



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

MINUTES OF THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

John Wright, previous Club Captain, 2020 & 2021, opened the meeting where he explained that due to the ill health of the Club Chairman, Bill Clifford, he had been asked to Chair the meeting on behalf of the Executive Committee. He wished Bill a speedy recovery and return to his post.

He welcomed the members present and requested that they stand to remember the members who had passed away during the year: Andy Hine, Ann Perrett, Bob Simms, Paul Williams, Don Fletcher, Paul Bryan, Roger Hogg and Paul Hanford.

18 members of the Club were present along with the members of the Executive Committee.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Bill Clifford, David Worsfold, Bernie Warburton, Mike Thompson, Lynda Noble, Jan Cook, Wilf Mason, Craig Wilson, Steve and Angie Partridge and Sandra Pomeroy.
- 2 **MINUTES** of the previous AGM held on the 31st January 2026 had previously been made available via a Club newsletter and also appear on the Club Website. Acceptance of the minutes were proposed by Sam Waters, seconded by Sarah Woodhams and in the absence of the Club Chairman were signed by John Miles and adopted.
- 3 **CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT:** (read by John Wright)

Welcome to the 28th Annual General Meeting of Gaudet Luce Golf Club.

This report is usually compiled by the Club Chairman; however Bill Clifford is experiencing some health issues at the present time, therefore the report has been compiled by The Club Communications Officer with the help of other Executive Officers also using the Minutes from the recently held Annual Meetings of all the sections.

Membership of the Phoenix Course stands at 837, being 135 female, 702 male including 96 juniors. There are also 72 Hadzor members, split between 35 female, 37 male plus 16 juniors. Currently there are 751 active handicap members.

A total of 43,000 rounds were played last year on the Phoenix course, an increase of 19%. Of these 72.5% were members and their guests. The Hadzor course attracted 10,380 rounds, of which 27% were by members and their guests.

The Committee on behalf of the members would like to thank the management for the maintenance of the facilities, the greenkeepers for the excellence of the course in a difficult year and for all the clubhouse, shop and office team for their friendly and efficient attention to the membership. During the last couple of weeks all the sections of the Club have held their Annual Meetings and some of the points to note from these meetings follow:

Gents Section

The 17-24 league team was captained by Nigel Nash, making it through to the semi finals stage of the competition for the first time since winning the league in 2011. Nigel has agreed to captain the league team for the 2026 season.

The Low Handicap league team captaincy will be shared by Mike Wilde and Steve Lewis and the Scratch league team will also be captained by Mike Wilde. Steve Lewis has agreed to carry on as captain of the Handicap league team.

Darren Williams will remain as the Section Competition Representative and he gave a brief round up of the leagues in the absence of their captains where he reported that the Handicap League lost at the semi final stage of the competition. He also thanked both Dean Pointon and Nigel Nash for their assistance during the year. The members present discussed the new How Did I Do app and all understood the changes.

Ladies Section

The section organised 3 opens during the year with good level of entries from around the surrounding area. These opens are again in the diary and the 3 Ball Alliance will support the Club Captain's charity for the year, the Pairs Open raffle monies supporting the Club Captain's charity with the final open supporting the Worcester Breast Cancer unit.

Competition entries were slightly down in the week but it was pleasing to see competition entries increasing for the weekends. Some fun competitions are being organised over the winter, weather of course permitting.

The section representatives have all remained in post following their re-election earlier this month. The communication role is vacant at the present time with the Club Communications Officer standing in for the short term.

During the 'open' part of the Annual Meeting a discussion was held with ideas on how to encourage more ladies to play competitions on a Thursday, this being the officially designated day. The ladies representatives will meet early in February to discuss both this and the section awayday and presentation evening. The ladies also discussed the new HDID app and Sam Waters explained how it operates.

Seniors Section

The team captain, Mike Clark, presented his report where he thanked the section members for their support. He stated that he would be standing again for 2026 but indicated he wished to stand down at the end of that year.

The Competition Representative presented the statistics for the year with entries at a good level. The subject of the new HDID app was discussed during the meeting and members were encouraged to use the 'feedback' facility rather than contact Sam Waters.

Adrian Gill was re-elected as Finance Representative and Andy Waters was elected as Handicap Representative at the recently held Annual Meeting with Ray Dunn elected as Competition Representative.

Following last year's removal of the balls sweep at the Annual Meeting, the section again discussed this subject with a show of hands vote with the majority voting for the return of the Ball Sweep.

The Chair proposed, following discussion, that competition entry to be increased from £3 to £4 inclusive of the balls sweep and the increase was carried by a majority vote. 2026 entry fee to be £3 competition entry plus £1 (compulsory) 2's sweep with the funds paid out on a comp-by-comp basis.

In AOB mention was made of the formation of a working party/section committee meeting to run the section between Annual Meetings – monthly/bi-monthly as required. Group to be section officers, open organisers, team captain etc.

