

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting held on: Tuesday 13th September at 2.30pm

MINUTES

In Attendance: Janice Bailey (Lady Captain)
Jane Paine (Lady Vice Captain)
Jackie Wilson – Treasurer
Sue Saunders – Secretary
Pam Chard
Lynda Notley
Jackie Stoodley
Wendy Handford

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – These were approved and signed by LC.
3. **Matters Arising** – Doug Proctor Trophy: LC has had an email from Richard Pearce saying they would now like to rearrange this event and asked the LC if it was possible to find a date to play it in October, November or December. Two Sundays in October were already taken with a mixed event but LVC will have a look at the diary. PC said that it used to be played on a Thursday, but there may be something in the rules now about weekends only.
ACTION: LVC

LC & LVC had a conversation with Reunert to confirm that all our nominated Officers are full playing members. Reunert confirmed that the County Delegate is not an elected Committee Member but appointed by the Ladies Committee. Therefore Jackie Stoodley was fine to hold this position.

The Treasurer confirmed that the County Delegate had been paid £9 travel expenses on to her Bar Card for her trip to the last Delegates Committee meeting at Dorchester Bowls Club.

4. **Reports**

a) **Lady Captain**

i) Capco & Manco

LC had a conversation with Andy Windsor about our WHS representative being on the KHGC Handicap Committee. LVC has been to one meeting this year, comprising the 2 Vice Captains and Andy W. This was mostly about the men but 3 ladies had minor adjustments to their handicaps. In future Jackie W would sit on this Committee as was suggested by the County WHS Committee. The Club Handicap Committee should meet in October, November or December.

ii) General

Coffee Morning: This was a great success and the LC thanked everyone for their help and support. The money taken on the day was **£639.42**. **Comprising:** Raffle: £283.00, Tombola: £55, Putting: £72.42, Stalls: £138.00, Lupus items: £61.00 and donations: £30. £1,110.00 was taken in entry fees minus £180.00 for pastries and 6 jugs of coffee. In total we made approx. £1,479.42 for Lupus UK.

Social: Quiz Night 30th October

b) **Secretary –**

Megan was brilliant the evening before the Coffee Morning when she came back to work to help sort out all the tables. She was back in the next morning at 8am. There was an issue with the toilets during the morning but Andy W knew where to find Andy Parsons who then cleared them extremely quickly.

c) **Treasurer –**

£50 or 70% of the Gwen Howe Trophy entry fee is usually donated to The MacMillan Trust. JW queried with Reunert whether the Club would waive their 30% cut from the entry fee. This was not possible but he suggested that the ladies take the donation out of their £1,000 fund. This was voted for unanimously. **Action: SS**

It was unanimously agreed to pay £20 to Trophy winners at the AGM and £10 for the runners up - £660 in total. At the moment we have £558 collected with two competitions to go.

d) **County Delegate -** The County AGM is to be held on 19th October, 2pm at Dudsbury.

5. **2023 Diary – LVC**

There was much discussion at Capco regarding the weekend tee time for the ladies. The main argument put forward by LVC was that the ladies should be valued as an equal part of the Club and have a sensible playing time at the weekends.

It was noted that all mens and seniors board competitions start at 9am or 8.30am. They did listen to the LVC and then Capco came up with a few suggestions, offering possibly an 8-9.30am start time. Mike Welch asked about how many ladies might turn up – LVC said the Riseborough Cup had a joint field of 42 ladies, recently a medal had 30 and the Windsor Cup had 33. It was stated that not including the ladies at a sensible time could be seen as discrimination. LVC read out a resolution which Capco refused to vote on as they wanted further discussion.

There is a new Sub Committee to discuss the ladies tee times, to include: LVC, LC, Simon (VC), Reunert and Andy W. This will take place after Reunert gets back from holiday. The CapCo Minutes need amending so that they include the resolution put forward by LVC and that no vote was taken, in case we need to take further action. **ACTION: LVC**

LVC suggested at the Capco meeting that as everyone will be affected by the changes next year, why not put it on hold and just introduce more general play. Nothing will happen until the new Captain takes over.

It was agreed that LVC could give a copy of the 2022/23 Diary to Grace . **ACTION: LVC**

Jackie S, Sally H and LVC have compiled a Survey for the Ladies to complete regarding General Play Tuesdays. This will be given out at the Members Open next week. They were thanked for their time and effort.

6. WHS – Jackie Wilson

JW attended a County WHS meeting and the notes from that meeting are in **Attachment “A”** at the end of these Minutes.

