

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THREE RIVERS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 14th July 2025**

Members:

Matt Fawcett (MF)	Club Captain & Competition	Pat Phillips (PP)	Secretary
Ian Brookes (IB)	Handicap Secretary	Toby Morgan(TM)	General Manager
Kathy Lane (KL)	Ladies Captain	Nigel Sim (NS)	Treasurer
Peter White (PW)	Club Captain/Chair		
Gary Peachey (GP)	Management		
Ruth Collins (RC)	Rules & liaison	Paul Tracey (PT)	Head Greenkeeper

Item	Reports and Discussion	Action Owner & Target Date
1. Attendees	Apologies for Absence Paul Tracey, Gary Peachey, Peter White	
	PP introduced John Gibbs on his Role as competition Secretary due to Matt Fawcett stepping down	
2. Previous meeting	Minutes proposed by Nigel Sim, seconded by Ruth Collins Therefore accepted as Approved	PF to publish on members website. MF to place in folder.
3. Matters Arising	Survey Update: TM advised that he had a meeting with the county officer on the 18 th July to discuss the survey in line with MY EG Proposals and he was hoping to still issue survey in line with the 28 th July date previously issued.	TM to issue to members no later than the 28 th July
	Electronic Payments: NS stated that the electronic payment system had now been registered with Club Systems, he confirmed that the cost would be 1% +20p of all transactions. NS also stated that the running cost would be around £350 per year on a £20,000 turnover. Moving forward, the issue we have is Nat West agreeing Signatories.	NS to review and report back at August Meeting
	Website: PP advised that the website was getting a lot of viewings and moving forward it would be updated around the 20 th of every month	
	Cadet Section: TM advised that to date we now have 23, 7 day kings Cadets & 38, 7Day Jubilee Cadets. It was discussed that we need someone to organize a new cadet section. It was previously discussed that Matt from the pro shop run this. TM advised he did not feel this would work and we should look at	

	<p>someone from in the club. PP advised that Samantha Burrige was keen to help. It was agreed that we would approach her on his subject. RC stated that we would have to implement blue tess to allow the cadets to obtain a handicap.</p>	
	<p>Club Cabinet: PP advised he had spoken with Roy Parker, and he had advised he is too busy to commit to the cabinet and it was agreed that the club would look at other means to make this. PP to ask Peter Mannering if he could do this</p>	<p>PP to speak with Peter Mannering and report back in August Meeting</p>
	<p>Tee Cone Proposal: PP asked IB if he had issued the tee cone proposal to the management for consideration. IB response was at present no, but it would be issued prior to the next meeting</p>	<p>IB to issue proposal</p>
	<p>Member of the year: Nominations have been provided for member of the year. PP advised that these nominations were for work carried out over the 12 calendar months and not over several years. RC disagreed with this statement. She felt it should be over several years. The members agreed it was for 12 months. A vote was taken on nominees, and Richard Jordan was voted as member of the year for his work within the Senior Section and his work on Club V1 since taking over from Peter Fricker</p>	<p>PP to inform Richard Jordan</p>
<p>4. Captains Report</p>	<p>Captains Report:</p> <p>The past month has been all about the Club Championships, which were a great success with increased numbers in many of the competitions. We had a lot of members staying behind on the Men's club championship to watch our champion Mike Harding come in to retain his title. Everybody commented upon the days positively and of course the sun always helps. A big thank you to our green staff for getting the courses in great condition.</p> <p>The seniors are doing well in their competitions and our John Day team are now in the semifinals, so we look forward to that. Our Curry Cup team are also still in with a chance, and we pray that all works out for them. We have the President's Putter this weekend and the Captain's charity day and Captains days both coming up in the next month or so, it's not often I say this but let's hope we get some rain in the meantime to keep the course going.</p> <p>Thanks to Toby for his ongoing support and sorting out our posters for these competitions.</p> <p>Peter White Club Captain/ Acting Chairman</p>	

