

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 28) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 26th June 2025

The meeting opened at 1.43pm

Present were: B. Howat, G. Edmonds, D. Long, J. Rampling, with B. Dobbs taking the Chair.

Apologies for Absence: received from J. Connor, M. Finch, J. Green.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 17th April 2025 (DarCom 27), having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain's announced that just prior to his recent holiday, the charity fund stood at £1,155. He had received no comments or complaints regarding the course or club.

There were no Matters Arising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Had been keeping tabs on people who had paid their subs. Of 49 listed, 44 had paid. The remaining late payers were duly accounted for. We had forecast 44 members in the budget, so finances look to be on schedule. We currently hold £3663.81 in the bank account. A current expenditure sheet had been circulated. Treasurer enquired about surfeit of funds building up, and wondered how far this should be allowed to build. Was enlightened that a surplus of around around £1,000-£1,200 should be maintained. Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that we had been bumped off of our scheduled date for the Summer Dinner to accommodate a more lucrative event. Had taken into consideration mentions of the cost, which had been discussed with Management. So a reduced two-course fayre was offered. A suggestion for next year that a different venue, maybe the Mount Vineyard, in the village, could be investigated. Perhaps this was something that could be looked into. It was agreed to proceed with the chosen menu, with the inclusion of a starter course. Secretary suggested perhaps we could hold a table quiz, which he was prepared to organise.

ALMONER'S REPORT: As I have only been in the position for a couple of months, this will be a short report. I sent out emails to all the new Seniors welcoming them to the Section and also asking if they had any concerns to let me know. I had an enquiry from Len which I dealt with, other than that I've not had anything to report. If anyone has any concerns regarding any Seniors' health could they please let me know.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report that numbers had been creeping up slowly. The new fellows seem to have slotted in. Had had two occasions recently where he had to squeeze in an extra tee time. Going forward he would leave it at seven start times, but if it constantly goes above that he would need to get a tenth tee start.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

There were no Topics submitted for discussion.

AOB: BH asked if mention could be made to Jason regarding greenkeepers raking bunkers.

The Date of next meeting will be on 13th November 2025, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 2.26pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom28

Just the one new member since our last meeting, being Alan Bailey.

I learn that Nigel Kee is unable to commit to us, due to work commitments, apparently. So have deleted him from our database. I've also been advised that Buzz Morse is possibly going to make a return to the fold. So watch this space. This maintains our membership total at 48.

Due to us being bumped off of the date for our Summer Dinner, I have transposed the fixtures for July 10 and 17 around, to accommodate. This will, no doubt, come under discussion during the Social Secretary's Report.

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The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2025 as at 24/06/2025

	Income		Expenditure	
	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2024
b/f	£1,172.97	£3,765.95		
Captains Charity		£829.00		£3,357.74
Comp Secs Expenses			£44.96	£42.49
Trophies & Engraving			£100.70	£1,183.24
KGVL Subscription			£70.00	£65.00
KGVL Website				£10.50
KGVL Jamboree		£375.00		£375.00
KGVL Donation				£10.00
Subscriptions	£1,617.00	£1,467.50		
GU Fees	£1,029.50	£1,023.50		£1,000.00
Summer Dinner		£1,440.00		£1,474.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,470.00		£1,475.00
TDS Ties	£60.00	£50.00		
Shirts				£35.00
Website				£14.81
Handicap Master				£205.20
Bank			£3,663.81	£1,172.97
Total	£3,879.47	£10,420.95	£3,879.47	£10,420.95
Notes:				
Bank	£3,663.81	£1,172.97		
Earmarked Funds				
GU Fees	£1,053.00	£23.50		
Events	£140.50	£140.50		
Tie Fund	£220.00	£160.00		
Sub total	£1,413.50	£324.00		
Net TDS Funds	£2,250.31	£848.97		

Match Secretary's Report 26th June 2025

Our match with the Ladies went ahead, 13 Men took part and 15 Ladies. I must say that I was a little disappointed with the turn out from the men I thought that more would want to play

We had mixed teams playing on an aggregate Stapleford basis and the day was won by John McCarthy and his Partner Paula (surname unknown) with 79 points. Sandwiches and chips thereafter and a very enjoyable day although a long one.

We should look at format next year though because with so many playing and 14 tee time there was a lot hanging around for some either at the beginning for some or the end for others. Ladies only being allowed to play after 12.00 is a problem, maybe we should talk to Jason next year to bring forward and 2 tee start. Food for thought

Our Friendly matches continue, Park Wood at home for the second leg of the Brok'nWood Trophy saw Darenth extend their lead and win the Trophy again this year. We were away last Monday to Cherry Lodge for a very enjoyable day which ended 3 matches each. This despite one very late withdrawal and one of our players forgetting about the game and turning up at the Darenth for the Swindle only to be sent to Cherry.

Unfortunately, he did not get there so we were one man down

Our next match is against Birchwood away and the team has been selected and details of the day passed on to them

This leaves 2 matches to come later in the year, both Cherry Lodge and Birchwood at home

With regard to the KVGL matches, since beating Pedham at home we have played, The Ridge at home losing all of the matches to a very strong team showing a number of changes in team members. Wrotham away also saw us lose 5 games to 0. Nizels at home gave us a fantastic result we won 4 games to 1. Not expected by me. Our next match was away to Redlibblits which we lost 9 points to 1, tough course in the very dry conditions with a lot of bear lies, Their tee boxes were a disgrace and I felt for the players who were very apologetic following an earlier problem with their irrigation system which had also affected the greens but they had recovered

We continue to struggle to get a side for the League matches, a very small core number, still getting total blanks from some of our members to emails sent out. I must say though that some of our newer members have jumped at the chance to play in these games even though their handicap is high and they know that they are giving up shots even before they step on the course

One real problem for me has been twice we have had 3 matches in a week. I know we have a restricted period to play these games but would ask that we try and extend our season a little to accommodate without being so squashed together

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