

Agenda
Tuesday 24th March 2026 – 19:00

Apologies

Reg Clayton	President	A	Paul Bough	Captain	
Nat Matchett	Secretary	P	Danny Armes	Vice-Captain	
Paul Burford	Treasurer	P	Vacant	Senior Captain	
Dan Binch	H/Cap Secretary	P			
Matt Harvey	Gen Comm	P	Henry Binch	Gen Comm	P
Dan Nelson	Gen Comm	P	Roy Cantrill	Gen Comm	P
Dale Marsh	Gen Comm	P	Paul Griffin	Gen Comm	A
John Webster	Gen Comm	P	Derek Gillings	Taskers A	P
Nigel Hart	Gen Comm	P	Sean Ballentine	Taskers B	P
			Aaron Hopkinson	Scratch Captain	A
			Jay Coupe	Alliance Captain	A
Grant Matchett	Management	P			

Previous Minutes

Were read & accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Paul Bough Seconded: Nigel Hart

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- NIL

Matters Arising (Not on Agenda)

- NIL

Correspondence

- NIL

Management Report

Clubhouse report

- A new coffee machine will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- A new gambling machine has been installed. New card lottery one to come.
- A new hand dryer has been purchased just waiting on installation.
- A new energy efficient kettle has been purchased and in use.
- New light bulbs have been fitted and more electricity work in the clubhouse will be done in the coming weeks with sensors etc.
- Simulator has been taken down 2/3 new dart boards will be fitted in the back room.
- New food menus will be coming out very soon too.
- Our first veterans breakfast club will be this Saturday

- We've been to 2 award ceremonies (England Golf and Mansfield and Ashfield Business Awards for 'Community Impact' categories) around the work Nat has done incorporating Physio students into golf and looking at injury prevention resources, mobility and strengthening advise to aid golf performance) but unfortunately we didn't win but nice to have the recognition and put bfgc on the map.
- A lot of the clubs bags etc have now been sold from the pro shop.
- A new pop dispense system will be fitted in the next month with more variety of drinks added.
- New till and card machine system coming
- Slight change to prices for menu food and beer to be announced at AGM inline with the new financial year and inflation

Course

- Bunker sand delivered and bunkers are being filled and improved which will be ongoing throughout the season. Most of bunkers will be in play this weekend and fairway mats will taken off this weekend too hopefully.
- Turf cutter arrived today for revetting of the bunkers.
- Greens will be dressed and spiked next week
- Hedges have been cut along the foot path on the 1st. Unfortunately to wet to do any on the course but will be done in August hopefully.
- A new leg for the trailer has been fitted.
- 10 tonne of crushed stone should be arriving this week for the ditch on the 6th.
- We should have 6 buggy's available to hire this year instead of 5.
- Extra ditches have been added to the course to help with drainage this will continue throughout the season.
- Most of the stumps have been removed with our new stump grinder.
- A new bridge has been fitted on the 9th hole
- Pot holes have been filled in near the clubhouse.

As this is our final meeting of the season, we want to take a moment to thank each of you for your time, commitment, and support throughout the year. From running competitions and presentations to keeping the club moving forward behind the scenes, your contribution has been invaluable to the members and to the club as a whole.

Thank you,
Management Team

Captain's Report

This will be my final committee meeting as captain of BFGC, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few well-deserved thankyou's

First, to the committee for their support over the year, the unpaid heroes who give up their time to support the club and a big thankyou to the working committee, Dan Binch, Handicap and Competitions secretary, Natalie Matchett, Club Secretary and Paul Burford, Treasurer, without these people, we would not be able to gain an handicap and many more running's of the club and comps they do behind the scenes.

To the bar staff, trying to put on a cheerful face despite us all.

To all our members who have stuck by us, year on year, even when the course has had to close for a period of time at the beginning of the year many weeks of the year.

My biggest thankyou is to our green staff, a small team , not only working up to 60 hours a week in the summer and starting at 4am, but working through the week in the winter through adverse conditions, I believe they have done a fantastic job trying to improve the drainage and overall quality of the course, I hope you all agree.