<p>5. Lady Captains Report</p>	<p>Lady Captain Report:</p> <p>The ladies’ section is running well, our 36 hole Club Championship and Big Bertha competitions were well attended, it was a lovely day with great weather and some very close scores. Trophies were presented, and it was lovely to have all the ladies stay for the presentation. 2025 Club Champion 2025 Handicap Trophy - - 2025 Big Bertha Trophy - Jo Stentiford. Jan Tindale Julie Champion Congratulations to all our winners. Our Harris bowl team have one more round to play this will be away to Thorndon Pk on 31st July, Caroline Crispin is doing a fantastic job, and it has been wonderful to see so many new faces enjoying this experience, it’s all to play for. The ladies entered 2 teams into the Maylands Open and Jackie Lythgoe, Jane Hatfield, Sharon Warrington and Jo Stentiford took the winning prize. Congratulations ladies. Our knockout competitions have fallen slightly behind schedule due to extended holidays; we are aware of this and hopefully we will get back on track asap. Jane Hatfield is keeping a very close eye on the situation. And finally, my Lady Captains Day is scheduled for Monday 21st July. To date I have 30+ Kings and Jubilee ladies signed up and I anticipate a fun day with good friends. My thanks to Toby for the 4 Ball voucher which will be raffled on the day for our charity, Lennox Children’s Cancer Fund.</p> <p>Kathy Lane. Lady Captain.</p>	
<p>6. Treasure’s Report</p>	<p>Treasures Report:</p> <p>I am pleased to report that as at 11th July, we have an excess of income over expenditure of £1,850.16.</p> <p>There is £1,492.00 of the Captains Honorarium to be paid out, but traditionally that is spent on the Captains Charity Day and Peter’s Captains Day. We have to get the Trophies engraved and this is being undertaken in August. We have an accrual of £500 for this from 2024 but as we have to get two years-worth of engraving, I anticipate the cost to be another £500.</p> <p>The new 100 Club started in July, and we already have 57 members who have either renewed their membership or are new members. Once again, I urge all of you to consider joining the 100 Club as it not only offers you an opportunity to show that you are supporting your club but also it gives you a chance to win big cash prizes. Over the last twelve months, we paid out £2,245 to lucky winning members. Basically, “you’ve got to be in it, to win it”.</p> <p>I am going to give you a breakdown on how the 100 Club funds are being spent, for the sake of transparency. The first year of</p>	

	<p>running the 100 Club finished in June 2024 and during that time we raised £4,555. We paid out £2,265 to lucky members out of the Cash Fund. The Project Fund paid a number of items as follows. New team Shirts and Tops for the representative teams came to £4300. With contributions from the participants, the Project Fund paid £2,565 of that bill. We allocated £62 to set up the Lionel Platts Commemorative wall in the clubhouse and donated £75 to the Ladies Section. On the day of the presentation, a further £100 was allocated to a forgotten member of the Green-staff in their Xmas Box, as there weren't sufficient donations to cover this. Finally, Darren Shilliam spent a lot of time and hard work re-arranging the mixed friendly with Stock Brook Manor. It was felt that the Committee should recognize his hard work and this important fixture with our sister club, and a donation of £115 was made to be spent as he saw fit. This is an annual fixture, home and then away, which will in future be funded by the players. The total cost came to £5,172. We have a further £3,330 on the Project Account so I would appreciate ideas on how this could be spent. I will be sending out an email to all members to seek their suggestions as well.</p> <p>I have initiated the process with ClearAccept via Club V1, to instigate electronic payments for competitions and the process is ongoing. The costs are 1% + 20p per credit transaction and a PCI Compliance charge of £5.99 p/m. On my previous "what if scenario", it will cost us in the region of £350.00 per annum.</p> <p>All in all, we are progressing towards a breakeven situation or even a small profit this year</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Nigel Sim, Treasurer</p>	
<p>7. Handicap Secretary Report</p>	<p>Handicap Secretary Report:</p> <p>I have emailed a member regarding the importance of entering scores after you have signed in, he has been given a warning that his handicap will be suspended for some time. He has replied and understands this.</p> <p>I have also clarified with another member regarding how to attest a score on England Golf as I don't want County or England Golf checking our club, as they are doing this at present. Also any errors will not help our team captains and may lead to our teams being disqualified.</p> <p>We have had a lot of members putting cards in which is a positive move as we have a lot of social golfers with no</p>	

