



BCCGS AGM Minutes 2026

Date: 20th January 2026

In the chair: John Owens

In attendance: Adrian Bird (Treasurer), Kevin Baker, Gary Boyes, Tony Cooper, Paul Groves, Roy Farrer, Peter Horrocks, Andy Hemsley, Phil Bird, Phil Walsh

Apologies: Ron Arnold, Jon Lagden, Ian Piper, Alan Littmoden, Craig Teagle, Andy Fryd, Jonathan Hatt

Minutes of the previous AGM were made available and agreed as correct.
There were no additional items to be added to the agenda from non-attendees.

Treasurers Report

The full accounts were presented by Adrian Bird and are included below.

In summary there is £5,155 in the society bank account as of 31st December 2025 with most 2026 golf day deposits paid. This increased by £1,776 over last year as a result of the generous sponsorship of golf day prizes by society members, plus the continuing raffle. It was agreed that the annual subscription for 2026 could remain at £30 but guests supplement would now be £10, refundable against subs. Membership increased to 41.

Adrian thanked those that had sponsored the golf days and John for his organization. The meeting thanked Adrian for his continued work as Treasurer.



BCCGS Treasurers
Report 2025.docx



BCCGS Detail
2025.xlsx

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was presented by John Owens and is included below.

It shows the month by month golf days with a brief description of each day, the winner, runners up, nearest-the-pin winners and sponsors. There was a mix of old favorites, returns to golf courses after a long absence and a new venue, Rochford One Hundred. Unfortunately this was the least favorite with only 19 attending, maybe due to the historically less popular month of September. The most popular golf day was Gog Magog with 40 attendees including 5 guests. Overall, the average attendance was 29 including guests, with one becoming a new member. It was pleasing to see a different winner on each of the golf days.

John thanked our outgoing captain, Nick Fitpatrick, for a great job, Rob Arnold for scoring and like Adrian, the sponsors.



Appointment of Officers

All the following were proposed and agreed:-

Treasurer: Adrian Bird

Secretary: John Owens

Handicap

Secretary: Ron Arnold

Captain: The agenda item to no longer have a Captain was declined for historical reasons. Several suggestions for Captain were made based upon golf day attendance last year and longevity of membership but those in attendance declined the proposal!
Action: It was agreed for JO to canvass the members but if still no volunteers the past Captains would take turns on each golf day.

Vice-Captain: Sam Thompson – requested this year’s captaincy to be deferred for one year.

Format of Day

It was agreed the format of day to continue as coffee & bacon roll/full English, 18 holes golf and 2 course evening meal. A request for more full English breakfast was agreed to leave to individuals.

Handicap System

The current handicap system, in place for 2 years, has led to much higher handicaps. This year 70% of members handicaps increased from their starting handicap, whereas in 2023, under the previous system, it was 23%. Now this could be because we are all getting worse! But it was proposed and agreed we revert to the 30 – 34 points par score with no handicap adjustment and the same 0.6 cut per point over 34, and 0.2 increase below 30. In addition, the maximum handicap increase would be 1 for handicaps 16 and above but remain at 2 for lower than 16.

Match Play Competition

It was agreed to continue the Match Play competition for those wanting to play. It continues to be an issue with the high number of byes; it was agreed to redraw by the secretary when the attendees of each golf day are known and numbers for the next round permits this.

Captains Trophy

It was agreed to continue in its present form i.e., best of 5 qualifying rounds with 12 points awarded for 1st place, 11 for 2nd etc. and in case of a draw next best round to count.

Champion of Champions Trophy

It was agreed to continue in its present form, stroke play, and to be contested on the first golf day of the year unless half the champions are not present in which case it will be the next golf day of the year.

Golf days for 2026

The following golf days have been booked:-

Thursday March 26th: Hadley Wood - last played 2015
Thursday April 23rd: Clacton - annually
Wednesday May 13th: Benton Hall - 2002
Thursday June 18th: East Herts - 2012
Wednesday July 15th: Finchley - 2011
Tuesday 4th August: Away trip - Lingfield Park followed by
Wednesday 5th August - Westerham
Thursday Sept 24th: Dyrham Park - new to society
Thursday Oct 22nd: Saffron Waldon - 2013
Thursday 3rd Dec Turkey Trot: The Heron followed by Harry's Bar-

There was some disappointment that a return to Gog Magog was not on the list, but the aim is to have as many different golf courses each year as possible. To this end Clacton was also discussed as an annual return but agreed to continue for this year. Also, consideration for the Thorndon Park compensatory offer that needs to be taken by the end of April, it was agreed that this should be outside the society.

The Turkey Trot venue was also discussed with a return to Thorpeness suggested, as was the case a few years ago, either as a single golf day or 2 rounds with an overnight stay.

Action: JO to cost Thorpeness & to see if the Heron deposit can be refunded.

There was much discussion on what to do with the healthy bank balance and the following summarizes the options:-

1. Golf days to be subsidized by Society.
2. A free/discounted golf day e.g. Turkey Trot, the amount based upon number of golf days attended.
3. Prizes to be funded by society rather than sponsorship or split between sponsor/society— it was agreed this was a matter for individual sponsors.
4. Increase the raffle prize fund with, as well as golf balls, a cash prize or free golf day etc.

Action: AB to cost options

Golf Day Sponsorship

The meeting thanked all those that sponsored golf days in 2025, namely:-

Gog Magog: Vince Kirley, Sam Thompson & Nick Fitzpatrick

Clacton: Phil Bird & Phil Walsh

Harpenden: Dave McCarthy & Jay Alexander

Felixstowe Ferry: Alan Littmoden

Porters Park: Eddie Edwards

Westerham: Lewis Barr

Rochford One Hundred: Andy Hemsley

Thorndon Park: Roy Farrer

The Heron: Billericay Constitutional Club

The following kindly agreed to sponsor a 2026 golf day:-
Phil Bird & Phil Walsh at lacton
Roy Farrer at Saffron Waldon

Any Other Business

- None

Meeting closed at 20:15