

Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association

**Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 10th June 2026 at
Ipswich Golf Club at 10.00am**

Present:

Carol Deslandes (CD)	President /Treasurer
Sheila Boath (SB)	Secretary
Emily Evans (EE)	Captain
Kristina Matthews (KM)	England Golf Representative
Amanda Norman (AN)	Junior Organiser
Joan Hogarth (JH)	Venue Organiser
Alice Barlow (AB)	Vice Captain
Alison Simons	Website manager
Gilly Smith (GS)	Senior Captain

By Zoom:

Charlie Garrod (CG)	Second Team Captain
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Apologies:

Jan Fawdry (JF)	Handicap Advisor
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1. Minutes of GB Meeting 15th April 2026 – agreed and signed

2. Matters Arising

- Printer case purchased as agreed.
- County kit: Agreed to offer spare sleeveless tops – Kristina to collate inventory.
- WAGR points applied for and Alice and Shannon entered into EG Champion of Champions competition first weekend of September. Senior Champ will also be offered this.
- Competition guidelines published.

3. Correspondence

None.

4. England Golf Representative's Report - Kristina Matthews

- Martha Brass will present Centenary award to County at the Closing event at Ipswich GC in October.
- EG are going to lobby Government for hospitality business rates for Golf entities.
- EG AGM: affiliation fees to rise but only represent 52% of overall income (other sources of income are increasing)

5. Handicap Adviser's Update - Jan Fawdry

- There has been a question raised about bird scarers on the course, are they moveable or immovable objects. They should be treated as golf furniture and relief taken if required.
- There are still several members asking how to register on Golf Genius, I think the website is quite clear but obviously not for these. I am not sure what we can do about this?
- Having checked numerous players on the 10 card rule I am pleased to say there have been no issues and thanks to Sheila for checking when I have been away. It is still disappointing to see the bare minimum number for some (5 competition + 5 general and not new players) when the average number of competition cards for most is more than 15.

Jan Fawdry

6. Competition Organisers' Updates – No reports required

- a) East Suffolk Golf Day – Carol Owens
Great success although only 8 teams entered. 2027 looking at Halesworth as the venue – hopefully increase participation. Carol did very well on first event and is interested in supporting Suffolk Golf Day (take over from Mary next year).
- b) Suffolk Golf Day – Mary Stevenson
Monday 27 July 84 players entered (21 teams) can accept 36 (9 teams) more maximum. New format of teams of four but playing in pairs, 4BBB, with combined score for team. Using hickory clubs on first hole as Centenary celebration and have secured dispensation from EG to be qualifying event over 17 holes.
- c) County Championship – Barbara Dennis
20 entries. Strokeplay won by Alice, nett by Mia Barningham. Scratch Matchplay won by Alice, runner up Mia. Handicap by Jo Miller, runner up Carole Bostock. All went very smoothly except for GG hitch (which was caused by GG help desk!). Thank you to Barbara for doing a sterling job in her first year, Mary, the rules officials and everyone else who made the event go so well.
- d) Divisions – Mary Stevenson
Div 4 – Rushmere – 26 entries. Agreed pitched correctly for this level. Special mention to Southwold who provided an army of caddies to help with play.

Div 3 – Royal Worlington – 18 entries. General opinion that the course was too difficult for this level. To be considered in future planning.

Div 2 – Ufford – 17 entries – closes Sept 12th

Div 1 – Felixstowe – 25 entries – closes Sept 6th

- e) Weston - Sarah Wordley
Seems OK matches being played and dates agreed
- f) Haskell & Stearn – Sarah Brownie
All OK
- g) Cranworth – Kathy Holmes
Disastrous weather conditions for round one. Round two tomorrow (more bad weather!)
- h) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Lesley McKeane
Wednesday June 24th All organised, tee sheet out. Full – 96 players (64 Coronation, 32 Centenary).
- i) Senior Jubilee Shield – Sally Crosbie
Round one seemed to go smoothly. Issue over understanding how to play Greensomes with some matches!
- j) Senior Scratch - Vicki Hunt
Only 3 teams, yet to play any matches. Needs discussion on format VH to brief.

