

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10.00 am

PRESENT:

Mrs. Judy Hamshere	President
Mrs. Sheila Jarvis	Captain
Mrs. Laura Lowe	Vice Captain & 2 nd Team Captain
Ms Ann Graves	Chair & Handicap Adviser
Mrs. Anne Archer	EWGA Representative
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Hon Secretary
Miss Hermione Scrope	Hon Treasurer
Mrs. Kay Anderson	Junior Organiser
Mrs. Maureen Lloyd	Seniors Organiser
Mrs. Claudia Long	Weston Organiser
Mrs. Alison Nielsen	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart	Centenary/Coronation Foursomes Organiser
Mrs. Tina Daubney	Division Meetings Organiser
Mrs. Sandra Bell	Championships Organiser
Mrs. June Stack	Minutes Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Cynthia Robinson

2. MINUTES OF GB MEETING – 24th January 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2011 were taken as a true record and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING - GB Meeting 24th January 2011

- (a) Suffolk Golf Partnership have dropped the word “County” from their logo.
- (b) The EWGA Plate has not been found but a new Plate has been ordered and the account settled. Judy will deliver to Hintlesham **ACTION Judy**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Sabona Sponsorship - confirmation of £500 (received by Hermione) for Championship and bracelets as prizes for Suffolk Golf Day. The Committee have agreed to display banners at Woodbridge (Championship) and Hintlesham (Suffolk Golf Day) and to include Sabona's details in 2012 handbook.
- (b) Email from St Clements re SGP section of AGM Minutes - Ransomes Jacobsen County Academy Award presented to Jamie Hurren of Ipswich (apparently should have read St Clements) - passed to Wendy Wootton for action
- (c) Emails from Judi Walker and Sylvia Pearce re Gender of Caddies - It was confirmed that the Guidelines for Caddies contained only a

recommendation that caddies should be recruited from other members of the Ladies Section.

Email from Judi Walker re Slow Play - Commencing with the Cranworth and Stearn competitions this year, Alison will ask Team Captains to make a note on cards the time groups go out and the time they come in, so that information can be relayed to Judi Walker. Anne A will respond to Judi

ACTION: Alison

- (d) Email from EGU Golf Development regarding Club Coaching Grants for GolfMark clubs for 2011/12
- (e) Jeanne Templeman died on 2 March (ex Lady Captain Stowmarket, SVLGA President 1988)
- (f) Audrey Schuter died on 3 February - last year's Beds President - Judy and Sheila attended the funeral
- (g) Email from Tony Garnett asking for any items of news to be sent to tonygarnett@talktalk.net as well as Julie Latimer Jones at info@suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk

5. EWGA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT (No Report)

At the Regional Meeting it was stated that the proposed merger would be delayed still further. There will not be any Roadshows, but a DVD is to be distributed to all Clubs, probably in June to enable everybody to make their own decisions and the vote will then take place, possibly in September. In order for the merger to go ahead, there needs to be a 75% "yes" vote.

During Inter-Club Competitions, it was agreed that, in the event of any discrepancy, the team captain will be the final arbiter for any decisions.

Any VAT liability on entry fees needs to be clarified. The County Treasurer recommended that, as each Club is different, this issue should be referred to whoever oversees the Club's finances. Club Delegates will be informed at the next EWGA Delegates meeting.

ACTION: Anne A

Eastern Region Seniors Championship (due to be held on 12 July at Haverhill) currently has 12 entries so far. It was confirmed that the use of DMDs will not be permitted at this event. It is hoped that Haverhill will agree for one-day membership to be granted to entrants to negate the necessity for insurance. Posters/Entry Forms will be taken to Senior Matches.

ACTION: Maureen

The Regional Medals Final, played at Fynn Valley, attracted a field of 84 ladies - 15 from Suffolk - and was won by Joyce Booth (Thorpeness) who scored a net 67. Joyce, along with Freda Guest (Fynn Valley), Samantha Edwards (Diss) and Lesley Barnes (Stowmarket), qualifies for the Grand Medal Final at Droitwich Golf Club, Worcestershire on 25 June.

