

The Committee members attending: - Nigel Golding (NG), Steve McCormack (SM), Bob Adams (BA), Richard Grainger (RG), Phil Johnstone (PJ), Gary Lyons (GL), and Steve Pallett (SP)

Apologies for absence: Derek Barlow (DB)

Date of meeting: - Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

Chair:- Steve Pallett (SP)

Scribe:- Bob Adams (BA)

Items:-

1. Matters arising from the previous meeting.

- There were no matters arising from the previous meeting

2. Captain's Update (SP)

- Nothing to report at present. Thanks to those that have covered activities during SP's vacation

3. Treasurer's report (SM)

- SM presented the Financial Dashboard detailing the position versus budget by activity. Finances continue to be in a healthy position and 2025/2026 accounts show that we were on target for the year

4. ClubV1 Rota & Games Programme (RG)

- ClubV1/HowDidiDo is working well
- All Senior and Club games are now accessible via the apps. Only 5 are visible on ClubV1 by default. To access more, the 'show all' option must be chosen. In the HowDidiDo app this is replaced by 'view all competitions'
- The ClubV1 Members app will be discontinued in the future. We will be notified by the Club
- Standardised Senior game titles have been introduced as per the minutes of February 4th
- Members experiencing difficulties entering a competition should contact steward associated with the event
- The May and June Games programme is currently under development and will be published in the next two weeks

5. Competitions report (PJ)

- The knockouts were up to date prior to recent course closures
- Delays caused by weather conditions mean that the winter competitions are unlikely to be finished before the beginning of May.
- All remaining contestants are urged to try and meet this date
- The Summer competitions will be initiated prior to the completion of the Winter event
- The future of the 2026/7 Winter competition will be discussed later in the year

When requesting to play your games during the Seniors Allocated Tee Times please ensure that you email the Steward to request a tee slot

6. Interclub Matches report (NG)

- All clubs have now agreed this year's dates
- Price differentiation between home and away matches was discussed. Options will be presented to the AGM for approval (NG)
- The Invitational progresses well. One team has yet to respond. If any withdraw, we have two clubs in reserve. TRC will no longer enter a team for the event but will administer it
- An invitation has been received for the Ballards Gore Invitational. It was agreed that 2 teams would be entered. Entrance fees will be paid from Senior Section funds and reclaimed from those participating through Games Pots
- The deadline for ordering the new Club coloured shirts is the end of March. Anybody still requiring one should contact Richard Grainger

7. IT report (RG)

- The website continues to be used and is running well
- February levels were consistent with those of January
- Minor amendments to the website have been introduced to improve visibility for subsidiary competitions e.g. Eclectics, Order of Merit, Order of Attendance etc..

8. Pastoral report (BA)

- Bob has been keeping in touch with our members that may need a little bit of support or assistance or even just a phone call to keep in touch. We currently have a number of Seniors that are convalescing after injuries or issues they have picked up, we also have more in the process of returning to golf which is good news.
- Please remember to keep your eyes and ears open and if there is anyone that you think may need our help or just a phone call, please let Bob or any of the committee members know.
- Please also let Bob know if your contact details have changed

9. Procurement report (BA)

- Bob continues to provide the products and the support to the Committee members running each activity. Procurement actions for the AGM will be completed within the next two weeks

A.O.B

a. Captain's Putt-out/Drive-in and AGM

- Timings and responsibilities were reviewed and agreed
- Projected attendance for the putt-out / drive-in and AGM is good with some vacancies for the Ryder Cup match
- Further specific follow-up will be undertaken to further promote the event (GL)
- No AGM items or nominations have yet been received

b. Players/Payments for Ballards Gore Invitational (SP)

- Covered under Interclub Games

c. Budget 2026/27 (SM)

- The 2026/7 budget was discussed and agreed. After absorbing inflationary costs, we have been able to achieve a break-even position which will be presented to the AGM (SM)

d. Order of Merit Play-offs (BA)

- The Order of Merit award will be contested by the players in the top four positions on the Order of Merit table.
- The deciding match will be a 4 ball stableford using Playing Handicaps i.e 95 percent of Course Handicap
- The last qualifying game for the Order of Merit will be the 5-4-3 competition on Monday March 23rd.
- The top 4 players for the final will be announced at the AGM

e. Possible Income from Games Prize Pot (DB)

- The Committee thanked Derek for his work on evaluating future Games Prizes proposals. As the Section's finances are in a healthy state it was decided that they could be put on hold.
- However, it was agreed that we would review the pay-out system for Individual Competitions to extend to a wider range of winning positions. The start point to be previous pay-out tables (PJ)

Discussion Items

• **Course Condition (PJ)**

PJ highlighted the poor condition of the course fairways. This was largely caused by the overturning of replaced divots by the many birds now seen on the course. He suggested a meeting with Club management with two proposals.

- Use Divot pegs to hold the divots in place so that they would not be dislodged. These are commercially available and cost approximately £80 for 500. They could be distributed amongst Seniors and inserted during a round. If necessary the Senior Section would fund the initial purchase.
- Form 'divot repair' parties from Senior volunteers. These would take on the task of repairing divot holes with a mixture of soil, sand and seed.

• **TRC Race Night – Friday March 20th (SP/GL)**

The Seniors Captains Charity normally receives a contribution from this event on the night. It is a fun evening and historically there has been Senior representation. Seniors are encouraged to attend. SP and GL to co-ordinate a table or tables with the Club to attract Senior attendance.

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday April 1st, 2026 – after golf

Chair: TBA

Scribe: Bob Adams