

Date of meeting: - Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Chair:- Nigel Golding (NG)

Scribe:- Richard Grainger (RG)

Items:-

1. INTRODUCTION

NG opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

2. COMPETITIONS

The following competition awards were presented.

Order Of Attendance, presented by Steve Pallett. 72 players had played in seniors events. Award presented to Martin Wilcox, who had played 62 times. Noted that three other players had played at least 60 times.

Order of Merit, presented by NG. There will be a playoff for the top four players, between Alan Jenkins, Keith Waters, Gary Lane and Martin Wilcox. This will take the form of a one game Stableford shootout – date to be agreed.

Eclectic, presented by Gary Lyons (GL). Four players shared the same score. Alan Jenkins won the award on countback; other players on the same score were Stephen Haslett; Gary Lyons, and Bob Singleton.

It was noted by e-mail following the meeting that the winter singles and doubles knockout competitions had been delayed due to bad weather; it is hoped these will be concluded by 1st May.

3. TREASURERS REPORT, presented by Steve McCormack (SM)

Noted that this was SM's first year as treasurer. Thanks provided to Keith Waters, previous treasurer, for leaving all accounts in good order.

Three hole in one awards were paid during the year [being contribution to bar bill of up to £100]; noted that one of these was at an interclub match, with higher drinks takeup than usual!

The Section had provided £10 discounts for club shirts, at an overall cost of £440.

There is currently c. £1,500 of accruals for unpaid expenses, including for the shirts which will be paid to the TRC Pro Shop shortly.

The Section has a working balance of c. £3,800, which is needed to manage cash flow for liabilities.

Noted that membership for paying members is likely to reduce slightly – members are encouraged to introduce qualifying individuals for membership.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT, presented by GL

The Seniors Championship, our flagship event, took place on 30 July and 1 August 2025.

The Championship was moved from its traditional dates in September to increase participation as it was felt fewer Seniors were likely to be away on holidays.

There were 59 entries compared to 50 in 2024. The summer date seemed to work well to maximise entrants; therefore 2026 will be 5 and 7 August. Bob Adams will be this year's organiser.

There were 17 prize winners overall. Of note, champions were:

- Wednesday Competition (The Peter Chew Cup) Kevin Maling.
- Friday Competition (The SGW Trophy) Bob Adams.
- The Super Seniors Trophy (The Jim Cant Trophy) Bob Adams
- Champion Golfer best scratch score over two days (Syd Williamson Shield) Chris Lloyd
- Championship Golfer best stableford score over two days (John Swabrick Trophy) Bob Adams.

5. INTERCLUB REPORT, presented by NG.

Seven home and seven away games were played. [It was encouraging that over 50 seniors played in the events.

Terry Dowsett was awarded the interclub player of the year, having played in every match.

Steve Pallett will be taking over responsibility from NG for 2026 interclub games. Noted that the first game is already oversubscribed!

Also noted that TRC team shirts should be worn for all interclub games.

NG presented the Committee's consideration of differential pricing for home and away games. TRC will be charging £22 per head for hospitality; the home clubs pay for meals for the away teams.

On a show of hands, it was confirmed that the membership supported a differential pricing of £20 for home games; £24 for away games, plus £1 for gratuities to be taken from games pots.

One member raised the question of whether pricing could be subsidised by the current surplus. SM noted that the Committee is considering ways to utilise the

surplus for the benefit of all members – a subsidy for interclub matches would be limited only to those playing.

6. OUTGOING CAPTAIN'S REPORT, presented by Steve Pallett (SP)

SP noted he had been honoured and privileged to represent the Section as captain, which was both challenging and rewarding.

SP expressed thanks to those who had supported him throughout his term: The Club; the Committee; the members, and also certain individuals of note.

SP noted events that had been held:

- Captain's Day for Prostate Cancer, collecting a fantastic £1,937
- Mixed Greensomes, won by Norman Welch and Jacqui Bement
- Seniors Invitational of 12 teams – the home game was won by TRC to the bemusement of other teams! £890 was raised for charity.
- Championship Day – our flagship event. Congratulations to the winners (noted in section 4), particularly Bob Adams as Super Senior – best senior over the two days.
- Christmas Ryder Cup – great turnout, with Red Team winning. Great food and a good time had by all, raising £716 for charity.
- Noted that all of these were team events, and thanks to all those involved in organising.
- Awaydays, arranged by Colin Hall. Toot Hill; Frinton; and Old Thorns in Liphook (residential) were all great events – thanks to Colin for his hard work organising these.

The Captain's Charity this year was Prostate Cancer UK, which touched many with similar experiences. An amazing total of £6,847 was raised – thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Welcome to Gary as the 20th Captain of the Seniors, who is a great asset to the section.

SP concluded by thanking everybody for their support during the year and allowing him the privilege of being their Captain.

7. NEW CAPTAIN'S WELCOME ADDRESS, presented by GL

GL thanked SP for his complimentary remarks; the Seniors for supporting the day and their messages of support that had made the day special; the Committee for all their help in arranging the day; Steve Smith and Norman Welch for managing the Guess the Drive Competition, and particularly NG and Derek Barlow (DB) who had undertaken the majority of the day's preparations.

GL gave a brief synopsis of his history with TRC – he had joined the club in October 2021, and was persuaded by NG to join the committee in August 2023.

GL introduced members to his chosen charity, “**The Alzheimer’s Society**”, for the coming year.

GL noted there had been an Extraordinary General Meeting during the year regarding the future of the section and the need for new committee members. This led to DB and RG joining the committee, though GL noted the need for additional new committee members to ensure adequate resourcing going forwards. He asked members to consider stepping forwards.

GL concluded by thanking the TRC management team, Mrs Lyons, the membership and the committee (past and present) for all their support.

8. LEAVING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, presented by NG

NG noted that he would be stepping down from the Committee forthwith.

9. PROPOSAL TO RE-ELECT EXISTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, presented by NG

A proposal to re-elect existing committee members was put forwards. This was passed unanimously by the membership.

10. OPENINGS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, presented by NG

It was noted that, as a consequence of people leaving the committee, there are two open slots for additional Committee members. The membership was invited to speak to one of the existing Committee members if they are interested in stepping forwards.

11. POSITION OF VICE CAPTAIN, presented by NG

It was noted that the position of Vice Captain is now vacant – a role leading to taking on the role of Seniors Captain next year. If anyone is interested, please contact GL or any of the committee members.

12. AGENDA ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

No further agenda items had been received from members.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Pallett thanked NG for his years of service to the Seniors Section, having served on the committee for a number of years and also as Captain.

A gift of wine was presented to NG in recognition of his contribution to the Seniors Section.