

## Minutes

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 19:00

#### Apologies

Reg Clayton	President	P	Paul Bough	Captain	P
Nat Matchett	Secretary	P	Danny Armes	Vice-Captain	P
Paul Burford	Treasurer	A	Paul Bailey	Senior Captain	P
Dan Binch	H/Cap Secretary				
Matt Harvey	Gen Comm	P	Henry Binch	Gen Comm	P
Dave Hill	Gen Comm	P	Roy Cantrill	Gen Comm	P
Dale Marsh	Gen Comm	P	Paul Griffin	Gen Comm	A
John Webster	Gen Comm	P	Nigel Hart	Gen Comm	P
Derek Gillings	Gen Comm	P			
Dan Nelson	Gen Comm	A			
Grant Matchett	Management	P			

P = Present

A = Apologies

N = Not Present

#### Previous Minutes

Were read & accepted as a true record.

Proposed: DA Seconded: MH

#### Agenda

- Derek Gillings - Daniel Stonham has expressed an interest in running a junior section. This was met with positive acceptance from the management and committee. Discussed ideas around the running's and logistics e.g. needing a DBS check etc and free taster sessions with various bunker, nets and putting practice. All happy to support this venture. GM will get in touch with DS.

#### Matters Arising (Not on Agenda)

- N/A

#### Correspondence

- England Golf email - We have been informed by The R&A that the next edition of the Rules of Golf will come into effect from 1 January 2028, which is a year later than the more customary four-year gap between editions. They are delaying publication for a year so that the next edition of the Rules of Golf runs alongside the next edition of the Rules of Handicapping, which is beneficial in terms of ensuring consistency between both sets of Rules. Link to access Rules: [Published Assets](#)
- Notts PGA event at Nottinghamshire Golf Club on the 14th August - Clubhouse sports media have sponsored the Notts PGA for the 2025 season, and we will be holding a pro-am event in a few weeks. There would be no cost to you or the club, but a great opportunity to play with our PGA professional in the event. The tee off will be 9am with Bacon and coffee beforehand. **If you could let me know if this**

would be of interest to you and 2 other committee members. MH, AH, DA expressed interest. NM has emailed them.

## **Management Report**

- Lots of cutting, watering and maintaining course, pathways and fences. Ordered wetting agents.
- DM said greens looking and playing great and if could get them like this earlier in year. GM mentioned all down to weather as we know had a very wet winter and dry summer. Can sometimes overwater and that's why cutting at 5ml at moment not to over cut and wet greens. Use of temp greens and pathways etc will continue to help in winter and get course ready as early as can each season but was still wet and frosts late last year into new season.
- Greens been needle tined and verticut
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> replaced and repainted OOB
- New buggy shelter extension
- Greens machine had issues and needed new bearings, seals and blades, blades are being bedded in
- Derek Gillings and made a new bin for us – thank you
- Disappointing bookings for this Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> joint Edna Davis Open and Marie Curie Charity Golf Day so far
- Brighter note Danny Armes has been helping on course and in the clubhouse and we have had a work experience student with us this week Joel who is also a member and from Sutton Centre Academy learning about the course and club management
- Nat has had England Golf Project Manager Andy Gray visit about her work with having Physio students here at the club helping with golf injury resources and is taking her work nationally to roll out having Physio's in all golf clubs
- **Night Golf Sat Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** – first 40 places, shot gun start, pairs Texas scramble. £20 members and includes free drink with 9 holes. £30 visitors. Nearest pin all par 3s.
- **Paul Bailey** – dedicated a memorial bench to his wife Margeret who sadly passed this April. It's made of recycled material, easy to maintain and will be overlooking the Hardwick views on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our deepest condolences go to Paul and his family at this sad time.

## **Captains Report**

Since our last meeting we have had the captains home day, this was a 3-man team event it was a shame and surprise that only 13 teams entered, a total of just 39 people.

We then had the Summer presentation night, followed by a disco/karaoke, it works better than just a presentation night alone and we had about 45 people attend.

The 2nd chance arrangement left £298 outstanding in vouchers that wasn't collected which is was a shame. But most of the immers did attend – thank you for supporting me in my first one as Captain.

I would like to thank Natalie, Dan Binch, and Paul Burford for all the work they do up front and to Jodie for updating the trophy board, and my vice-captain Danny Armes for helping me present the trophies.

We held a friendly game at South Chesterfield (Grassmoor Golf Club) on the 22nd of July, I would like to thank all those that attended some at very short notice.

