Easthampstead Ladies Golf Club
CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Thanks for all the positive feedback re the first issue of our newsletter. It looks like it is here to stay, for a while at least! There is a lot of info from the committee in this one, so do make sure you have a good look at that.

Thank you to everyone who bought into the Solheim Sweepstake which raised £180 for Daisy's Dream, and a lovely prize pot for Geoff Blewett, John Ledgard and Norma & Michael Moran!

COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Committee roles: we are a small club, with lots of people "doing their bit" both within and beyond the committee. One thing we would like to move to is having people shadow roles to enable better transitions. For example Liz has been shadowing Norma this year with a view to taking over as Membership Secretary. *It is not sustainable to have posts unfilled and expect members of the committee to fill the void as we have with the secretary role this year.*

- **Competitions Secretary:** would anyone like to shadow or share this role with Mandy over the coming season? Chat to Gill, Mandy or Al if you are tempted? Mandy's view is that it isn't too onerous, just needs good organisation skills.
- **Secretary:** Alex Hart has recently accepted an exciting volunteering role with the Royal Philharmonic and so is no longer able to take on the Secretary role for ELGC. Good luck Alex, we'll miss you being on the committee - but what an amazing opportunity! Is anyone else willing to step up and give the secretary role a try?

- **Membership:** two possible new members this month so our membership is heading to 80. We're looking forward to getting to know all of our recent new members in the upcoming comps.

- **'How Did I Do' app:** ***we would urge you all to get the new app*** as there isn't a way to verify your partners score using the web version, which delays the updating of their handicap. It requires Hazel to manually approve the score within the management system, and she isn't always available to do that. This has caused at least one handicap issue already. *If you still have the old app you should delete it*.

ELGC HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

NAPGC Womens Greensomes 2026: Kate Godfrey & Al W won a closely fought final at Winter Hill, against a mother & daughter pair from Thorney Park.

Double Champion: Amilie Clarkin has achieved an unprecedented double by winning both the Ladies and the Juniors club championships! 👏





MORE FROM THE COMMITTEE...

- **Broken tee pots:** one of Al's stated aims as Captain was to support us to be greener in our golfing. One thing that bothers her is plastic tees being mown over and becoming microplastics. We got approval from the complex to source containers for each tee box to put broken tees into. Liz's son has designed and created a prototype using his 3D-printer and the first batch of these have been installed! 👏 If all goes smoothly we will commission one for every tee box.



- **Friendlies:** At committee we have discussed how to manage tee groupings when there are people wanting to play a friendly rather than the competition. There are lots of reasons why this might happen / be needed, especially as we head into the winter. **However, moving forward we are not going to mix the tee groupings of those playing the comp and those doing a friendly.** This will mean that on some occasions you could find yourself as a lone friendly player and might need to recruit a buddy.

- **Social:** a great turn out for the recent *Rules Evening*. A big thank you to Hazel for planning it and Alex C for helping to deliver it, and to Dawn for making sure so many of us attended! We all now have a responsibility to retain what we have learnt and to pro-actively apply it. 😊

UPDATES

'End of Season' Complex newsletter - sent as an email attachment with this Club newsletter

COURSE / CLUBHOUSE:

Update from Simon, Course Manager

- ***Ladies changing room & toilets:*** *work is underway. Hopefully there isn't too much of a queue for the accessible loo halfway through your round whilst the work is being done!*

SEPTEMBER RESULTS

COMPS: the Stableford winners this month were Penny (W) and Jane King (Th), with runners-up Linda Mc and Kate G respectively. The Medal winners were Sandra Norris (Th), Linda Mc once again runner-up, and Ritva (W) 4 shots clear of Edmee. The Millenium Trophy was won convincingly by Denice Lowen.

SUMMER KNOCKOUTS: the mixed ko was won by Lynda & Mark Atherton, defeating Alex Cram and Tom Evans in a final that went to the 18th. The singles final was a Captain v Vice-Captain match - with Al Woolley coming out on top!

FOUR-SECTIONS: we drew our match with the Seniors, but they won overall to take the Tim Brierley trophy for this year. The new 3 match format seems to have been well received. There are a few tweaks planned, but do let us have any feedback. A sterling effort from the regulars who always sign up to play - but it would be great to have more Ladies joining in the fun for this event in 2027.

