

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS GOLF SECTION COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022

Present:

Captain	Joe Francis (JF)
Vice Captain	Rob Smith (RS)
Past Captain	Dave Cuthbert (DC)
Honorary Secretary	Jim Johnston (JJ)
Competition Secretary	Doug Fletcher (DF)

Apologies: Mike Vine

Item 1 – Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record with one amendment. Para 3.9 should read “paid for by the Men's Section.”

Proposed: Joe Francis; Seconded: Dave Cuthbert

Item 2 – Matters arising from last meeting

2.1 The Committee have agreed that the following 3 names shall be put forward to the AGM with regard to the Singles Knockout Champion Honours Board: Queen Elizabeth II Cup, The Brunel Cup & The Tamar Cup.

2.2 The Website has been renewed at a discounted cost of £287.27 until May 2026.

2.3 From 2023 onwards the only competitions that will receive permanent momentos will be The Peter Gill and The Alan Harvey. Club and Handicap Champions will receive embroidered shirts.

Item 3 – Captain’s Report

3.1 Matchplay Trophy: This is awarded to the most consistent player during our friendly fixtures and will be decided after our last game at home to St.Mellion with 2 or 3 players still in the running.

3.2 Wallet: Appreciated that despite the vast majority of members being happy to accept the rationale behind the adoption of this new payment method, some members still feel strongly that it should have been put to a vote at the AGM despite it being advertised on numerous occasions at Monday prize giving with no adverse reaction or feedback. The Captain will cover this, again, at the AGM as part of the summary of his year in office.

(Please note: the Committee feel strongly that in accordance with the Constitution, article 9.1 “ The Management of The Section shall be vested in the Committee.....” the decision to alter the payment method is entirely justified as fair warning was given at the last AGM and occasions thereafter.)

Item 4 – Secretary’s Report

4.1 Fixture list now submitted to the Club for next season. St.Austell no longer a back-to-back fixture and it has been agreed to drop our unofficial fixture against Porthpean (see 7.6) as we already have a busy schedule. More qualifiers have also been included.

Item 5 – Competition Secretary’s Report

5.1 CFCC to provide a printout of % handicap reductions over the past year to establish the winner of Most Improved Player which is a fairer system than basing it on handicap reduction only which would only have resulted in higher handicap players winning.

5.2 DF highlighted the excessive costs of getting glass trophies engraved. It was agreed that they should be replaced when viable and more cost-effective replacements purchased.

5.3 DF would like to highlight the honesty and sportsmanship of Dave Callaghan who quickly corrected a mistake in his published Eclectic score which if left would have made him the winner. This is a great example of how golf is reliant on an individuals integrity to abide by the rules at all times even if doing so can penalise you personally. Well done Dave.....

5.4 A reminder that the winter Eclectic will begin 1 November, cost £3. Like all competitions this Winter we shall be adopting the same winter rules as the rest of the club i.e., lift, clean and place on closely mown areas only, NOT through the green. (*Through the green is covered by rule 16.3a, embedded ball and is seen as sufficient. The other change is the requirement to complete 3 qualifying Cards prior to the completion of this competition on 31 March 2023, see 7.3).*

Item 6 – Treasurer's Report

6.1 Balance in bank £2843.01, cash £615.00. Known expenses include Captains clothing £38, trophies approx. £600 and competition entry fees held £1213. This gives the Section a healthy balance of £1545. By year end this may increase to £1600 with 3 rollups to play.

Item 7 – Any Other Business

7.1 The Committee discussed a proposal from Rob Smith that a general play card should be submitted with Eclectic cards. As more qualifiers are already planned for next year and general play/Eclectic are, in effect, 2 separate competitions, it was felt unnecessary to impose this. However, if members wish to do both cards together, they are perfectly entitled to do so.

7.2 Jim Johnston asked the committee to consider restructuring the singles knockout competition. It is appreciated that there are not enough active members to justify separate high/low competitions, however, if we split the entrants by handicap, we can have the top half of the draw as lower handicappers and the bottom half higher handicappers. This should lead to more closely matched games with the 'winners' of each half meeting to decide the overall handicap Champion. The Committee agreed the concept and it will be introduced next year.

7.3 Minimum number of qualifying Cards to enter trophy competitions. This policy is already adopted by many clubs given that you could theoretically have just 1 card recorded on England Golf! But it should be noted that to maintain an accurate handicap it is recommended you should submit at least 20 cards. We will therefore be adopting a policy for all trophy competitions that all winners must have submitted a minimum of 3 qualifying Cards within the previous 6 months prior to the competitions, with the exception of the Eclectic where Cards must have been submitted prior to the closing date of the competition. For next year, that gives members over 5 months to submit 3 cards before the end date of the winter Eclectic and a full 6 months before the Peter Gill in May which is achievable given the qualifiers added to the fixture list and the opportunity to submit a casual card on most occasions you play.

7.4 The maximum handicap allowances for competitions is already well established and can be seen on the website under the Seniors – Competition link.

7.5 Picking of Partners: To clarify which competitions allow the picking of partners rather than a draw, they are the Turkey Trot, Doubles Knockout and selected future rollups nominated by the Captain.

7.6 The Committee have agreed to remove Porthpean as a friendly fixture. This fixture has always been unofficial and played March/October which is rarely good for weather and/or course conditions, indeed the fixture at Porthpean this month was cancelled due to a forecast of heavy rain. (Post meeting note: Porthpean have been informed and fully understand the situation and will be happy to reinstate the fixture if circumstances change).

7.7 Rob Evans asked if we could retain the 3-zone structure during winter months. It was felt that this was impractical due to the smaller numbers playing in winter, and if people continually selected the same zone there would be very little scope for mixing people up which is part of the ethos of the Section. However, if anyone has a strong preference for early/late times due to family or personal reasons this will always be favourably looked at.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 7th November with an anticipated start time of 1230.

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