	<p>handicaps.</p> <p>Once the system is in place where members pay for there competitions before entering it will elevate the time scale for competitions results to be published.</p> <p>Ian Brookes Handicap Secretary</p>	
<p>8.Rules</p>	<p>Rules & Liaison:</p> <p>I am little concerned re the possible new rules for County matches next year. The ladies' section has put out some new rules which for the ladies won't cause any problems but may do considerably for the men. I have tried to get confirmation of any new rules for the EGU but according to what they are saying, the rules won't be put out till September, and they also say they haven't formalized any changes yet.</p> <p>However, if new criteria do come in, which according to the ladies is the requirement of 7 competition cards and a full handicap of 20 cards there will be many male members who will be illegible to play on their present competition scores and with winter approaching difficult to get competition rounds played. I checked just 2 members of the John Day team for example, and both had plenty of general play scores but only 2 competition ones.</p> <p>Now I cannot say whether the ELCGA have jumped the gun or the EGU have not decided yet, time will tell!!</p> <p>RE RATING OF THE YELLOW TEES ON THE KINGS AND YELLOW & WHITE ON THE JUBILEE</p> <p>I contacted the EGU re this issue but was told that the request needed to come from management, so I did speak to Toby about putting in a formal request, but this re rating probably won't be done till next year at the earliest.</p> <p>Ruth Collins</p>	
<p>9.Green Keepers Report</p>	<p>Green Keepers Report:</p> <p>It's fair to say July has really turned up the heat! We've had some scorching days lately, with temperatures well into the high 20s and even touching the low 30s at times. On top of that, we've had those persistent dry winds, which have made it a real challenge to keep moisture in the ground — especially on the greens and tees.</p> <p>We've been flat out trying to stay ahead of the drying conditions, even setting up a mobile sprinkler on some</p>	

	<p>approaches to stop cracking on the surface. When you've got temperatures pushing 30°C and winds gusting at over 15–20 mph, the turf dries out incredibly fast. Even with the irrigation system running at full tilt and the team hand-watering daily, it's been hard to keep on top of things.</p> <p>Some of you might've noticed a few straw-coloured patches creeping in — that's what we call heat scorch. It happens when the combination of hot sun, wind and low humidity dries out the leaf quicker than we can get water back in. The worst of it tends to show up on exposed spots and high areas, especially where airflow increases evaporation.</p> <p>We're managing it as best we can with targeted wetting agents and adjusting mower heights slightly to ease the stress on the playing surface.</p> <p>A huge thank you to everyone who played in the Club Championship — what a weekend! Considering the conditions, the course held up really well and it was great to see so many positive comments coming in. The greens were rolling nicely, the bunkers were tidy, and we even managed to keep the fairways looking pretty sharp despite the weather.</p> <p>Massive congratulations to the winners.</p> <p>Looking ahead, we'll be continuing with light aeration work where needed, mainly to help with water movement and keep the roots healthy. We're also keeping a close eye on stressed areas and will treat them with wetting agents and stressbusters accordingly.</p> <p>Thanks again to all the members for your support and patience — and for understanding how tough these extreme conditions are on the course. We're doing everything we can to keep things playing well and looking tidy.</p> <p>Enjoy your golf and keep a water bottle handy.</p> <p>Paul Tracey, Course Manager.</p>	
<p>7. Any Other Business</p>	<p>NS raised an issue brought to him by Daen Dunn who had asked if the committee would consider funding entries to Essex Competitions. PP advised that the committee had paid for members this year to enter Essex Competitions and that the committee would consider looking at this in the future.</p>	

	KL advised the committee following the meeting with various ladies and PP, TM and Wayne Feltham to discuss mixed events for next year she would just like to review this with the ladies' section before its agreed	
Date of next meeting: -	Monday 11 th August 18.00	

Signed.....

Chairman