Some point will be put in a Newsletter and will be brought up at the AGM. **ACTION: LC**

The Ladies Divisions at Knighton Heath (based on hcp index) need to be looked at as they are not quite in line with the County Divisions. **ACTION: new LC**

It was noted that if you play at another Club and enter your score on the England Golf App while in the vicinity of the Club, this will count for your handicap. You do not have to get your card signed by the Pro Shop.

The leaflets below are also part of **Attachment “A”**

Embedded ball

Bunkers – Abnormal Conditions

County Advisors on WHS are going to a meeting with England Golf this Autumn regarding any other changes, this will be rolled out at the County level next Spring.

7. Committee Members

The Sign Up Sheet had gone up and the CVs for new posts and new Committee members: LC, LVC, Penny Y, Jan B, Sally and Sharon had been received by the Secretary. Wendy Hanford and Lynda Notley were thanked for their help on the Committee. They have said they would help next year when they can.

8. Forthcoming Events & Results

- a) Members Open – 20th September.** Andy W has been asked not to charge the ladies for this event. It would be followed by a buffet in the same style as at the Invitation Day. Play would be in teams of 4, 2 Stableford scores to count - 85% handicap. Andy would be asked to make up the cards. **ACTION: LC**

The Ladies Committee would check the cards when returned. Ghost players would be used for teams of 3. Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd. £20, £15, £10. + little something. NPT 11th Prize: Prosecco

- b) Bramshaw/Broadstone Eclectic – Thursday 22nd September**

This is taking place at Broadstone this year. Maureen Dilkes and Lin Levens play in the morning with Sally Hawkridge and Sharon Aldrich in the afternoon. We wish them good luck.

- c) Captains Dinner - 5th October, 7 for 7.30pm**

We have a 2 course roast menu with a Vegetarian and Vegan option for £16. The Sign Up Sheet is in the changing rooms.

- d) AGM**

The LVC will check with Reunert as to whether the CVs will be printed or spoken at the AGM.

ACTION: LVC

SS to send LC and LVC a copy of the AGM Time Line.

ACTION: SS

9. Correspondence

LC had received a copy of an email sent to Management from Linda Holden on 30th August with her resignation as the Womens Charter Champion. This also mentioned the lack of golf buddies and Captains of County Matches. Reunert has sent a link regarding what the post of Womens Charter Champion entails. After the AGM we need to add this to the next Agenda.

ACTION: SS

10. Any Other Business –

LC: Has ordered Trophies for: Sally Hawkridge – reaching the Medal Winners Final and: Sally Hawkridge & Jill Tappin for winning the Dorset County Interclub Foursomes, Silver Division.

LN: Scores for the first round of the Autumn Cup (medal) were not available to see on-line. LN had been told by Alan that the Sunday ladies did not want anyone to see the scores. The scores should have been available after the first Tuesday. LC, LVC will look into this.

ACTION: LC

LN: Maurice R would like one or two ladies to put their names up for election to Manco. Several names were suggested.

ACTION: LVC

PC: Noted that the forms for Nominations for the Management Committee were not up, but should be by 28TH September.

LC: Thanked everyone for serving on the Committee this year and for putting their name up in the first place. LC had thoroughly enjoyed her year and now looked forward to passing the baton to Jane, to whom she will give her full support.

LVC: The Committee thanked Jan very much for all her work as Lady Captain this year.

11. Date of Next Meeting – November 8th 2022.

12. The Meeting closed at 5.20pm

Signed: Dated
Lady Captain

APPENDIX 'A'

WHS REPORT - 13th September 2022

I attended a County meeting at the Dorchester Bowls club for all club WHS representatives on the 26th August and I will report in the order that topics were discussed.

- Bowmakers (2 scores from 3) - Although not mandatory it is recommended at 85% should be used in these competitions. This is how we play ours.
- Competition abandoned and handicap implications. If a competition is stopped for any reason rounds that have been completed are used for handicap purposes only and any incomplete rounds should not be entered on to the computer.
- Handicap index, course handicap – The course handicap must be on the competition card. It is recommended that the handicap index and playing handicap is also recorded. We at KH already display all 3. The stunning piece of information that came out at this time is that when playing stablefords **it is the Course handicap that should be used when recording scores** and the computer software will then adjust the scores to reflect the playing handicap scores as this affects handicaps. The statement reads

So of these three 'handicaps' it is the Course Handicap which must be shown on the Score Card and which the player must play to, for example in a Stableford competition do not pick up on a hole where there is a handicap shot using Course Handicap but not Playing Handicap.

