

Truro Seniors

Minutes of 2026 Annual General Meeting

Venue: Truro Golf Club

Date: 16th January 2026

Time: 2pm

Present: 32 members of the seniors' section

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Martyn Bennett; Trevor Cooper; Ken Dark; Raj Dhumale; John Doyle; Paul East; John Evers; David Hayhoe; Allan Hayhurst; Colin Honey; Tony Hoskings; Peter Kwee; Bob Myners; Tony Randall; Stuart Roden; Tom Scott; John Spry; Dave Still; and Steve Washbourne

2. Minutes of 2025 AGM held on 10th January

The minutes of the 2025 AGM had been circulated previously.

Approved as a true record.

Proposed: Tim Dodd Seconded: Bill Pickup Carried unanimously.

3. Matters arising

Club loyalty benefit policy: JC raised this at Board during the year. Very few clubs offer this type of discount. The discounts will remain as they are, namely: >65 & 10 years membership - £25; >65 & 20 years - £50; > 80 & 10 years £200.

4. Election of chairman, officers and committee members

The following nominations were received, duly seconded:

- Chairman: Julian Collinson
- Secretary: Paul East
- Treasurer: Peter Read
- Membership secretary: Tony Randall
- Committee: Terry McHattie and Andy Edwards

In the absence of any nominations from the meeting, all were elected unopposed.

JC confirmed that immediate past captain (Mike Regan), captain (Peter Tatlow) and vice-captain (Jeff Lenihan) are automatically on the committee as per the constitution.

5. Chairman's report

Julian delivered his report. This is Appendix 1 to these minutes.

6. Treasurer's report and approval of 2025 accounts

Peter delivered his financial report. This is Appendix 2 to the minutes.

Approval of 2025 accounts:

Proposed: Jim Astley Seconded: Steve Peplow Carried unanimously

7. Approval of subs for 2026

The committee recommended keeping the annual subs at £10. Carried unanimously.

8. Committee proposals

There were no committee proposals.

9. Member proposals

No member proposals were received in advance of the meeting.

10. General discussion

David Pollard asked the committee to consider introducing 11-hole competitions for the benefit of those seniors who find it increasingly difficult to compete for 18 holes. It was noted that with the impending reorganisation of the course, it may not be possible to do 11 holes easily. Action for the committee to consider further.

Alan Downie asked why the section carries such a large balance in the bank account. JC and PR noted that it is useful to have some in reserve so that we can react to requests from the club for assistance with certain items. Of particular note is the fact that the section has funded a new defibrillator this year, and previously the broken-tee holders.

A few members raised the issue of the handicaps of the Cape Cornwall players who gain a significant advantage when playing open competitions – not just at Truro, but also at other clubs. PT has followed this up at county level during the year, and there is no simple solution. The CC players are not guilty of any sort of foul play: it's just that their course ratings appear to give them unusually high handicap indices compared with their actual playing ability. Action for the committee to consider before invitations for the 2026 open are sent out.

Peter Hudson asked why the seniors have no voting power on the club board and committees whilst the ladies do. JC confirmed that although there are seniors' and ladies' representatives at board/committee level, they are non-voting positions for both sections.

Jim Astley thanked the committee for its work over the year, sparking a spontaneous round of applause!

Peter Tatlow
Captain, Truro Seniors
19th January 2026

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Minutes of 2026 Annual General Meeting – Appendix 1: Chairman's Report

Welcome

I would firstly like to thank members and apologise for the delay in holding this AGM. Storm Goretti packed a punch and it was certainly a good call to postpone the AGM on Friday morning as shortly after we made that decision the Met Office declared a Red Warning. I thank members for supporting today's rearrangement. I thought I had to start this report with a summary of the impact of Storm Goretti.

Around 100 trees were lost, and we've all seen the results of the storm from the club's Facebook posts and emails. The Insurance Loss Adjuster is due to visit the course today, then the club can hopefully crack on with clear up operations (although some significant work already done by the greenkeepers eg on the 16th green, and with debris clearing by the volunteers). I believe the tree surgeons estimate there is some 14-16 days of work required but possibly longer.

The complicated part of the clear up operation is the trees which have caused damage around the school playing field ie. 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The club will look to work together with the school and initial meetings have already taken place with the headmaster and groundsman. The club is reasonably confident we can get some golf here before too long: this will become clearer next week once a plan has been established with the tree surgeons and we have the green light from the insurance company.

It's been great to see local clubs offer our members options to play at their courses at discounted rates. As always, the club will keep us posted on developments and thanks are expressed from the club board to all members for patience and understanding.

Before Goretti, another full golfing year in 2025 and plenty of hard work and dedication from your committee. I do want to publicly recognise the unseen work that goes on behind the scenes, which reflects so well on the Seniors section overall. I believe our section has functioned with the minimum of fuss and with few major problems, which is a reflection on how well your committee have worked together through the year. We have had pretty much 100% attendance at our committee meetings which evidences the commitment and enthusiasm shown by all committee members through the year.

I publicly thank all committee members for their hard work last year.

I have been honoured this year to be invited to attend the club Board meetings, which are held every two months, in a non-voting capacity. This has given me an insight into the working of the golf club and to evidence once again the hard, yet unseen, work carried out by a few people for the benefit of the membership. I have been able to represent the views of the Seniors section on various topics through the year, which otherwise may have been overlooked.

