



**RYDE GOLF CLUB**  
**Minutes of Golf Committee Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 6.15pm in the Clubhouse**

**Present:** Calum McInnes (Chair), Stuart Ellsbury (minutes), Colin McComb, Bob Tyrell, Tom McInnes, Sue Harrison, Rose Green, Debbie Skoludek, Judith Lazell, John Thorp, Jon Blow. Part attendance (for item 2 only): Sue Cox, Ian Snape

**1. Apologies**

1.1. None

**2. Tuesday/Friday Stableford**

2.1. Objective is to agree way forward to support Ian/Sue to encourage more members to play Evening Stableford, use the Clubhouse & facilities with support from relevant areas of the Club:

2.2. Agreed to the following:

- Entry will be made via members cards to address previous issues with payment.
- Current 18-hole scorecard to be used but colour strike-through, to avoid confusion with Qualifying Cards.
- Scoring and handicap adjustments as previous.
- Stableford cards to be made available by Laura/Bar Staff.
- Catering Team supply food post-round, up to time TBA and requirement to pre-order food removed.
- Additional helpers – offer made from Kevin and Judy Matthews.
- Results to be released at following Stableford, to provide time to collate.
- Proposed not to run over Bank Holiday and Festival Weekends and commence 14 April 2023.

**3. Action points from previous meeting (2 November 2022)**

3.2 CM to ensure various National and County competitions entries made and competition fees paid (where applicable) by end of January.

**Completed**

3.3 CM to update Intelligentgolf with all National and County competitions dates etc.

**Completed**

5.1 CM to contact Tony Wheatley for opportunity to install IWPCSG banner at Ryde Golf Club.

**Ongoing**

8.1 TM to review opportunities with Green Committee to carry-out maintenance on existing mat, re-turf area or install small mat.

**Closed - now with greens committee, see greens report.**

8.2 TM to review with Greens Committee safety aspect of walkway off 8th/17th tee.

**Closed - now with greens committee, see greens report.**

10.1 SH to contact England Golf regarding England Golf Charter.

**Completed – see attached document.**

- **NEW ACTION 2.1 CM To add to website and print copies for display on notice boards.**

10.2 TM to confirm Men's/Senior Alliance entry fees.



**Men's Alliance entry fees are £5.00 per competition plus a £5 joining fee.**

- 10.3. SH to provide Greenkeepers with large copy Fixture Book.

**As the paper fixture booklet is not completely accurate, and fixtures change, who is responsible for keeping the Greenkeeper's copy up to date?**

**Answer: Office/Darren Baxter responsible for updating Greenkeepers of any changes.**

- 10.4. Handicap Committee to consider medium for distribution of all R&A 2023 Rule Changes to all members.

**Ongoing**

- 10.6. DS/JB/SE to co-ordinate New Members meeting to take place May 2023 (depending on numbers).

**Ongoing.**

- **NEW ACTION 2.2 CM forward copy of 2022 Presentation to SE.**

- 10.7 All to review options at next meeting for Tuesday/Friday Stableford evening stableford competitions.

**See agenda item 2.**

- 10.8. Handicap Committee to review and consider Ladies competition qualification criteria.

**Completed, see Ladies Competition/Handicap Secretary Report.**

- 10.9. All to prepare questions for survey to members – the objective being to identify opportunities to improve membership experience (increase membership?)

**See agenda item 11.**

**4. Approval of minutes of last meeting (2 November 2022)**

- 4.1. Approved

**5. Matters arising.**

- 5.1. None, covered in item 1.

**6. Men's Captain Report**

Between 11 January and 8 March we have held eight competitions of which three were qualifying competitions (18-hole Stablefords). Generally, at this time of year competitions are of the more non-qualifier variety and we also had a 3-ball Scramble, a Cha Cha Cha, a 666 Stableford and two rounds of the Winter League.

The club have submitted and paid for this year's knock out entries: County Sevens (one team) and the Annodata National Golf Club 5's (two men's teams). The club has also entered a team into the Romsey Golf Club Reciprocal Trophy at on 11 May. Seven players (Five Men and Two Ladies) have all paid and this has been forwarded to Romsey. Our representatives in this years Daily Mail Foursomes (Ian Snape and Alan Squibb) won their first-round match 2 and 1 against Westridge at home on Saturday 4 March. On 24 February 27 Ryde players competed in the first IWGA meeting at Shanklin and Sandown Golf Club with Aidie Adams claiming first place with his partner and the pairing of Lee Dixon and David Hamilton finishing fifth.

Anecdotally I have had a good response to my email with the invitation to the IWPCSG testing day with members telling me they have either booked a slot or sent for the home testing kit. Last years captains Tom and Sue made a presentation in the clubhouse on Sunday 5 March of £500 to Ryde Inshore Rescue from funds raised as part of their Captains Charity efforts.



The club hosted a very well attended send off for Jim and Sheila Matthews who are moving off the Island (see Ladies Captain Report). As a farewell gesture Jim and Sheila have donated a magnificent trophy to be used by the club. The J & S Matthews Ryde(r) Cup will be presented to the winners of the annual match between Islanders and Overners. This competition previously had no trophy attached to it.

Calum McInnes

## 7. Ladies Captain Report

The year has started well for the Ladies section. With the weather in mind, I feel the competitions have been well supported on the occasions we have been able to play. There is only one more 14-hole competition left this winter and we will return to our normal 9-hole and 18-hole competitions.