Junior Section

2025 saw yet another successful year for the Junior Section. We have 96 members of the Phoenix Course, 55 of those have handicaps and 41 members are working towards gaining a handicap in 2026.

Thanks to a lot of hard work from junior committee members and Russell, we now have a working pathway from Russell's Academy right through to a full 18 hole membership of the Phoenix Course.

The juniors have had a successful and enjoyable year. Highlights include the Junior Team Captain's Away Day; the Presentation Evening with Glow Golf on the Hadzor Course; a resounding win in their division in the West Midlands Junior League leading to qualification for the final where they finished in third place out of 32 clubs across the West Midlands, an excellent result.

Maisie and Amelia have been selected for England Regional Coaching and Amelia and Lily will be joint County Girls Captains for 2026.

Maisie is County Ladies and County Girls Champion; Rapha Rae is the U14 County Boys Champion. Gaudet Luce juniors won the Club Team Trophy at the County Championships.

There have been many outstanding achievements in 2025 across the County and beyond, too many to mention individually but we congratulate all our juniors on their success, they continue to be a credit to Gaudet Luce GC.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Good evening, for anyone who doesn't know me I am John Miles the Club Treasurer. I am going to present the Consolidated accounts for the period 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025.

Firstly, I would like to thank the section Treasurers for their work during the year completing the section accounts, Roy Everett for the Gents, Adrian Gill for the Senior's and Sue Grant for the Ladies. I complete the Juniors myself.

My thanks on behalf of all the sections also go to the staff in the pro shop and office for handling collection & banking of competition entry fees and voucher requests.

Lastly my thanks go to Mr Alan Jones, a retired Financial Director who reviewed the accounts to ensure that the receipts and payments reflect the section's activities and have the appropriate supporting documentation. He also reviewed the bank account to ensure that it is fully reconciled.

Now to the accounts, hopefully displayed on the screen.

I want to assure all members that even though all funds are held in one central bank account, each section's funds are treated as separate, and a section can only use its own funds.

I am not going to go into detail on the individual section accounts as these have all been presented at the section annual meetings, the headline numbers are:

Gents – Surplus for the year of £16 and have carried forward reserves of £4068

Ladies - Surplus for the year of £163 and have carried forward reserves of £3535

Seniors - Surplus for the year of £374 and have carried forward reserves of £3325

Juniors – Surplus for the year of £1092 and have carried forward reserves of £1965

The large Junior surplus is thanks to some very generous donations of £3606 they received during the year. They have also already received a substantial donation for this year of £3000.

As you can see the sections are in a good financial position and have more than adequate if not too much in reserves and should look at ways of using this for their sections moving forward.

The General Committee fund showed a surplus of £46 and have a carried forward reserve of £4626.

The committee income is generated by the Capitation which is charged to members as part of their annual subscriptions currently charged at £8.33 + Vat

The bank account as of the 31st of October 2025 stood at £30970.14 but there are known commitments relating to the year creating a creditor of £13451.19

The creditors figure relates to such items as vouchers, trophies, engraving, year-end prizes, and the presentation evenings, plus the balance as at the end of October relating to the Captains Charity funds.

In summary, the accounts show a surplus of £1690.27 for the year which gives a carried forward reserve of £17518.95

Any questions?

The accounts will be available on the members part of the website shortly so if anyone has any questions about these or any other financial issues moving forward, please contact me, my contact details are available on the website or on the notice board.

The report was proposed by Terry Hartley, seconded by Susan Grant and adopted as a true record.

5 CLUB CAPTAINS' REPORT:

Good evening Mr Chairman, past Captains and all members Gaudet Luce Golf Club.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Club Captain and Ambassador for the club.

My highlights of the year began in April when I introduced a par 3 pairs competition on the Hadzor course at which I even managed to get our boss Alec to be the first one to tee off.

Sadly the competition wasn't as well attended as I'd hoped but those who entered enjoyed it.

I then organised a quiz night which went down well with both members and guests. We managed to raise over £300.00 for my chosen charity.

With the help of Harriett, I was able to organise the club's 30th Anniversary party. Again, we were able to raise over £300.00 for my charity.

My captains away day at Fulford Heath Golf Club was as successful as I'd hoped with over 40 members taking part. The weather was kind to us and we all had a good day.

As always the Captains charity day is the biggest event held at our golf club. This year was no exception. We had a shotgun start with 24 Four balls, 96 players and we all finished within four hours twenty minutes.

A hog roast lunch was served followed by an abundance of prizes being distributed to all the winners. A quick thank you to Brian Glynn and Mike Clark for auctioning items on behalf of my charity and Jenny Hartley and Amelia Bryan for presenting the prizes.

Continuing with thank yous.

There are so many people I need to thank so if I leave anyone out, I do apologise. First and most importantly I would like to thank our boss Alec Fernihough. His generosity and his advice has been most invaluable and kept me on the straight and narrow.

I would like to thank the rest of the Executive committee for their continued help and assistance, especially Sam and Joan, who both have spent many years in their respective positions making their advice and support most valuable.