It is fantastic to see the work being undertaken through 2025 and into the new year, at the club. We have a great facility here, it would please me to see more seniors using the clubhouse facilities, particularly after a round of golf, and also attending a few of the many and varied

events the club lays on, for example the very well-run regular quizzes, Sunday lunches and so on. The facilities here are excellent and I do encourage all members to give them a try.

Jess and Laura provide great catering – those who play in our Seniors matches will be able to confirm this – and I would like to thank Jess and her team for looking after us so well.

A huge investment in the course has been evident in recent months, with reshaped bunkers and approaches. We will see the full benefit of this work in the spring: evidence of the desire from the club Board to ensure our golfing experience is the top priority.

Additionally, the much-awaited refurbishment of the changing rooms is about to commence, with the refurbished balcony with new furniture completed last year.

All this is the fruit of the club Strategic Plan, which was produced over a year ago, and it is pleasing to see how things are developing. The Plan will be reviewed very soon to ensure it remains relevant.

The course has for the main part of the year been excellent and I do pass on thanks to Dom and his team for their hard work. We've had a lot of wet weather in November and December, after a dry and warm summer, and naturally the course has suffered. This is common with many parkland courses. You will be aware there is much work done by the greenkeepers to keep the course open when possible whilst at the same time striving to protect it from footfall to ensure we benefit once winter is over.

Our Seniors Open was held in June and once again a full field of players including a large number of visiting golfers entered. Truro Seniors Open is one of the most popular in the county and is an event your committee are justifiably proud of. Vice Captain Peter did a huge amount of work with Captain Mike to ensure the event was a success, ably supported by others, and a great day resulted.

As in previous years, a cash surplus was produced from the Seniors Open, and we have donated to two very deserving local charities nominated by Captain Mike - to LARF, a children's cancer charity, and we also presented a cheque to Penhaligon's Friends who support bereaved children and their families in Cornwall. In the case of the former, Mike also donated an amount from his Seniors Captain's day.

In addition, the Seniors Section have been delighted to fund the acquisition of a new defibrillator for the golf club, a facility badly needed as the previous equipment was becoming unreliable and sourcing parts etc was proving very difficult.

I want to make mention of the Seniors website which is proving to be a remarkable success. Around 8,000 hits were recorded as we entered the final quarter of last year, from many parts of the world. We did send the detail out to Seniors members and I would record my thanks to Andy Edwards for his work on this project which is proving very successful and beneficial.

Captain Mike enjoyed a very enjoyable year and I offer my congratulations to him for leading the seniors teams in our traditional fixtures. We played 29 matches against other clubs (one cancelled due to the weather), plus a match with the senior ladies. As usual we tended to win

our home matches with less success away, but we are encouraged by the number of newer senior members giving the matches a go.

Similarly, Vice Captain Peter has worked hard to deliver the competitions we all enjoy through the year, in addition to his Seniors Secretary role. I think Peter will be looking for a slightly easier time as Captain this year!

Thank you, Mike and Peter for your hard work and delivery in 2025, and I wish Peter and his Vice Captain Jeff Lenihan every success and good luck for their upcoming year.

Finally I want to thank Peter Simmons, and Paul Griffiths, for their superb support to the Seniors this year. On many occasions we have approached them for help and guidance and without fail they have been positive and supportive.

To conclude, I will repeat my message from last year. My objective has always been and remains, to try and ensure our Seniors members enjoy their golf, enjoy the course, and most importantly enjoy each other's company. Building friendships is very important at any stage of life but I believe not least for those of us of advancing years. Please do not underestimate this part of your life, cherish it, and look forward as always to hitting that little ball and the ridicule that sometimes comes with it.

Happy Golfing!

Julian Collinson
Seniors Chairman
16th January 2026

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The lowering of the age to be a Senior Golfer to 55 years has helped increase the membership of Truro Seniors Section from 145 to 161 at the end of this financial year. This and an increase in the subscriptions helped us to donate a new defibrillator to Truro Golf Club. I am sure you will agree this is an essential item. The other outgoings were similar to last year with the exception that the committee agreed that a 'thank you' to Pete and Paul in the Office was appropriate as they went out of their way to assist us in all our competitions by sorting handicaps and preparing the score cards etc.

Despite all our donations to charity and gifts as shown we have had a deficit of only about £400 for the year leaving us with a healthy balance of £2844.72.

Full income/expenditure details are on the next page.

Peter Read
Truro Seniors Treasurer
16th January 2026

Truro Seniors – income and expenditure 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	£1,600.00	AGM pasties	£160.00
Seniors open surplus	£821.19	Blackwater Studio (clothing)	£109.14
Clothing purchased	£793.98	Webster Med (clothing)	£710.80
Competition fees	£410.00	Competition prizes	£410.00
Captain's Day donations	£500.00	Captain's Day funding	£150.00
		Donation LARF charity	£1,000.00
		Donation Penhaligon's Friends	£400.00
		Donation TGC capt's charity	£100.00
		Defibrillator	£970.80
		Match wine	£167.00
		Seniors dinner - 2 guests	£60.00
		Trophy engraving	£124.75
		Greenkeepers' Christmas box	£100.00
		Office staff thank you	£90.00
TOTAL INCOME	£4,125.17	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£4,552.49
Deficit for year	£427.32		
Balance b/f from 2024	£3,272.04		
Balance c/f to 2026	£2,844.72		
Difference	£427.32		