

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 31) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 7th May 2026

The meeting opened at 1.38pm

Present were: J. Rampling, B. Burt, G. Edmonds, B. Dobbs, M. Finch, A. Bailey, D. Long, and J. Connor in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence: J. Green

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 12th February 2026 (DarCom 30), having been pre-distributed, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: Trophy Insurance, Secretary clarified that he had spoken with Jason following our last meeting, who was going to have a word with, presumably, his broker. Having sent Jason an email on the day preceding this meeting prompting a response. Having heard nothing we can only assume that nothing came of this. Agreed that should any loss occur, then we, as a Section, will swallow the cost.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: We had had four matches thus far, all in all the teams were playing well. Advised that so far he had sent £500, the proceeds from his Awayday, plus a further £60 to the RNLI. And he would continue to be donating on a piecemeal basis. Had handed out photographs from the event, and was hoping for more donations from this action. Was enjoying his year.

Matters Arising: JC raised issue of NTP balls. AB sought clarification that balls should be purchased by the Captain. Discussion ensued with no outcome.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £3,651.68. Report and Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Due to absence, not presented.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Reported he'd emailed Brian Hubbard and Gordon Green to ascertain their wellbeing, but received no reply from either. Otherwise all are fairly well.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Things are running smoothly as the moment, with tee times. Although there was some question of changes next week. Was somewhat upset with matters relating to buggy hire.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Following on, some discussion surrounding one individual who was disgruntled at failing to receive a call-up for a certain match. It was felt, that words need to be had with said individual.

TOPICS

- a) Relief from tree roots – DL: Raised issue of exposed tree roots, especially down the 18th, being a potential source of damage to clubs and wrists. This was deemed a matter for consideration of the Competition Committee, to which it was referred back to.
- b) Fairways Pick and Place – DL: Issue of the current state of fairways at the moment, suggested Pick and Place be instigated. Again, a matter for the Competition Committee, who being in attendance, agreed to instigate immediately.
- c) Starting Times – JC: raised issue of custom of random draws not being adhered to recently. Competition Secretary agreed to revert.

AOB:

DL Clarified what constitutes a path, which by definition is an artificial surface. Discussion ensued regarding the bare patch in front of the 11th green, and whether this should be GUR, without resolution.

JC Captains' Days and Awaydays: Opened discussion on these areas. AB declared that he would be happy to do one next year. Discussion surrounded potential venues. As regards the Captain's Day, reminder that the Captain decides on the format, and what is played for. Need to remind members that there is usually an enhanced entry fee on these days.

BD announced that he had closed his Captain's Charity account and had forwarded a cheque for £2,967 to Macmillan Nursing.

The Date of next meeting will be on 15th October 2026, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom31

With the loss of Graham Horton to grandparenting duties, our numbers now stands at 44.

Having put you on notice of my impending retirement, we shouldn't prolong the search for a replacement. It may appear that the position is onerous. Far from it, as I just make it look that way. A lot of the tasks that I undertake don't actually come under the remit of the post. Basically the position covers:

H.5 Secretary – will keep a record of the membership. He will call and keep a record of Minutes of Committee Meetings and the Seniors AGM (EGM if called). The Secretary is an ex-officio member of all the Section's committees. Simple peeps!

Things such as web master, collating and ordering of trophies etc are operations that I personally carried out prior to becoming Secretary, and which I am prepared to continue doing, for as long as I am able, and wanted.

Hopefully this will clarify matters, and perhaps encourage others to step up to the plate.

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Treasurer's Report DARCOM 31 7 May 2026

Please see attached a copy of the budget and performance for the year to date. Since the start of the year, the balance in the TDS bank account has increased from £1,616.22 to £3,651.68. The change in the bank account balance (an increase of £2,035.46) is due to the following:

£2,220.00 > Subscriptions paid by members.

Less

£70.00 > Kent Golf Vets League annual subscription.

£114.54 > Payment for trophies/engraving.

So far this year we have received subscriptions from 37 members and are expecting payments from a further 7.

Graham Edmonds - Treasurer

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2026

	Income		Expenditure	
	3-May-2026	31-Dec-2025	3-May-2026	31-Dec-2025
b/f	£1,616.22	£1,172.97		
Captains Charity				
Comp Secs Expenses				£44.96
Trophies & Engraving			£114.54	£1,155.90
KGVL Subscription			£70.00	£70.00
KGVL Website				£22.20
KGVL Jamboree		£320.00		£320.00
KGVL Donation				
Subscriptions	£1,276.50	£1,653.75		
GU Fees	£943.50	£1,053.75	£0.00	£1,042.75
Summer Dinner		£1,066.00		£1,060.60
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,559.00		£1,475.04
TDS Ties	£0.00	£60.00		
Shirts				
Website				£97.80
Handicap Master				
Miscellaneous		£20.00		
Bank			£3,651.68	£1,616.22
Total	£3,836.22	£6,905.47	£3,836.22	£6,905.47
Notes:				
Bank	£3,651.68	£1,616.22		
Earmarked Funds				
GU Fees	£978.00	£34.50		
Events	£229.86	£229.86		
Tie Fund	£220.00	£220.00		
Sub total	£1,427.86	£484.36		
Net TDS Funds	£2,223.82	£1,131.86		

Match Secretary's Report 7th May 2026

Our Friendly matches started with the 1st leg of the BrokeWood trophy against Park Wood which ended with Us scoring 349 points against their 299. This was a good result for us especially as we only had 11 players.

The away match against Eltham Warren did not go so well resulting in our first loss in a friendly for a couple of years, we went down 4 ½ to 1 ½

We host the return match next week and look forward to reversing the result

In the Kent Golf Vet's league our first match was against Pedham Place and we won 8 points to 2.

Second match against The Ridge at home we lost 6 points to 4. This much improved from last year when we lost 10 nil

Wrotham away we lost 8 points to 2 but the team played much better than the score would suggest. 2 matches went to the 18 green and it was reported back to the league by Wrotham *"Despite the handicap restrictions applying to The Darenth they acquitted themselves extremely well. Some excellent performances from some of their players today"* Well done to all who played

Getting teams together for the matches does take a long time with a number of players having to be pushed into playing. This applies to all matches although the number of members who will play in friendlies is bigger. I'm afraid that some members don't answer emails or reply to the wrong email for a different match
Time consuming.

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