

Thorney Lakes Golf Club – Senior Section (+55's)

Committee meeting: 17th July 2025. 2pm

Apologies for absence: Brian Harrison. Gerry Cannings, Roger Kennedy. Malcolm Robinson.

Present. Andy Izod, Bob Ford, Jonathan Robinson. Greg Kinsler, John Unwin

Minutes of previous Committee meeting: Acceptance. Proposed by John, Seconded Andy.

Carried unanimously.

Financial report Sent by Email Acceptance. Proposed by Jonathan, Seconded John carried unanimously.

1. Captain:

Main Club Report: Nothing significant to report. Charity day expecting in the region of a hundred entrants. Requests gone out to several clubs for vouchers. Good response so far. Jobs for charity. List received from Competitions Secretary. Jobs to be confirmed at next Committee meeting. Captain explained to David Plant about the use of buggies and told him regrettably that in order to compete in board competitions that he would need a note from his doctor, or therapist stating that eighteen holes would be beyond his reach when walking.

2. Competition Secretary's Report:

Senior Championship. Modification of rules.

Senior Section 2025 Rules of all competitions, (modified July 2025).



Senior Championship

This is a qualifying Stroke play competition from the Yellow Tees off 95% handicap over two rounds. The draw will be made prior to the start of each round [after the players pay their entrance fee](#).

All players will start from the 1st tee.

[Entry to the Seniors Championship is determined by each player having played in a minimum of 4 qualifying rounds from the 1st March of the current year of the championship up to the week before the championship. A qualifying round is defined as playing, and completing the round, in either an official seniors' Thursday roll up OR representing the seniors in a match against another club.](#)

Players [will play in mainly three balls](#), four balls may be considered dependent on entry numbers.

The overall winners whose names will appear on both the respective trophy and the respective honours board, will be the lowest nett score of all the [entrants](#) and the lowest gross score [of the entrants over both rounds](#).

Entrants will be registered for the competition on the computer, after completion of the round it is the responsibility of each player to enter the score on the computer [and hand their completed and signed card to the competition secretary for final checking, or in the absence of the Competition Secretary to a committee member](#).

In the event of a tie, count back over the back nine holes (then six and last three if necessary) of the second round [will be used to determine placings](#).

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the second round with a prize for the best [Gross score and the runner up in this category, and other prizes will be determined by Nett scores in each division.](#) Players will use the same handicap for Round 2 as they did for round 1. [Additionally, both rounds will be considered as separate competitions, and a trophy is awarded to the lowest nett scores for each round.](#)

The above was agreed by those present with the words '[or in the Competition Secretary's absence to a committee member](#)' added.

1. All knock out competitions are up to date and draws and league positions for the Doubles have been distributed to members via email and a hard copy is on the Seniors Notice Board.
2. Entry envelopes for Senior Captain's Charity Day are now under the Senior Notice Board and available on the roll up table. Numbers low at present but it has only just started!
3. The wording for entry criteria for future Senior Championships is attached for formal approval. Interestingly John Unwin told me on Tuesday that he was informed by Mark that senior competitions do NOT count towards entry for the main club Championship. Members have to have played in main club comps to qualify. This is extra confirmation that we have just brought ourselves in line with the main club!
4. Senior Charity Day. I attach a copy of the jobs that need to be undertaken before and on that day. I have put some initials against each job but please feel free to change as appropriate plus add any jobs that I have forgotten. There are a couple of gaps so please can I have volunteers? Maybe ask the half-way house ladies to put the raffle tickets on the prizes as they so kindly did last year.
5. Currently I have arranged only two matches for next year – others in the pipeline – but both Rutland Water and Tydd have agreed to play us at our course on a Monday.
6. Thought for next main committee meeting: Tina told me yesterday that Ladies were in favour of having a yellow tee handicap. This would certainly help me with Traffic Lights **AND would allow Ladies to play in the Senior Championship**, if we agreed, off the yellow tees, as stated in the rules. Nick, in pro shop believes that as we have the measurements it can be achieved but there may be a cost. When I asked Lee about it, he said it could not be done!! As Blankney have it why can't we? It does not have to be on the card as Men's red seems to be to use red stoke index as Ladies, but lose the par 5's. Though I accept that looking at current Ladies card they may require extra par 5's. As 18th at 395 yards is a par 5 for ladies the 10th; 13th; 14th and 15th are all over that distance so should they become par 5's for them? . Is this enough to say no to the idea? Just a thought.

It was agreed by those present that the Senior Championship was a men only event.

And it was a moot point as the Ladies have their own Championship.

If the Ladies want to play off the Yellow Tees then the lady Captain needs to bring it up at a main club committee meeting with the Club Competition Secretary.

3. **Section Secretary;** Secretary reported no correspondence received. As Club Captain the away day went very well, Thank you to all those senior members who made it. Website usage is up again from last month. The drinking water stand pipe by the tenth green is now working.
4. **Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer sent apologies. (report accepted as above)
5. **AOB:** Brian Harrison reported (on the course) to the Club Captain that the blue stakes on the fourth need replacing as the former have been destroyed. Message to HGK.

John mentioned the 3 club competition and voiced his opinion that because so few of the seniors enter, perhaps it would be better and to encourage more entrants if the format changed to three clubs plus a putter.

The putter being a must have. All those present agreed with John. To be put to Competition Secretary at the next meeting

There being no other business.

Meeting closed at 2.15.00pm. 🕒 Next Committee meeting Thurs 21st August 2025.

Bob Ford

Secretary +55's TLGCS