7. Team Updates

a) Captain's Report: June 2026

The friendly against Flempton and Culford School was a success. All parties want to repeat the match next year.

Result: Flempton – 3

Suffolk 7.5

Culford 13.5

A big thank you to Zoe Schofield for taking on the roll of captain as both I and Alice were unable to make it. Zoe suggested a shot gun start would work better next year, and Charlie Sadler is hoping to organise that next year.

The final 2 training sessions have taken place at Felixstowe. The squad have been very positive about the quality of the coaching, and we are grateful to Andrew Robson and Sam Forgan for their continued commitment.

The Match against Suffolk Seniors was cancelled by their Captain Graham Sykes; he was unable to rustle up a squad as many of them were playing in a national event on the day agreed. I recommend Alice tries to get this fixed up in the first half of April next year to avoid a packed calendar.

The Championships were a success over the two weekends...numbers were smaller, but this seems to be a regional trend. I wrote a piece for the Bungay Golf Club newsletter to express our appreciation to the club and members for giving up their course. A big thank you to all those on the committee who worked on and at the event.

CMDs begin with the practice round on Thursday at St Ives...the team will travel back after their 5 matches on Sunday afternoon. A huge thank you to Carol Deslandes for coming, her support will be invaluable. Thank you also to Mike Rees for refereeing on the Friday. I would also like to express my appreciation to Kris Matthews for taking charge of the kit and ensuring I have everything the squad needs.

Emily Evans (Captain)

The GB wish the 1st team good luck in the East Region County Match days

b) Seniors Report – Gilly Smith

We have had the last of our training session with Keith Preston at Aldeburgh and there has been positive feedback from the players who took part. Out of 30 seniors, 21 took up the opportunity to take part and I feel that it has been a worthwhile venture. Hopefully the funding will continue next year especially as it was good for team spirit.

On 27 April we played against the 2025 winners of the Seniors Jubilee Shield at their course, Fynn Valley. We were well and truly beaten by not just by their course knowledge but we had to give so many shots. On reflection I think that we need to find a match where we can compete on a more level playing field otherwise it is demoralising. Two years ago we played the WGC Parks team (senior men with handicaps up to 12) and this had been a tightly fought match. Will look to do this next year instead of the Jubilee Shield opponents.

On 18 May we played a friendly against the Middx Ladies at Muswell Hill. I have been using the players that are not likely to make the East Anglian League matches to give them experience and keep their enthusiasm. The Ladies playing the League have also said that they have enough match practice and their diaries are already quite full without playing the friendlies.

We have had 2 league matches already. One against Essex at Chigwell where we came away with a good win. The 4 players that had been on a practice round 2 days before all won their match which showed the importance of being familiar with a course. The other match at Aldeburgh against Norfolk was also a win. We have started well and it is good to see that matches have been played in the true spirit of golf and good camaraderie between counties.

Suffolk Senior Captain
Gilly Smith

c) Junior Organisers Report - Amanda Norman

County Championships 2026 held at Rushmere GC 29th May

We only had 3 enter the main 36 holes championship this was due to exam commitments.

The winner of the Championship was Shannon Noble with gross 78 and 79.

The winner of the Nett was Abi Hope 80 and 68

We had 2 entries in the 18 stableford which was a mixed competition. Chloe Wignall was 5th overall with 36 points and Elizabeth Currie had 27 points. Thanks to Carol and Vicki for looking after the girls on the day.

Information have been sent out to counties for JCM's I am expecting replies to start to come in soon.

Next Training at Felixstowe 28th June 2026 – Promising numbers are attending the afternoon sessions for the girls with higher handicaps.

Amanda Norman

Junior Organiser

d) 2nd team - Charlie Garrod

Training

Final training session held 31st May 2026.

Short game competition which honed the squad's skills nicely.

Thank you to Andrew and Sam for their support and guidance this year.

Friendly Matches

Norfolk on 27th June at Bawburgh

Stowmarket Men on 9th August

CMD – 23th – 25th August

Practice round booked for 4th July

Kit – Kris is coordinating (thank you!) including new kit

Hotel Booked – CG to speak to Carol re logistics of paying for.