6. COMPETITION ORGANISERS REPORT (No Reports)

Division - Division 4 to be played at Seckford on 18 May currently has 58 entrants. Very few of the entry forms contain the player's CDH ID numbers, but handicap certificates on the day should contain this information and it is hoped that, over time,

players will become familiar with their CDH ID number. Club Delegates will be reminded at the next EWGA meeting

ACTION: Anne A

Weston – 3 matches have been played. The Website now contains all the fixtures (and results as they are received) under the Events section

Haskell – no report

Cranworth – no report

7. TEAM REPORTS

1st Team – Sheila Jarvis

The team had their first practice match of the year against the Aldeburgh men at Aldeburgh on 6th February. The girls played off level and were given three courtesy shots which was the difference between the two scratch scores. It was slightly disappointing that the men had a couple of players pull out at very short notice and were unable to replace them. This meant that the first two pairs had to play against only one man. However as it turned out these were the two matches that the men won and we won the other two making it a halved match of 2 games each.

Our second practice match was at Woodbridge against the Woodbridge Men on 20th February.

We decided to play Hambro scoring and took half the difference with the girls receiving three courtesy shots. Woodbridge had put out a very strong team and a home course was an advantage for the men but the girls put up a very good fight with three of the games ending up 1 down, 2 down and 3 down. Overall the match went to the men as we lost all of the games, ending up 11 holes down as the final result.

Off to Royal Worlington for our third practice match against the S.G.U. Men on 20th March. The men fielded a very strong team with quite a few playing off a plus handicap. Again we played Hambro scoring but only with one courtesy shot this time. Our new lady (Sarah Saggars) was able to join us on this occasion and, paired with Lizzie, it was delightful to see them win their game.

However we only managed to halve one other game and with the scoring system the final result was that we finished 7 holes down on the match.

Sunday 27th March saw us off to Aldeburgh again. This time it was for our first training session of the year. There were quite a crowd of us for this session with two of the younger second team players joining us as well as two of the juniors. As usual, Keith gave the squad a very good workout and we return on the 17th April for our second session but I will include this in my next report.

2nd Team – Laura Lowe

The Second Team had their first practise match on 20th March against the Juniors at Royal Worlington Golf Club. They played 6 singles off scratch and it proved to be a tough battle, for though the Juniors were at a disadvantage handicapwise, after 9 holes they were up in all but one of the matches. However the Second team got their competitive spirit going and won the match 3.5 to 2.5.

The next practise match was against the Flempton Men on 26th March. After some lovely warm weather during the week, the day of the match was very cold so the team played 3 foursomes instead of the slower alternatives. Despite the Gentlemen having much lower handicaps, including a plus one player, the Second Team won 2 matches to one.

The first County game will be on 29th May versus Norfolk II at Newton Green Golf Club.

Seniors Report – Maureen Lloyd

We played our first match, as usual, against the County Senior Men, held at Waldringfield. Considering this match date was booked, well over a year ago, it was disappointing that we had to wait on the first tee for two men's 4bbb games to go off in front of us – the last of these only just a few minutes before our tee time of 10.30 a.m. Consequently, our matches took longer than they should. Thankfully the weather was good, as was the company. So we did survive the “hold-ups.”

This year, I negotiated with the men's Captain to play us off full handicap. We had hoped this might give us more of a closer game – sadly, it didn't seem to help us very much. The match was played 4BBB hambro scoring, with the ladies finishing 13 holes down on the match. My partner and I had a good time – but were stunned by our opposition having one “eagle” each in the match – wow.

It was unfortunate that one of the men's team did not turn up, so our last pairing had to play against one man – they did finish 3 holes up.

As I said, despite being on the course for a long while, we all enjoyed ourselves.

We look forward to our next match against Norfolk at Eaton – report at the next committee meeting.

Junior Organisers Report – Kay Anderson

Training -

Ann Graves very kindly ran a useful and informative Rules session in late February.

