

MEN'S SENIORS SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

5th August 2025 9.30am

Present

Mark Green (MG), Peter Battley (PB), Andrew Curtis (AKC), Steve Grundy (SG), Trevor Townsend (TT), Graham Paine (GP).

Apologies:

Graham Paine (GP), David Taylor (DT), Andy Cumming (SAC

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 2nd May 2025

The minutes were agreed and 'signed'. An electronic version will be sent to KE.

2 Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meetings

None.

3 Finance

The current balance stands at £3,864.78. Therefore £2,864.78 will be transferred to the club Profit and Loss account.

DT

This balance is after the transfer from the wine scramble of £1,870.00. In addition last year's Bowmaker balance was £1,224.77. The new year junior's shirts will cost £275.00.

The wine scramble balance stands at £45.00 debit. This account will be zero but there were some miss-postings during June amounting to £135.00. These have been partly corrected however due to the end of the year we have been left with a debit balance of £45.00. This will be corrected in the new year.

As stated above £1,870 was the "profit" from this event and in addition £1,724.24 was the catering charge from the club.

The Bowmaker balance currently stands at £2,850.00, but one further team has entered and this will be posted in the new year.

4 Report from Captains' Committee/MANCO

Membership level is 547 playing members, all groups membership at 661.

TT/ MG

The 'five-ball' group that was playing recently. They were told to split up into two groups. They did, but re-joined as a five a little later. There are likely to be follow-up discussions with those involved.

From July 1st the club competition entry fee has be raised to £3.00 with prizes for the top 4 in each division.

The ball washers and bins are on order.

Early starters in comps have run up behind the ground staff as they are preparing the course. The ground staff have priority in all cases.

The wine for nearest-the-pin prizes; the club are not able to match prices from other outlets. We will continue to purchase our own stock.

Topics for Capcom

Clearer explanation required for use of divot bags and where they should be used, i.e. not for tees.

Stakes for hazard to left of 2nd fairway. It will be useful to remind players about where to drop etc.

Slow play; comps improving. General play can still be slow.

5 Competitions

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Seniors competitions have been well supported this month.

The John Meehan trophy was won by Roger Samuels, Chris Phillips, Derek Roe & Mike Iddles. 104 players competed in the Texas scramble.

The 14th July Bowmaker had 90 players.

Derek Haines won the Senior's Captains Trophy with 45 points. 82 players competed, divisions split as 23 - 25 - 34.

The Greensomes on July 28th had 80 players.

Next year's senior's championship will be held on the Monday following the club champs, played over the Saturday and Sunday.

The Open Bowmaker in September; we should consider changing the name to Am Am.

Matches

The recent friendly match results include losses to Salisbury 4-3, and Ferndown 4-2.

The team sign-up sheet for the next month's senior's friendlies are up.

The everyone-eating rule has now been implemented. No issues to date.

7 Newsletter

The next Newsletter could include:

Use of divot bags for new members. Divot mix is not to be used on tees.

AGM is fast approaching. Captain v VC Match before the 2.00 AGM. Meal after.

Divots bags and divoting teams on Thursday mornings.

Buggies & trollies over the back of bunkers! Also not into heather or heavy rough.

Reminder of the hazard on the left of the 2nd fairway. Rules for playing out, or taking a penalty drop.

Volunteers required for ball spotting etc. for the Open Bowmaker on September 11th.

There are committee members standing down after their three year stint. If anyone is interested in joining the seniors committee please contact any committee member.

MG will circulate a draft for comment.

8 Correspondence

None

9 Any Other Business

There is still some dissatisfaction regarding the handicap system. Some members would prefer the old system. The ability to submit cards electronically has also opened the system to abuse.

It has been noted that few clubs now have a Seniors and Ladies committee. It may be that in the future there will be some centralisation of organisation such that the Seniors and Ladies committees may be disbanded. Previous MANCO meetings had discussed moving to a single club committee; the Captains committee. The captain and vice captain's view was that this is likely to happen.

The vice captain informed the committee that he would not be standing as seniors captain at the upcoming AGM.

Steve Grundy and Andrew Curtis have both served their initial three year term. Steve Grundy confirmed that he would not be standing for re-election.

It became clear that without new candidates coming forward, it may be difficult to form a seniors committee in 2025 - 26. The committee was informed that this would be brought up at CapCom for consideration and thoughts.

10 AGM

MG/ ALL The ballot paper form for proposing members is to be agreed and issued.

Action dates for AGM reports agreed, as issued (attached) table.

Date of the Next Meeting 2nd September 2025

Apologies from Andrew Curtis

SIGNED

Men's Seniors Section Captain

DATE