First Aid kit etc to be picked up / who has it mid-August?

Team selection in process. Availability collated.

Other

Set up Easy Fundraising site which earns money per purchase to contribute to the County 2nd Team expenses.

Charlie Garrod

Suffolk Ladies 2nd Team Captain

8. Treasurer's Report - Carol Deslandes

Treasurers report: See appendix below. Budget to March 2027 – estimate an overspend due to Centenary activities.

Request for expenses to be submitted so we have a timely reflection of the cost of running the Association. Some 100 Club winnings still not claimed. Agreed to renew deposit account for another 6 months to maximise interest.

Inland Revenue raised the mileage allowance on 1st April 2026 from 45p to 55p a mile. Agreed we will fall in line from 1st July this year.

Risk Assessment report submitted by CD.

9. Safeguarding Update

Alice, Carol and Charlie have online certificates, completing their Safeguarding requirements.

10. Centenary 2026

Two main events left: Suffolk Golf Day and the Closing event at Ipswich on October 15th. Both will have a hole played with hickory clubs and County ladies in full Edwardian dress. Invites are being sent out for Ipswich to former County presidents/Captains/Junior organisers, female EG Board members and various people who have supported the County over the years.

The Centenary gifts are very popular and GB agreed we would organise the chance to buy the pouches/gift bags/water bottles. Will organise through delegates. Agreed the towels should not be offered as special and only given to winners.

11. Website – Alison Simons

Broken links have been deleted and everything backed up. Software needs updating with Ryan Delaney will do for £75.

Have been streamlining the news pages. Will remove twitter links and add Instagram and Facebook links.

12. Any Other Business

- Need to ask Delegates if they still would like diary cards. Question whether Blue Book is still needed as just duplicates information available on website/Golf Genius, plus no-one has missed it!
- County Code for Governance. We will look into signing up.
- Australian Spoons – Stowmarket July 23rd. Still being organised. We expect about 40 pairs but don't actually know. Hopefully this will cover our costs.

13. Dates of next GB meetings:

- September 11th at Bury GC @ 10am
- December 4th meeting and Xmas lunch – JH to ask Woodbridge

S Boath
Hon Secretary

Bank Balances

As of 8th June 2026, the balances held are:

Limited Company:	
Community Account – current account	£427.77
BBI (on line)	£29,267.48
Fixed Term Deposit	£40,000.00
Total	£69,695.25

The Fixed Term Deposit Account will mature on 11th September 2026 and as the next GB meeting is also scheduled to take place on 11th September a decision as to whether to renew this (at the current level?) or not will need to be made at this meeting.

Income & Expenditure

Please see Appendix 1 – key observations:

- 100 Club – income for 2027 draws was received prior to 31st March 2026. Not everyone has claimed their prize from March 2026 draw
- 1st tranche of affiliation fees is due at the end of the month. As yet, the amount has not been advised but I anticipate it to be more than £12k
- We are organising the regional Australian Spoons this year – so far income received is £1344 with more to come; there will be venue costs and travel/ refreshments for organisers from SCLGA attending the event
- Numbers for Championship were low this year and consequently anticipated income lower than expected. Once overall expenditure is considered (currently £1496) there will be a significant loss and some thought should be given as to how this could be mitigated in the future e.g. reduce the number of referees, number of days, choice of venue
- There are still several expenses claims still to be submitted by Committee members which have the potential to materially affect the figures currently reported.
- All Centenary mementos have been paid for and have proven to be a great success. I have received several requests to purchase (towel and drinks bottle particularly) and we could consider collating an order list (at the next Delegates meeting?)