Although aimed at 1st. and 2nd team players, several parents stayed to listen!

Girls' training began in March at Bramford (Eagles and Beginners) and at Bungay.

The Eagles group consists of girls who are 15+, so too old for the Academy; they will have 3hr. training sessions in alternate months as many have public exams this summer. It was decided that girls attending Academy sessions would not also attend Suffolk Girls' training, but all have received details of competitions etc.

The Beginners group at Bramford has 10 new recruits, replacing those who have been promoted, and 7 new girls have been enrolled at Bungay, forming a new group.

Matches -

The 1st. team played practice matches against Ipswich Juniors (won 3½ - 2½) and SLCGA 2nd. team at Royal Worlington (lost 2½ - 3½, despite some close matches).

The 2nd. team played two practice matches against Haverhill Juniors, and although the girls lost both matches this year, it was useful experience, as the result against Norfolk indicates.

The first county match was played at Bungay against Norfolk on April 10th, when the 1st. team, without their no.1 player and with 3 newcomers, won 4½ to 1½, and the 2nd. team continued last season's form, winning 2-1.

Competitions - the Texas Scramble at Orwell Park School will be held on April 17th.

Sponsorship - we are again very grateful to SVLGA for their donation of £500, and the invitation to the 50th. anniversary lunch. Some of the money has already been used to buy fleeces for the 2nd. team as their sweatshirts needed to be replaced, and they were not very popular with the girls.

EWGA Grant for 2011 -

The sections involving Girls' activities, comprising 75% of the total grant, have been completed and forwarded to Colin Firmin and Alastair Spink, as SGP will take responsibility for completing the 25% which involves Women's Golf development. As part of the Girls' Development programme, a leaflet has been produced and circulated to club pro's and Junior Organisers, with encouraging results.

Suffolk Academy - the Talent Day was held at Stonham Barns during February half-term, when more than 60 children were assessed during the day for vacant places at the 3 centres. There are now 96 children in the Academy scheme for 2011, including 28 girls.

Individual Successes - Heidi Baek won the London Foursomes (with Alex Peters). She is again part of the English team to play in the French Lady/junior Champs. later in April.

County Junior Organiser - as this is my 4th year in post, a replacement will be needed for 2012. Please help find a successor to continue the work in hand.

8. TREASURERS REPORT - Hermione Scrope

Appendix 1

The budget for 2011 shows a profit of £5,247.

Affiliation fees are a little lower at £13,234. Members are down by 36 in 2011 to 2036. In the past, the request for the Affiliation Fee and member numbers has been made after the County AGM, with no definite indication of the date on which the information is valid - it was agreed that in future, we would request this information as at 30 September (NB: in discussion after the Meeting, it became apparent that the numbers can only be confirmed when memberships at individual Clubs are renewed - any time between September and April).

Donations. To date we have received £600, including £500 from Sabona re. County Championships. It is also projected that £540 will be raised from the 100 Club.

Expenses show a saving on the price paid for supply of handbooks this year. In addition some £500 has been saved on insurance premiums by placing both policies with the same company.

All vouchers given out are to be valid for 12 months from the end of the month that the competition takes place.

9. GOLF DEVELOPMENT/PARTNERSHIP

Appendix 2 – Minutes of March meeting.

10. SUFFOLK GOLF DAY

Eleven entries received to date - the maximum number of entries is 26 (and at least 20 are required for the Competition to go ahead). Club Delegates will be reminded of this competition at the next Delegates Meeting **ACTION: Anne A**

The President will tee off from the 1st tee (as the Captain will not be present this year)

11.SUFFOLK SENIORS SHIELD

Wording of Item 2 has been changed to reflect that entrants are 60 or over as at 1 January.

12. EAST REGION FOURSOMES

31 entries have been received but mention made that only 1 received from Suffolk.

13. WESTON RULES

The Weston Trophy will be brought to the next GB meeting to be assessed for damage (and potential repair) **ACTION: Sheila**

Wording of amendment to Division 1 Rules was agreed - a tie only being relevant to the round robin section. The amended rules will be sent out to Clubs.