My captain's home and away days were a terrific success, and I would like to thank all that contributed to make that happen, (Dan Binch, Paul Burford, Danny Armes, Dan Nelson, Derek Gillings)

Raffles

I found these most disappointing, apart from my captain's days, I lost money on every raffle and often received criticism of the prizes on the table, but again I would like to thank all that donated prizes to me

Captain's Charity

There is no doubt that the major contribution is during the 6 months of Spring and Summer, the major input coming from the football cards, although, I missed a few opportunities

Cheltenham

Grand National

Just to inform you, Jeff Thorpe, Grant Matchett and I donated all winning from the football cads back to my charity

Captain's Charity Final Contribution

Has you all have known, my charity was for a local force's veterans club, and I am pleased to say that because of the above and a major contribution from Silverwood Galvanisers in Ireland, I raised a total of £5,765 pounds

Outgoing message

It has been an honour and a privilege to be voted in has BFGC Captain for 2025-26, I will always wear my captains coat with pride

I wish Danny Armes, the incoming captain and his elected vice-captain every success for 2026-27, remember, there are a lot of people you can turn to for support.

Paul H Bough IENG MIET S/M

BFGC Manager & Captain 2025-26

Treasurer Report

Nothing much to report apart from paying for Taskers A Team. Thanks, Paul

Handicap/Competition Secretary Report

Good evening everyone.

With very few competitions or handicapping events taking place over the last few months I have very little to report.

After a slight admin error, the Open comps (including seniors Opens) are now available to book through BRS.

The upcoming Stableford and Medal Finals Qualifiers can be found on Handicap Master under series and eclectics. Anyone inside the top 50 has qualified as well as any divisional winner in a weekend singles played over 18 holes.

With the Summer League reaching its final stages I will drawing the Presidents trophy on Friday 27th March.

We need to allocate a new date for the Postponed Valentines Trophy from February. I would suggest the 18th and 19th April, and adding 2 OOM's later in the year? All agreed to these dates and NM to update in new fixtures booklet before sends out.

If everyone is happy with the fixtures for the 2026 season, I will add the fixtures to Handicap Master and BRS.

Many Thanks

Dan.

Scratch Team Captains Report

Entered and awaiting fixtures

Alliance Team Report NAPGA (Alliance) napga.co.uk

Paul Burford currently 1st place amateur individuals. Club currently 6th overall.

Senior Taskers Team A Report

Round 1 vs Bakewell A, arranged for Sunday 29th March 2026.

Venue BFGC, at 12.00.

Members, please see notice board for team selection.

Thanks, Derek

Senior Taskers Team B Report

Playing away Chatsworth 10th April, 10am on 9 hole course.

Sean Ballentine

Senior Captains Report

Seniors friendly away at Bulwell Forest unfortunately lost 147 – 141 but good effort by all

Juniors Captain Report

No Report

Ladies Captain Report
No Report

AOB

- 1) Nat M - We hope to see many of you at the AGM, and we'd be delighted if you would consider putting your names forward again for committee roles. Your experience and support make a huge difference, and we truly appreciate everything you do.
- 2) Dan Binch – unfortunately I can no longer run drawn or zoned drawn comps through BRS unless we have golf genius. I maybe able to have a look but options are we pay golf genius (option 1 £1000 plus £149 or option 2 £3050 plus £149) and leave Handicap Master (£637 last year) or reserve tee times on BRS and members go back to booking on Handicap Master where can still run the draws and create start sheets
- 3) Dan Binch – due to adverse weather Jan-March Winter League are being combined as not enough for a monthly winner
- 4) Dan Binch – Paul Bailey previous Senior Captain and member we have been informed and the family and friends of Paul wanted to share Paul is sadly terminally ill.
- 5) Matt Harvey – Gary Pearce from Ashfield Installations and formal member is contributing to Geoff Burtons memorial bench
- 6) Danny Armes – some Captains fixtures needed altering in new Fixtures booklet an confirming Captain Away Day will be at Hickleton, NM to sort. Nearest pin each Sunday has started and Danny is contributing with these funds towards any outstanding monies form Gary Pearce to the memorial bench for Geoff Burton

Finished 8.01pm

Next Meeting – Committee: Tues 5th May 2026, 7pm

AGM: Sat 4th April 2026, 7pm