Carol Deslandes – Treasurer

Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association Limited						
Profit And Loss Account						
For the year ended 31 March 2026						
			2026		2025	
			£		£	
Income	100 Club	0			3,045	
	100 Club 2026	2,540			0	
	Affiliation Fees	21,782			19,216	
	Competitions - 9 Hole	305			445	
	Competitions - Centenary Foursomes	944			906	
	Competitions - Championship	1,276			1,654	
	Competitions - Coronation Foursomes	2,976			2,792	
	Competitions - Division 1	1,890			2,036	
	Competitions - Division 2	1,488			1,353	
	Competitions - Division 3	1,152			1,233	
	Competitions - Division 4	675			1,758	
	Competitions - East Suffolk Golf Day	2,055			2,968	
	Competitions - Juniors Autumn meeting	70			200	
	Competitions - Knock-out 2025	0			4,500	
	Competitions - Knock-out 2026	5,050			0	
	Competitions - Lady/Junior Foursomes	224			119	
	Competitions - Mixed	450			270	
	Competitions - Senior Championship	1,426			1,197	
	Competitions - Suffolk Golf Day	4,982			4,956	
	Competitions - unidentified	118			95	
	Competitions - Juniors Spring Cup	200			410	
	Donation - Secretary	0			9	
	Interest receivable	2,036			1,042	
	Raffle - AGM	325			0	
	Raffle - Suffolk Golf Day	568			0	
	Sponsorship,Donations and Grants	11,669			6,970	
			64,200		57,175	
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Expenses	100 Club - Licence	-20			-20	
	100 Club - prizes	-1,385			-1,670	
	AGM = 2026	-423			0	
	Ball markers	0			-550	
	Bank charges	-39			0	
	Centenary Events	-5,012			0	
	Committee - glasses	0			-375	
	Committee - meetings	-2,263			-137	
	Committee - travel	-1,552			-2,527	
	Competitions - 9 hole	-294			-471	
	Competitions - Centenary Foursomes	-270			-94	
	Competitions - Championship	-1,103			-1,212	
	Competitions - Coronation Foursomes	-1,173			-432	
	Competitions - Division 1	-230			-1,765	
	Competitions - Division 2	-1,092			-884	
	Competitions - Division 3	-1,560			-370	
	Competitions - Division 4	-1,183			-472	
	Competitions - East Suffolk Golf Day	-2,733			-1,580	
	Competitions - EG Champions Club compet	0			-1,052	
	Competitions - England Golf	-409			0	
	Competitions - inter club knock-outs	-944			-1,720	
	Competitions - Junior Championship	-30			-140	
	Competitions - Juniors Autumn Meeting	0			-162	
	Competitions - Juniors Spring Cup	-212			-270	
	Competitions - Knockout 2025	-370			0	
	Competitions - Lady/Junior	-220			0	
	Competitions - Mixed Foursomes	-679			0	
	Competitions - Senior Championship	-1,472			-534	
	Competitions - Suffolk Golf Day	-5,790			-5,240	
	Competitions - Vouchers	-730			0	
	County Match Week	0			-5,050	
	County Match Week - 2nd Team	-5,687			-4,123	
	County Match Week - Juniors	-2,793			0	
	County Match Week 2025	-2,142			-1,848	
	Donation - in lieu of floral tribute	0			-100	
	Donation - Junior Development Hubs	-2,000			-5,000	
	EG Grant	-4,900			0	
	Engraving	-252			0	
	Equipment expensed	-223			0	
	Insurance	-796			-776	
	Junior - County Match Week 2024	0			-3,502	
	Junior - Regional Junior Team Trophy	0			-515	
	Junior - travel	-79			-56	
	Juniors - engraving	0			-209	
	Juniors - team kit	0			-1,782	
	Licenses & Legal	-206			-990	
	Meetings - AGM	50			-216	
	Meetings - Delegates	-82			-169	
	Meetings - E R Competitions Co-ordination (	0			-93	
	Postage	0			-8	
	Service charges	-21			-9	
	Software	-1,236			-1,330	
	Staff training & welfare	0			-49	
	Stationery and printing	-150			-220	
	Sundry	-250			-143	
	Teams - kit	-474			-3,476	
	Teams - Senior	-1,919			-1,722	
	Teams - training (1st)	-3,480			-1,000	
	Teams - training (2nd)	0			-1,000	
	Teams - training (Junior)	-600			-1,600	
	Teams (1st)	-795			-555	
	Teams (2nd)	-60			-729	
	Website	-516			-516	
			-59,800		-58,466	
Net profit/(loss)			4,400		-1,291	