ACTION: Jeanette

14. CRANWORTH RULES

Amendment to the Rules agreed - Section 4 added. The amended Rules will be sent out to Clubs.

ACTION: Alison

15. COUNTY FIXTURES FOR 2012 (2012 all confirmed)

Stroke & Matchplay Championship	11 th , 12 th and 13 th May	Ipswich
County Week	from 11 th June	Ipswich
Centenary Foursomes	Thurs 12th July	Stowmarket
Coronation Foursomes	Thurs 19 th July	Waldringfield
Division 4	Wed 16 th May	Cretingham
Division 3	Thurs 6 th Sept	Fynn Valley

Division 2
Division 1

Thurs 13th Sept
Thurs 20th Sept

Hintlesham
Thorpeness

COUNTY BOOKING 2013

Stroke & Matchplay Championship

Bury St. Edmunds

COUNTY BOOKINGS 2014

Australian Spoons Regional Final

As it was felt that September is a busy month with three Divisional meetings all taking place in that month, it was agreed that the Division 3 meeting would be held in May, with effect from May 2013. **DECISION**

There was some concern that County Week takes place too early in the season (June). However, the date for County Week is decided by EWGA, so as not to clash with the Ladies Amateur Championships.

In 2013 it was confirmed that the East Junior Championship will be held in Suffolk during the second week of August. This is a 36 hole competition comprising of approximately 60 entrants – A venue needs to be organized and Stowmarket was suggested **ACTION: Cynthia S**

16. WEBSITE

Judy advised that The Past & Present Captains Society have requested they be noted on the website. Similarly, a link to the Lady Vets was also requested. This was agreed. **ACTION: Jeanette**

17. TRAVEL EXPENSES

The mileage expense was last fixed in May 2009 and it was felt they should now be reviewed.

It was recommended, and agreed, that the mileage allowance be set at 35p per mile (after first 50 miles). In addition, full mileage allowance to be paid to Competition Organisers, Team Captains and the President (agreement already in place for EWGA Delegate to receive full mileage allowance). **DECISION**

18. SUGGESTED DATES FOR GB MEETINGS 2012 (at Waldringfield)

The following dates were agreed (Suffolk Vets to be notified of these dates).

Monday 23rd January
Monday 16th April
Monday 25th June
Monday 24th September
Monday 19th November.

AGM – Saturday 12th January 2013

ACTION: Jeanette

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Discussion as to future information to be included in the Norfolk & Suffolk Golfer magazine. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
- b) A reminder that the November meeting will be followed by annual lunch
- c) It was clarified that a member of two Clubs can represent the Haskell team in one club and the Stearn in the other. A member can also play for the Haskell and the Stearn teams at the same Club. However, a member may not play for two different Clubs in the same Competition.
- d) Ann Graves will contact EWGA again and make enquiries regarding acceptance of unsigned handicap certificates in competitions. **ACTION: Ann G**
- e) Anne Archer stated that a trophy was required for the Eastern Region Seniors and asked if one was available or anybody willing to donate a trophy. Judy has a current list of all the trophies and would let Anne know whether there was one available **ACTION: Judy**
- f) Cynthia Stewart has received a request from Barbara Wells to use her own buggy in competitions - she has a medical certificate. This was agreed
- g) Cynthia gave thanks for the flowers sent to her.
- h) Cynthia Robinson has given thanks for the flowers sent to her following her operation.
- i) Hermione stated that George Hazell had given thanks for the wine given to him.
- j) County Championship - It was confirmed that a raffle is to be held and that the proceeds would be used to pay for coffee for the helpers.
The Referees will be:-
Saturday - Judi Walker (Chief Referee) Sue Cook, Patricia Dixon, Liz Robinson and Laura Lowe for am matches, Judi Walker and Ann Graves for pm matches.
Sunday Semi-final. Mary Wilderspin and Ann Grave
Sunday Final - Sheila Jarvis.
- k) Computer - Sue Cook will put results on the computer. The computer will then be passed on to Tina for Division 1 results.
- l) Greenkeepers have agreed there will be no GUR where the gorse has been cut recently and areas seeded. The only areas will be the newly planted heather on the banks on hole 7. Local Rules will be available.
36 Strokeplay entries at present (Last year there were 33).