Debbie and I are beginning to organise the league in readiness for the first match in Newport on April 17.

We have already 4/5 teams entered for the open. I'm sure we will be full. I think the poster going out early has been successful and although needs a tweak with spacing, looks very good. We had a lovely gathering last Saturday (25 February) to say farewell to Sheila and Jim Matthews. It was a great turnout of past and present lady members. A tribute to the support of the Ladies section.

Many thanks have been sent from Sheila, Jim and Lisa their daughter. They were very moved by the event and the tributes bestowed them. I can confirm they have arrived safely in Macclesfield and their furniture is arriving today upon. In the words of the Matthew's family "We are the friendliest club on the Island". Long may that continue.

Rose Green 1 March 2023

## 8. Senior's Captain Report

We have had a very good start to the year. We have only lost two of the 9-hole competitions. We have lost some to the weather but all the others were very well supported. We have started 18-hole competitions and we are incorporating a 9-hole competition in conjunction with the 18-hole competition which will start on the next singles competition. Colin and John are doing an excellent job with the cards and the competitions. We have had a couple of moans about the fairways being cut too short, other than that I think a good start.

### 8.1. ACTION - Fairway condition/way forward to be discussed by Greens Committee.

## 9. Greens Committee Report

Greens committee Minutes Tuesday 7th February 12.30pm

Present: Tom McInnes(Chair) John Thorp, Colin McComb, Barry Englefield

Apologies: Julian Warner, Jamie Lee.

### Action Required

- To use Type 1 hardcore to define three paths across the course:
  - Path between 8th green and 9th tee.
  - A path to the left of the pond on the 5th



- A clear path between the gate as you walk off the 6th to the 7/16 put a path which joins the existing path.
- Take the mat off the 8th red tee and replace with soil and turf.
- Save the Gates and latches but replace the 4 posts by the right of the 1st tee
- To add a new bell (donated by a member) to the bottom of the 6th hole
- To tidy the nets up and surroundings. Bring the two concrete bases up from sheds to put the mats on to stop them from sinking and moving in the wet.
- Just behind 7th tee blue mat tidy area with tennis matting to stop getting muddy and untidy.

#### Long term plan

- To set up a sub-committee for the Bunker project and build all bunkers from scratch using correct drainage and sand. How many we do each year will depend on budget.
- Start putting a machinery plan together so we don't burn our machinery out until they are worthless. Upgrade plan to be put in place

Meeting closed 13.30pm

### 10. Ladies Competition/Handicap Secretary Report

Took over the Competition Secretary role from Judi Matthews on Wednesday 25th January and although I have previously assisted this is the first time, I have been responsible; it is not as straightforward a role as might be thought! I would like to record my appreciation for the hours of work that Judi gave to ensure the Ladies competitions are set up on Intelligentgolf. At the Ladies Committee meeting last week I reiterated that the paper fixture list has errors and the Intelligentgolf list should be taken as the definitive fixture list; changes to this will only be made when necessary.

Ladies in competitions: January 1st - 28th February 2023

Wednesday competitions were cancelled/deleted on three occasions due to course closures.

Sunday competitions are open to all and a few (3 or less) ladies have played in some of these and there is one ladies team in the Winter League (All) and two mixed teams. They all play from the blue tees.

Wednesday 18-hole Qualifying competitions have been played by 3 ladies on two occasions and by 2 ladies last week. There have been no players in the Wednesday 18-hole Stableford (All) competition.

Wednesday 14-hole competitions have been played by 5, 7, and 4 ladies; there has been one 9 hole competition played by 14.

Tee times not needed by the Wednesday competitions continue to be returned to BRS.

The Leisching, Blake, Ballard and the Club Championships now have the playing of eight qualifiers in the previous year as an entry requirement. The Daily Mail Foursomes has a Handicap Index 30 as an entry requirement.

Judith Lazell

### 11. WHS Seminar Tuesday 28 March 1-4pm & 6-9pm

11.1. JL potentially interested, option for meeting to be available on ZOOM

- **ACTION – JL to confirm if ZOOM available.**



## 12. Membership Experience Survey

- 12.1. To prepare questions for survey to members.
- England Golf Survey provides excellent template.
  - Would need to be tailored to address Ryde Golf Club, together with means to address results, identified.
  - Agreed no membership survey to be carried out.
    - **ACTION – Ryde Golf Committee prepare suitable survey relating to Competitions ONLY, to address all sections of the membership.**

## 13. Mens Club Championship

- 13.1. Proposal to return to previous divisional split (Whirlwind/O'Donohue)
- 13.2. Agreed and this information will be disseminated to the Membership and promoted as the '18 and above' Championship Medal
- **ACTION Ryde Golf Committee publicise.**

## 14. Local Rules

- 14.1. Do we need to review? See attached current rules documents. E.g., Is monument on 6th tee classed as immovable obstruction or integral part of the course and fencing in various areas?
- **ACTION – All members of Golf Committee review individually and then Committee discuss at a later date TBC.**

## 15. AOB

- 15.1. Some complaints regarding improper use of trolleys and not adhering to paths.
- **ACTION – CM reinforce use of available paths on course and etiquette regarding Trolleys etc.**
- 15.2. Monday Working Group should fall under remit of the Greens Committee.
- **ACTION Greens Committee to discuss at next meeting.**
  - **ACTION Thanks to be given to Godfrey for all the work he has done in support.**

## 16. Date of next meeting

- 16.1. Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 18:15 in the clubhouse.