For further clarification refer to Rule 3.3b(4)/1 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective 2019 transcribed as follows: In net-score stroke-play competitions, it is the player's responsibility to ensure that his or her handicap is shown on the scorecard. "Handicap" means the handicap for the course and tees being played, excluding any handicap allowances as set out within the Terms of the Competition. The Committee is responsible for applying any handicap allowances and adjustments. This requirement is confirmed by G2.1b/1 Handicap on Scorecard in the document Guidance on the WHS Rules of Handicapping as Applied within GB&I produced by CONGU. If there is space on the score card, then it is useful to show all three handicaps but it is very important that players are advised to write their Course Handicap and to play to this, especially when signing in using the computer which invariably advises the player of their Playing Handicap for the event.

In general discussion after this topic was discussed the player and marker are only responsible for agreeing their gross score. I have spoken to Andy and he said this is right but might be confusing when entering scores on the computer

Therefore we need to communicate to our ladies they only pick their balls up after they have run out of shots using their course handicap. Will this wait to AGM if not how and when?

- General Play scores not returned – Player given penalty automatically (par round) after the player is notified and the handicap committee given the chance to investigate why it wasn't handed in after play. (Way of players reducing their handicaps)
 - Penalty scores are applicable for two reasons:
 - A player has indicated their intention to return a score (by registering intent to submit a Competition or General Play score) and then commencing play; but then does not submit that score by whatever means the club prescribes.
 - A score is returned after commencing a round where: a. No hole scores are entered, or the score is incomplete. b. A player persistently fails to return an appropriate score. c. Handicap manipulation is suspected.
 - The Committee then needs to determine whether the reason for the non-submission or incomplete round is valid – examples might be, but are not restricted to: i. Illness or injury to the player ii. Insufficient light iii. Emergency iv. Dangerous Weather Conditions (e.g. thunder & lightning), but see later section on Abandoned Competitions. Invalid reasons might be – as examples, but not restricted to: i. Inclement weather ii. Play too slow iii. Not playing well enough Regardless of the validity of the situation, whenever a player indicates that they will return a score and commences play, a score must be submitted; regardless of whether the minimum number of holes have been commenced and completed (10 holes for an 18 hole round, or all 9 holes for a 9-hole round): i.e. all score
- Handicap divisions. These are based on handicap index. 1st division up to 20.4. 2nd division 20.5 to 28.9 and 3rd division 29 and over. Some clubs have already gone down to 2 divisions only as a lot of their original Silver players moved to the 20.5 to 28.9 handicap index division. They split their competitions at around a handicap index of 26 but change it weekly according to the type of competition and entry numbers.
- Handicap Index limit for trophy competitions and setting a number of qualifying competitions and/or General play cards that must be played before being allowed to enter. Some clubs have already instigated this ranging from 5 to 10 cards in the year leading up to the date of the trophy with one club increasing to 20 for this coming year. A few more are considering this move and having discussion to decide the number to make it. To assist the reports functionality in the WHS Portal allows for a report showing Competition and General play scores each player has submitted.

- Handicap reviews – The annual review should be completed between 1st October and 31st December each year and it is not recommended that all members handicaps are considered. Handicap committees should consider any player with a long-term illness or injury.
- Hole not played – This is only to be used in an unavoidable circumstance. It is not a 'choice' available for the player
 - A 'Hole Not Played' is only to be used in an unavoidable circumstance. It is not a 'choice' available for the player - a player may not just 'decide to walk in'. Circumstances where a 'Hole Not Played' may be justifiably used would be: 1. Hole(s) is closed by the Committee due to: a. work on the hole(s), b. hours of available light. 2. A player may have to discontinue play due to: a. becoming ill, or injured, b. being called off the course for an emergency. In such circumstances, or similar, it is acceptable for a player to submit a "not started" for those holes still to be played (or missed out). The returned scorecard should be processed using the actual scores achieved on the holes completed, but designating those not played as "not started". This process will correctly allocate the required score for handicapping.
- Score card not returned – A player is disqualified from the competition but if scores can be verified (by the scorecard marker) then it should still count for handicap. If a player does not complete a hole during a strokeplay competition then the rest of the holes before and after should be submitted.
- Embedded ball – Player is not always allowed to take relief from an embedded ball. I have supplied a document (** below) to explain.
- Abnormal Course conditions in a bunker. ie water – You can take free relief in the bunker or outside the bunker for a penalty of 1 stroke. It is up to the player to decide which they prefer. This should not be confused with unplayable ball in bunker which is a 2 shot penalty. Document to explain (** below).

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Abnormal Course conditions in a bunker ie: water

You can take free relief in a bunker or drop outside the bunker for a penalty of 1 stroke. It is up to the player to decide which they prefer if they feel the free relief makes the shot harder to play.