MEETING CLOSED at 11.57 am

Date of next meeting

Monday 20 June at 10am - Waldringfield

Chair

Date

APPENDIX 1

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION BUDGET YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2011

	2011 £	2010 £
INCOME		
Members Subscriptions	13,780	13,468
County Cards	1,750	1,896
Golf Day	1,000	1,056
Surplus on InterClub Knock Out matches	200	386
Surplus from Competitions	2,000	2,345
Sponsorship and Donations	1,100	823
100 Club	540	
Bank Interest	20	19
Sundry	200	237
	<u>20,590</u>	<u>20,230</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	3,245	5,022
Teams and Matches	10,584	8,580
Donations	10	10
Juniors	1,500 (15,339)	1,500 (15,112)
	<u>5,251</u>	<u>5,118</u>
Income Tax	(4)	(4)
	<u>5,247</u>	<u>5,114</u>

ADMINISTRATION

To date

Committee Allowances	550	550	550
Travel	500	111	498
Stationary, postage and telephone	100	90	41
Meeting expenses	375	186	390
Insurance	900	895	1,371
Accountancy	130	96	108
Handbooks	300	281	910
Sundry	240	124	214
Computer/Website	150	31	940
	<u>3,245</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>5,022</u>

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION
 BUDGET
 YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2011

Team Expenses	Total £	1st Team £	Actual £	2nd Team £	Actual £	Seniors £	Actual £	Total Actual £
Travel	1,250	500		400		350		
Food	1,010	250	186	700	23	60		
Accommodation	300			300				
Coaching	2,500	2,500						
Facility Fees	430	150	90	160	30	120		
Balls	64	64						
County Week	4,000	4,000						
Postage	30	10		10		10		
Uniforms	1,000	1,000						
	<u>10,584</u>	<u>8,474</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>1,570</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>540</u>		

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION
 CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISIONS, FOURSOMES
 YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2011

	Championship		Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income										
Expenditure										
Catering										
Refreshment										
Org. expenses										
Prizes										
Facility Fee										
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Income

Expenditure

Catering
 Organisers Expenses
 Prizes
 Facility Fee

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**SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION
KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS
YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2011**

	Haskell	Stearn	Cranworth	Weston	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Entries	260.00	500.00	575.00	360.00	1,695.00

Less:

Catering
Facility Fees
Expenses

APPENDIX 2

SUFFOLK GOLF PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10th March, 2011 at Diss Golf Club

Present: Colin Firmin (Chair), Kay Anderson, Bill Darling, Tony Dobson, Tony Garnett,
Judy Hamshere, Alastair Spink, Wendy Wootton, Kelvin Vince

Apologies: Katie Cooper, Charlie Damonsing, Steven Peet

Colin welcomed Ben Jackson from Suffolk Sport and Tom Bailey to the meeting

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 18th January, 2011 were approved and signed after a correction was made i.e. point 10 EWGA Grant should read – Kay has completed all paperwork for the 2010 grant.

Ben Jackson then gave a Presentation about Sportivate, the new nationwide campaign that aims to capture the excitement of sport, providing opportunities for teenagers and young adults to receive no less than 6 weeks of sport. Suffolk Sports will co-ordinate the funding programme and after some discussion it was agreed that Alastair would have central control of clubs running suitable projects, with the provision that they fit the criteria required.

3. ACTION FROM LAST MEETING

Retention Tools – Alastair has three tool kits to deliver

Testimonial page – Alastair now has testimonials from the parents of our Juniors attending
the County academies and will put these on the website.

A.S.

Accounts – Colin, Alastair and Charlie met to discuss the new format required by England
Golf.

Volunteers – Bill will follow up his call to Mike McArthy from Suffolk Sports.

B.D.