Pleased to say that we won 4.5 to 1.5, I am arranging the second leg, hopefully Wednesday 27th August, this will be an annual competition, and we will be playing for a trophy.

I will donate the trophy, it will be called the Grass Fore Trophy

Captain v Vice Captain is on Saturday 23rd of August anyone wishing to play, please put your names on the list, which is on the bar, teams will be picked on Thursday 21st of August.

I will be hosting the second funday competition, golfer, non – golfer on August 25th, bank holiday Monday, the list is already posted, this event gets extremely well attended, please put your names down as soon as possible

Paul H Bough IENG MIET S/M

BFGC Manager & Captain 2025-26

### **Treasurer Report**

Apologies sent, no reoprt.

### **Handicap/Competition Secretary Report**

Hi All,

Massive thanks to everyone involved with the organisation and running of the Presentation Night. Special mentions to Nat and Burf for all their help.

The Summer League and Majestic Trophy Match Play competitions are underway, please arrange matches as soon as possible,

All 2025 competitions have been added to Master Scoreboard. Members are reminded they need to book into major comps through BRS at least two weeks before the date of the competition.

It has been brought to my attention that there was an occurrence of a group of 5 players playing in the competition this weekend. It has been reported that this may have been due to slow play by groups out in front of these players. Club rules state that groups in competitions should not exceed 4 players.

The presentation night mentioned earlier was fairly well attended by trophy winners. however, shortly after the presentation many people left. I would like us to consider our options for the Xmas party and how members would prefer to celebrate our winners. All discussed different ideas and many like the idea of a LIVE band for something different (the night will still be FREE to attend), and linking with a golf event as more people are around which has worked well in the past. Plus spreading the presentation into two halves with the band playing in between etc. Different ideas to raise money were also discussed. GM to look into adding any options on card reader machine.

Many Thanks,  
Dan.

### **Scratch Team Captains Report**

Done really well since AH joined as Captain. The final against Ruddington was 4 ½ - ½ with GM stepping in last minute. Over all joint top for finish and awaiting results from Mandy Bee Notts Secretary for final outcome against Mapperley as down to leg decisions.

GM also thanked AH as new Captain doing well and is hard when let down last minute as matches often on a Monday at 4.30pm so thanks to those that have stepped in.

### **Alliance Team Report NAPGA (Alliance) [napga.co.uk](http://napga.co.uk)**

This competition is for Nottinghamshire based clubs. The season runs from August until the end of May, with a winter break.

Season 2025/2026

1st round is at Newark GC on 27th August.

Team Captain Jason Coupe.

### **Senior Taskers Team A Report**

Taskers Inter Club Knockout Competition

This is a competition for Ladies and Gents who are over 50.

Teams of 7 compete in a match play situation.

Brierley Forest A team play Brierley Forest B team in quarter final on Sunday 10th August. Venue BFGC.

Anyone who would like to be considered for selection should add there contact details to the team sheets on the notice board.

A Team Captain is Derek Gillings.

B Team Captain is Shaun Ballantine

### **Senior Taskers Team B Report**

Apologies sent – no report

### **Senior Captains Report**

Matches Completed:

Tapton park away – won 4-2

Alfreton away – lost 3.5 – 2.5

Both excellent matches played in great conditions. Well done to all who participated.

Fixtures Remaining:

Bulwell Forest Hime Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July

Oakmere Away Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (Nigel Hart to Captain)

Despite several phone calls, voice messages etc it's not been possible to rearrange the home fixture versus Oakmere. I have obtained a further contact at Oakmere to confirm the away fixture.

Alfreton Home Mon 29<sup>th</sup> September availability sheets have been posted for the remaining fixtures.

I will confirm the Oakmere fixture in due course.

**Juniors Captain Report**  
No Report

**Ladies Captain Report**  
No Report

#### **AOB**

- DM – wondered if any ideas how to encourage more players to go in comps. DB reported on average 20-25 play midweek comps (most 35 all Summer) and approx. 60 in sat/Sun comps. Lots of ideas discussed and reasons for barriers of why some do and some won't. All to come next time with further ideas. In meantime DG suggested to look at putting monthly winners on TV screens used for advertising in clubhouse and PB suggested for NM to send a mini poll to members to ask against any motivations, challenges etc about why they would/would not play in competitions.

**Finished – 8.35pm**  
**Next Meeting – Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025, 7pm**