Easthampstead Ladies Golf Club
CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



There are currently so many things to feed back to the club we're going to trial copying the Men and having a Newsletter, so these things are in one place. Here is the first rather hurried effort. Do please feedback on the idea and format.
Hot off the presses *- work on the changing rooms starting soon!*

COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- **Membership:** we have gained a number of new members following the Texas Scramble evening, taking our membership total to 76. A big thank you to everyone who has helped, especially with marking cards.
  Tarnya Lansley - not the only Lansley that can play golf, now with a shiny new handicap
  Jane King – recently moved into the area, joining us from The Drift.
  Janice Harris – has completed three cards and now has a handicap.
  Emma Gale – has received her handicap, and 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 as a member
  Tina Francis - is in the process of gaining her handicap
- **Social:** *Rules Evening* - planned for Wed 9th Sept - out on the course, do join us at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
- **General:** *Hunting for golf balls* - we are in contact with a company which supplies 3-minute timers and are waiting for their new design to come out, sometime in October. We have seen a sample one and they are easily attached to a belt loop for quick activation when you start your ball search.

ELGC HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Ann Bryant Cup 2026: this is a county comp, knockout played off scratch, contested by the top 8 players from the Division 2 Spring Meeting (held at Downshire this year). The event has been running since 1957, originally as the Bronze Championship, so has plenty of history attached to it.
There were several all ELGC rounds, with the final a closely contested match at Ascot between our own Edmée Murray and Ritva Dean, with Edmée emerging as the winner - well done!!!



UPDATES

COURSE / CLUBHOUSE:

Update from Simon, Course Manager

- ***Ladies changing room & toilets:*** *the cubicles are all on order. Work will start on Tuesday 22nd September. (Editor's note: we have asked what the plans are whilst the Ladies toilets are out of action)*

- ***A new compound fence*** *has been erected around the greenkeeper's sheds. As per social media posts this is classed as a boundary fence or OOB and therefore free relief cannot be taken. The drain cover inside 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*** *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. Please remember that when hitting a bunker shot the sand moves forward, so when raking please start in front of the impact mark you make.*

- ***Compacted surfaces:*** *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.*

- ***This winter:*** *with the super El Nino weather pattern forecast 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.*

- ***Everyone Active:*** *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.*

RULE OF THE MONTH

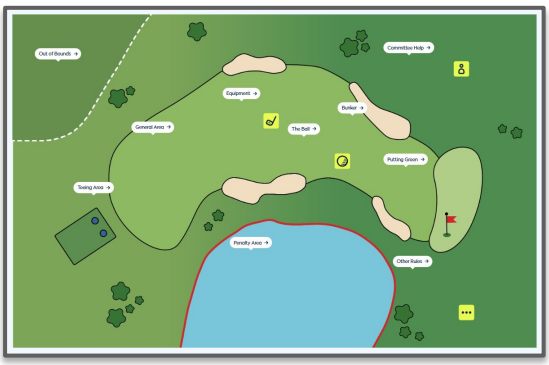
YOU ONLY KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW...

Hazel is going to write us a rule to feature here each month (but not for this edition as she is busy planning the Rules Evening!). Norma is compiling previous ones to go onto the area we have created on the website.

For this edition - we hugely recommend you downloading the R&A Rules of Golf app. It is a free app and quite user friendly. In essence it replaces the little books we all used to have which eventually get too dog-eared or soggy to use. Have a look at it online and then go to your app store.

The Committee has also been looking at small "instant guides" which can be attached to bags.

TOP TIP: visit this site to see what the rule finder is like: https://www.randa.org/players-rule-finder



BEYOND THE CLUB

NAPGC & COUNTY NEWS / RESULTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

COUNTY:

Captain's Dinner - Thursday 12th November at Sonning. After-dinner speaker will be Martha Brass, the current Chair of England Golf. Booking info HERE.

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).

NAPGC:

Kate and Al W are through to the Greensomes Pairs final which is on Sept 14th at Winter Hill. Good luck to them! *(Editors note: Kate has had several handicap cuts recently, a bit careless with a final coming up! 😉)*

Anne Butcher is helping to run all three days of the Finals weekend - thank you Anne for representing us and for all the hard work that entails.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

September Stableford	Thursday 3rd September
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FRIENDLY - Las Vegas Scramble	Thursday 10th September
September Medal	Sunday 13th September
September Medal	Thursday 17th September
Tim Brierley Four Sections Trophy: ELGC v Seniors match. (Also Men v Juniors)	Sunday 20th September
Millenium Trophy	Thursday 24th September
Millenium Trophy	Sunday 27th September

THE DETAILS

The Millenium Trophy is a stableford comp - you can enter it only once so sign up for the friendly on the alternate day.

Tim Brierley 4-sections: final round. This is a double-header day with all four teams playing. There are only 2.5 points between first and last place currently, with 8 points available to each team on the day - so all to play for. The trophy will be presented after play.

SUMMER KNOCKOUTS

SINGLES The final will be a Captain v Vice-Captain affair - with Al W taking on Gill Cain for the bragging rights

PAIRS This will be contested between Lynda & Mark Atherton and Alex Cram & Tom Evans

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:

Items to: secretary@easthampsteadladiesgolfclub.co.uk Deadline: 22.10.26