Golf Day – Colin met with the organisers informing them that the Partnership would be
prepared to help. There has been no response since the meeting.

CGP Logo – agreement to drop the word “County” from our logo has been agreed by the
SGU, the SSLCGA and the SPGA. Steven Peet will be informed and a new logo will
be designed.

S.P.

SGP Calender – Tony Dobson said that this was work in progress.

T.D.

4. REPORTS

a) Treasurer – the Funding Statement for the year to date was circulated showing a balance in hand of £25,837.34. Colin informed the meeting that he and Alastair have made a start on the Biannual Review documents which need to be submitted by the 8th April. Following that we should receive our next tranche of funds from England Golf.

b) County Development Officer – the new initiative “Fit for Villages” will replace the AWB initiative. It is hoped that each village will provide a “Village Activator” to coordinate activities. The villagers will be asked which sports they would like to try out and it is hoped that golf will be included.

c) No Report from the Regional Development Officer

d) Golf Foundation – report attached

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) County Academy programme – a very successful Talent Day was held at Stonham. This was felt to be an excellent venue for all concerned – children, coaches and the parents. 60 children attended and 40 places have been given which means that all three centres are full. Coaching at Bramford starts on the 12th March and coaching at Stonham and Bungay will start next month.

Colin said that the Partnership should congratulate themselves on such a successful project and thanks were conveyed to Alastair for all his hard work.

Tony Garnett was asked to take these details back to the SPGA and to emphasise how well the Professionals work together.

T.G.

A discussion took place about expenses for Volunteer Coaches and it was agreed that SGP will pay the Licence Fee for all Volunteer Coaches providing they guarantee to work for the Partnership for a certain amount of hours. Alastair will decide the number of hours required.

A.S.

The Coach Development workshop at the David Lloyd Centre was very successful and more workshops are planned for later in the year.

ii) Marketing & Communications – it was agreed that a leaflet should be produced for use at the Suffolk Show and also to distribute to Clubs and Tony will speak with Ian Duncan on layout and content.

T.D.

It was felt that the website needed someone to be wholly responsible for updating information etc. and Tony has spoken to the Suffolk New College about volunteers from their students.

T.D.

6. BIENNIAL REVIEW – this is covered in the Treasurer’s report.

7. SPORT-I-VATE – Ben Jackson gave his Presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

8. 16+ RECRUITMENT PROJECT

Alastair outlined his plans for this new project. It will be similar to the Active Wellbeing initiative and will involve 6 Clubs giving coaching to two different groups of Beginners aged 16+. He would like one group to be Ladies only and the second group to be either Men or Mixed. The first group of Clubs to be asked to undertake this project in May are – Haverhill, Bramford, Diss, Rookery Park, Stonham and Felixstowe. A letter will be sent to these Clubs, together with a template for leaflets/posters within the next week. The letter will outline the funding etc..

A.S.

The second group to be asked to undertake the project in June are – Bungay, Haverhill, Newton Green, Ufford, Fynn and Ipswich. The third group will be Woodbridge, Rushmere and Halesworth, when they will be asked to take on the project in September and the last group will be in October and the Clubs will be Seckford, Hintlesham and Another.

The title for the new project was agreed to be “Golf for All”.

9. SUFFOLK SHOW

Kevin at Hintlesham has agreed to perform his Trick Golf shots and will travel around the Showground on his new Unicycle. Alastair has e.mailed all Pros asking for their help and so far he has the promise from 2 Level 1 coaches, 2 Professionals and 2 Assistants.

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11. A.G.M.

The AGM will be held before the Partnership's regular meeting and will be on Tuesday 10th May, 2011 at Woodbridge Golf Club.

Colin asked that this be placed on the website.

A.S.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Partnership agreed to provide the Suffolk Ladies with two dozen logoed balls for their Suffolk Golf Day to be held on the 22nd August, 2011.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS – Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 2.00 pm at Woodbridge Golf Club and

to include the A.G.M.

Wednesday 6th July, 2011 at 2.00 pm at

Felixstowe Ferry