

Minutes of the 67th AGM of the OTGS at Reigate Heath Golf Club on the 25/09/2025 @ 12pm

Actions

Date: 25 September 2025

Location: Reigate Heath Golf Club

Chair: Terry Davidge

Attendees: Terry Davidge (TD), Richard Willacy (RW), Andrew Horne (AH), Mark Banham (MB), David Morgan (DM)

Apologies: Olly Hyland, Greg Whalley, Pete Whalley, Matthew Pyke, Gary Hector, Phil Stickler, Richard Jowett, Clive Large, Simon Hobbs, Richard Norris

1. Remembrance

- TD suggested a moment of silence was held for past members who sadly died during the year, namely Barry White and Wes Wyatt, both former presidents.
- RW noted attendance at Barry White's funeral.

2. Apologies and Attendance

- List of apologies and attendees recorded (see above).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Approved.
- Matters arising:
 - OTA subsidy: After delays, £1,200 finally received covering two of the three years outstanding. Unfortunately, we are back to two years still outstanding (£600 per year). RW to continue chasing Richard Kennedy every year.
 - RW sent Wes Wyatt OTGS best wishes.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Subs and donations steady, though only 17 contributors from 89 mailing list contacts.
- Richard Jowett stepped down as Secretary in 2022 however paid one-off subs of £250 to cover those years he hadn't paid any subs. During the year the Western branch of OTGS ceased to exist and remaining funds were transferred to OTGS of £236.
- Competition fees are rising significantly, e.g. Halford Hewett centenary costs of £1400 spread over three years, the Grafton Morrish finals costs (which we have now qualified for the last three years) and Brent Knoll Bowl entry fee. Most selected players for the

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scratch competitions pay 50% of the entry fees.

- On a positive note, premium bond return for the year was £1,250 from £6,500 holding.
- Accumulated funds for the year are now £11,349 (up from £9,225 five years ago).
- Forecast for this year: Likely loss in current year due to higher competition costs and fewer one-off incomes.
- Overall finances still in healthy state and no need for changes to income streams.

5. Match Reports

- Halford Hewett (HH) & Brent Knoll Bowl (BNB): Good performance, both reached semi-finals of the Plate competition.
- Notable wins in the HH: Beat Ampleforth, Downside in plate competition.
- Younger players (Lee brothers, Paddy, Henry) showing promise; part of future squad.
- Qualified again for the Grafton Morrish Finals in October with 85 points overall.
- Cyril Gray won first round against Framlingham but lost in the second round to King's Canterbury.
- Good levels of player commitment and support in all scratch competitions despite costs.

6. School Golf

Report from Liam:

- School golf expanding, more competitions, including girls' participation.
- Years 11-13 able to choose golf as a sports option.
- Lee Corfield (Pro) contracted to work Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Westy simulator.
- School taking part in the Independent Schools Golf Assoc (ISGA), SWIFTS, West of England Public Schools Competition, Southwest Schools League and Somerset Schools Competition.
- Fin Pyke also playing in the SWIFTS order of merit strokeplay events across the year, currently playing off 0.5 handicap.
- Consideration given to enhancing practice facilities and moving near Westy.
- Honour Boards to be provided in Westy covering school and OT major achievements.
- Ongoing £4-5k costs of running school golf funded by individual OTGS members.

7. Election of Officers

- Officers confirmed to continue: President (TD), Treasurer & Secretary (RW), Captain (PW).
- PW recognised for his good work as OTGS Captain.
- Matthew Pyke has agreed to take on Cyril Gray captaincy from David Morgan.

8. Any Other Business

St. Pierre Trip (Chepstow):

- Successful event organised by Pete Whalley and Phil Stickler.
- 20 attendees, excellent value with prizes and golf at St. Pierre and Celtic Manor.
- Plans to repeat next year.
- Several new players integrated into the system and included on the mailing list.

9. Next Meeting

- Date of next meeting not specified.