I would like to thank the Admin staff Luke and Angelique for keeping my admin straight.

Thank you Adam and all the ground staff who have kept our course in excellent condition all year round. They all do a tremendous job. But I would like to say a special thank you to both Chris and James with the bandana who have always got a smile and friendly word except of course if you mention Wolves to Chris.

Thank you, Russell Adams, for his professional manner whether coaching juniors or adults and trying to teach us how to play this glorious game.

I thank Harriett and her staff for giving me their full support on my organised functions.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank all the section organisers, team captains, treasurers and all the members who participate in organising events. This club would not be as successful without your help and contributions.

I would like to thank the Ladies section for their full support to not only my charity but also the Breast cancer charity and because of their generosity they have raised well over £3000.00. So Joan and Sherri thank you. Thank you to Val Hawley for organising a cake day and once again the ladies produced a wonderful array of cakes. So, ladies thank you all very much.

I would like to mention just two of the many unsung heroes within the club. Firstly Jenny Hartley, her devotion and loyalty to the junior section is above and beyond expectations and without her the junior section would not be in such a strong position as it is today.

The second person I would like to thank is Mick Westwood. He has been organising the seniors home and away matches for nearly 10 years and this coming year he has managed to organise 22 matches for the seniors. Well done Mick.

Those of you that don't know Ollie Lewis, he is our club's Business Development Manager. He instigated Swing into Golf at our club. So far he has had 250 new golfers through the door. Many of these golfers will join the club.

Another of Ollie's initiatives was for our club to sponsor Primrose Hospice Networking dinner at which over £1000.00 was raised for my charity. Well done Ollie and thank you very much.

Finally I had the privilege of organising our annual carol concert. For this I was able to book The Primrose Hospice Choir. For those who attended a good sing-song was had. During the evening I decided to hand over a cheque for £8713.00 to the Primrose Hospice for all monies raised to date. However at the end of the evening the amount raised broke the £9000.00 mark and there is still money coming in. So I thank you all.

Finally, finally. Raising funds for a charity is a difficult task especially as most people have their own dedicated charity so this year I tried not to add more expense to entrance fees etc. In fact the Captains Charity day was free entry and the captains away day I mistakenly added £1.50 to each playing member. Which of course went to the charity.

So with this in mind I had a secret weapon in my wife Peggy who at most golf days and functions held raffles and with the help from Mrs Annie Clark they managed to raise the best part of £2500.00 for my charity and nearly £1000.00 for the Ladies Breast cancer charity. So thank you, Annie and Peggy.

So ladies and gents, without your generosity in supplying raffle prizes and buying raffle tickets our total for money raised would not have exceeded my expectations. On handing over the cheque to the Hospice rep Hannah, she said that the amount raised was one of the best single donations she had received.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Before I hand over my Club Captain duties I would just like to thank John Wright for standing in as acting Chairman tonight but also mentoring me for the past year for his advice and support and also keeping me well and truly grounded. Thank you John.

6 INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLUB CAPTAIN:

Finally I hand over my duties of Club Captain to John Doidge who succeeds me as 2026/27 Club Captain.

John, I wish you every success and hope you are as successful as you hope. Good luck.

7 INCOMING CLUB CAPTAIN:

It is an honour to have been invited to be this year's Club Captain and I'm looking forward to the year ahead. Gaudet Luce has always been a friendly golf club which is what encouraged me to join back in the last century! With the many course improvements over the years, I think that it's a great place to play. As part of my role, I represent the membership at the Club Executive so I have a great excuse to come and introduce myself. I look forward to introducing myself to members I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet and also reacquainting myself with those I haven't seen for a while. I plan for 2026 to be my comeback year on the golf course so watch out weekend golfers.

I gave some serious thought to my chosen charity and came down in favour of the mental health charity Mind. Several members have already expressed their support for my choice and I'm only too aware that many of us face the challenges that poor mental health brings to our

friends and families. Whilst fundraising is an important part of the plan for the year, I hope to be able to enable mental health to be part of our conversations. We perhaps don't appreciate how much our on-course chats and the company of friends helps in the management of our own mental health. Please keep a look out for events throughout the year.

This year I have chosen Sandwell Park for my Away Day. I played it a while back and found it to be a pleasant surprise for a course so close to the motorway (M5 J1) with the familiar hum of the traffic, but we are all used to that. Club Captains Day is Sunday, August 2nd and I am starting to plan a day of fun and frolics for all so please mark the date in your diary.

I take the role of your representative in the club seriously so please either grab me if you see me in the clubhouse and need to discuss anything or drop me an e-mail on john.doidge@gaudet-committee.co.uk

8 CLOSING ADDRESS

John Wright as Chair of the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and requested that Trevor made his way to the putting green to putt out and then to John Doidge to drive in for the 2026/27 year.

Thank you and I wish you all a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 19.33pm

Minutes adopted: Proposer Seconder

Signed Club Chairman

DateJanuary 2027

The traditional Putt Out and Drive in were held following the meeting