This should not be confused with an unplayable ball in bunker, which is a 2 shot penalty if dropping behind. Diagram below to explain

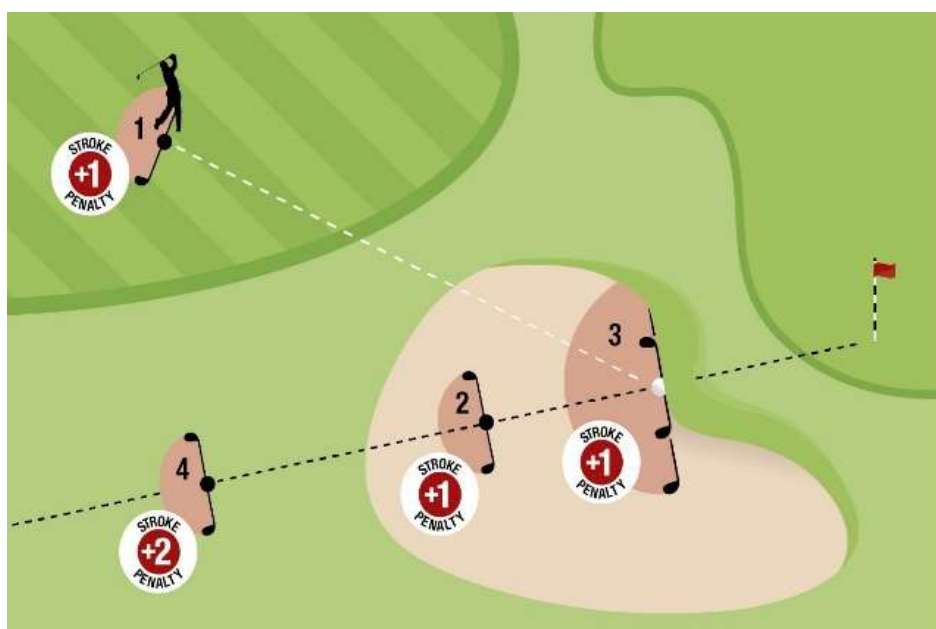
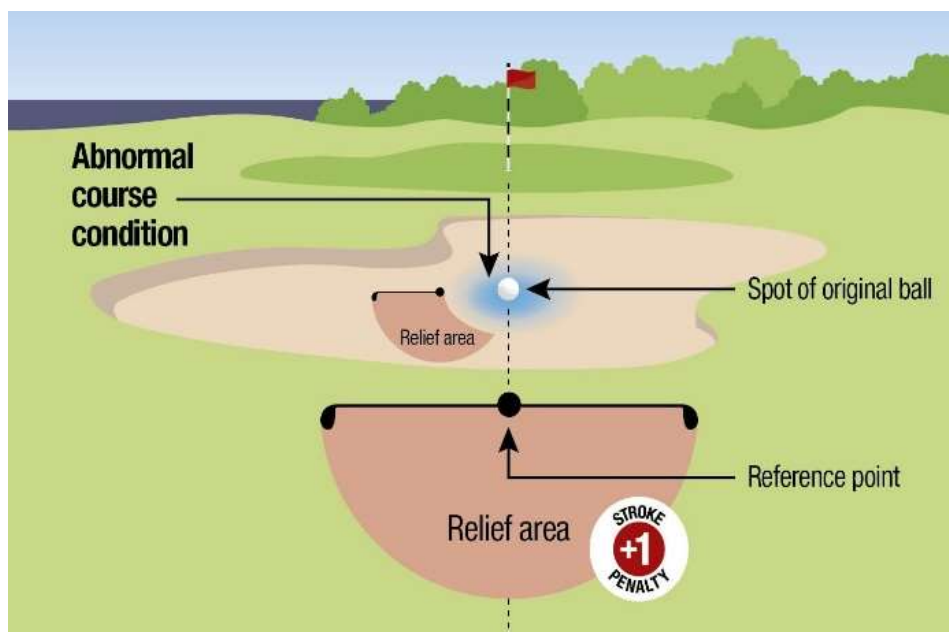
Embedded ball - Player Not Always Allowed to Take Embedded Ball Relief

□ If a player's ball is embedded in the general area but neither the reference point nor any part of the course within one club-length of the reference point is in the general area, the player is not allowed to take free relief under Rule 16.3b.

For example, free relief is not allowed if:

- a) ball is embedded at the very base of the lip, wall or face above a bunker,
- b) the spot right behind the ball is in the bunker. Diagram below to explain.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION



- BUNKER EMBEDDED BALL AROUND BUNKER