TIM BRIERLEY 4-SECTIONS 2026 — FINAL 2026 RESULTS

Each fixture comprises 8 matches: *4 x 4BBB & 4 x Singles*

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	HALF	LOST	TOTAL POINTS
SENIORS	3	13	1	10	13.5
MEN	3	11	3	10	12.5
LADIES	3	11	2	11	12
JUNIORS	3	9	2	13	10

RULE OF THE MONTH



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



YOU ONLY KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW...

Musings on Robotic Mowers

The mower is an **outside influence**.

- If you hit a robotic mower you play the ball where it ends up - even if it is in a worse position, even if it bounces off the offending mower into a hazard or even if it bounces out of bounds. (11.1b(1)
- If it lands on the mower and stays there - you get free relief one club length from your estimate of the first point it landed on the mower. This must be in the same area of the course, i.e. you can't move it out of a bunker or a penalty area, and must not be nearer the pin.
- If your ball is at rest and the mower runs over it and moves it - you must replace the ball in it's original spot (or your best estimate of it) (9.6). You may have seen when watching golf the great hilarity if a bird swoops down and takes the ball - it's the same rule. *This rule also applies if another player moves your ball (maybe plays it by mistake).*
- If the mower damages the ball you can replace it with a new ball *(if the ball was already damaged then you should play with better balls!!).*
- If a stationary mower is in your way it is an immovable obstruction (16.1a) you only get relief if it is in the way of your stance or swing - otherwise play round it.

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. Let Al W know if you want to join her on a table *(feeling lonely currently!)*.

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).

County Team Comp: as ever in this comp a great turnout from ELGC, providing a quarter of the field. Unfortunately none of our teams made it to the winners enclosure.

The incorporation of BWG to Berkshire Women's Golf Ltd is now complete. This means there is a new bank account - if you need details speak to Gill Cain.

NAPGC: It will soon be time to sign up for the winter series - for women that is the Mary Forster team competition. It involves playing 2 other teams at each course. We are entering 3 teams for this. Let Mandy know if you are interested.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Founders Nett SP/Bute Gross SP	Thursday 1st October
Founders Nett SP/Bute Gross SP	Saturday 3rd October
Daily Mail Foursomes / Friendly	Thursday 8th October
Daily Mail Foursomes / Friendly	Saturday 10th October
October Medal	Thursday 15th October
October Medal	Sunday 18th October
October Stableford	Thursday 22nd October
October Stableford	Saturday 24th October
FRIENDLY - Waltz	Thursday 29th October
FRIENDLY - Waltz	Saturday 31st October
AGM & Presentation Evening	Tuesday 3rd November

AGM: note this is on a TUESDAY. The paperwork will be landing in your Inbox soon. Start time is 19.00.

WINTER KO: let Gill know if you wish to enter this, whether you have a partner or not. Deadline is midnight on Oct 1st!

THE DETAILS

Founders Trophy: is a net stroke play competition
Bute Cup: is a scratch stroke play competition
...the above are both played alongside each other. You can enter only once so sign up for the friendly on the alternate day.

Daily Mail Foursomes: a national comp. Max handicap index for women is 25.0 - you can enter if higher but it will be capped. There are 8 rounds, culminating in a final in November. In 2026 this will be at El Rompido in Spain. the details for 2027 are not yet available. https://www.mailgolf.co.uk/
You can still play on this day as a friendly
Not sure what foursomes means? INFO HERE
AGM: support your club by attending this and welcoming in our new Captain & her committee.

FUND RAISING - a message from the Captain



Daisy's Dream
Supporting children through bereavement

As we near the end of my Captain's year I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU for all the generous contributions you have made to our fundraising efforts. The current total raised is an impressive £4572. I would love to make it to the target figure of £5000, so I am going to make a shameless plug - if anyone feels able to make a further contribution (with gift aid added) to help us towards that final target the link to the Just Giving page is here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/elgc-aw

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 - November 1st 2026
Items to: easthampsteadladiesgc@gmail.com Deadline: 29.10.26

