball is unplayable.

If your helpful playing partner says “you can play that“ you may tell them in no uncertain terms to go away!

General area or Putting green (=everywhere except penalty areas and bunkers) There are 3 relief options. Penalty of one stroke.

1. Stroke and distance relief you can do this even if you don’t find the ball. You play your next shot from where you played the last one.

- If you have pulled your shot into a massive bit of garbage and you absolutely don’t want to find it you may take this option
- If you are going to look just in case or because you don’t want to lose your brand new Pro V1 don’t do this - hit a provisional instead: but note if you do find the first one you have to go with the ball in the horrible position, you can’t just switch to the lovely provisional that you played with loud cries of “why didn’t I do that the first time?”

Imagine you have found the offending ball - you now have 2 options:

2 . Back in line relief
You go back in a straight line between where the ball landed and the pin. As far back as you like but not nearer the hole. You may not want to do this if the line is further into the wilderness or if the best dropping place is 300 yards away.

3. Lateral relief
The ball can be dropped within 2 club lengths but not nearer the hole. If you don’t like the look of the area within 2 club lengths you can revert to one of the other 2 options .

Bunkers
If the ball is in a horrible position you can go with all 3 of the options above, but Options 2 and 3 must be still in the bunker.

If you are a particularly awful bunker player you may wish to go with:
4: Back of line relief outside the bunker = 2 penalty strokes.
You should then pray that you don’t put the damned thing back in there, and book a bunker lesson at the earliest opportunity!

If you are one of these irritating players who never ventures into horrible lies then please ignore this rule of the month.

TOP TIP: stay on the fairway!!



https://www.randa.org/players-rule-finder

COMING UP THIS MONTH

AGM & Presentation Evening	Tuesday 3rd November
November Medal	Thursday 5th November
November Medal	Saturday 7th November
November Stableford	Thursday 12th November
November Stableford	Sunday 15th November
Winter League 1 13H Non Q	Thursday 19th November
Winter League 1 13H Non Q	Saturday 21st November
Winter League 2 13H Non Q	Thursday 26th November
Winter League 2 13H Non Q	Saturday 28th November

AGM: don't forget this is on TUESDAY 3RD NOV. Start time is 19.00.

TIME CHANGE: don't forget the weekend tee times are now from 11.00am.

WINTER KO: first round matches need to be completed by November 30th

THE DETAILS

Winter League: is a stableford competition that runs through the winter.

- There are 5 rounds, but you don't have to play in them all
- Each one is a 13 hole non-qualifying comp *(can be reduced to 9 holes if the course is partially closed)*
- The winner is the player with the highest aggregate of their 3 best stableford scores

You can continue to play 18 holes and submit a card for handicap purposes, but you must declare this beforehand

There is a separate competition for Thursday and Weekend players - you can play in both if you enjoy winter golf that much! 😵

Legend has it that Lottie once won this having only played in one round!

PLANNING FURTHER AHEAD



CHRISTMAS GOLF: the Christmas events are as follows:

- ***Thursday 3rd December:*** fun 9 holes of golf followed by mince pies
- ***Saturday 5th December:*** fun 9 holes of golf for the purists. First tee is at 1.00pm, following the Men & Junior's Turkey Trot.
- ***Sunday 6th December:*** fun games in the dry on the range and in the function room, followed by lunch and the usual Secret Santa!

9 Hole fun /Christmas coffee comp	Thursday 3rd December
Friendly 9H comp (tees from 13.00)	Saturday 5th December
Christmas Comp & Lunch	Sunday 6th December
FRIENDLY - Texas Scramble	Thursday 10th December
FRIENDLY - Texas Scramble	Saturday 12th December
FRIENDLY - 2 scores to count	Thursday 17th December
FRIENDLY - 2 scores to count	Sunday 20th December
Christmas Hat FRIENDLY 9H - Texas scramble	Thursday 24th December
Christmas Hat FRIENDLY 9H - Texas scramble	Sunday 27th December
End of Year FRIENDLY - format tbc	Thursday 31st December

LINKS YOU MIGHT NEED

- **Club website (Members area):** https://www.easthampsteadgolfclub.co.uk/login/
- **County golf website:** https://www.bwg.golf/
- **NAPGC:** https://napgc.org.uk/
- **England Golf:** https://www.englandgolf.org/
- **Royal & Ancient:** https://www.randa.org/



NEXT NEWSLETTER - December 1st 2026

Items to: easthampsteadladiesgc@gmail.com Deadline: 20.11.26

