ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY
held at Wensum Valley Golf Club
Monday, 23rd February 2026

Present	President	Sue Hill
	Chair Person	Angie Allsopp
	Honorary Secretary	Felicity Leigh
	Honorary Treasurer	Lynn Wykes
	Competition Secretary	Jill Bullimore
	General Committee Member	Susan Olds

66 members attending for the AGM and meal and 6 for the AGM itself

President Sue Hill presided over the meeting and welcomed all to Wensum Valley for the 2026 AGM.

1. **Apologies For Absence**

Sue Saunders, Sue Ryan, Peggy Gower, Marilyn Barter, Sharon Spooner, Maureen Lelievre, Susan Tuck, Debbie Watson, Sandie Banyard, Cindy Tufts, Helen Ayres, Carolyn Beamont, Paula Claxton, Beverley Filby, Heather Keeble, Anne McHarg, Moira Morgan, Lynn Robinson-Goodman, Vicki Smith, Teresa Tarrant, Tina Robinson-Goodman, Gill Welham, Jane Watson, Lottie Fowler, Sue Meadows, Darryl Smith, Christine Joy, Elaine Cantel, Annie Long, Jo Barnard, Judith MacKinnon, Pat Williamson and Sandy Byrne

Roll of Honour. Fortunately, no current Vets had passed away this last year. However at this time Sue asked those present to still remember those in the county golfing fraternity who had passed away since our last AGM with a minute's silence; notably Judy Zannini and Janet Edwards, both of whom had a long relationship with the Society in years gone by.

The Society stood for a minute's silence.

Sue than extended a welcome to all new members to this friendly society, confirming that we had 391 members going forward in 2026. More about this in the Membership Secretary's Report.

2. **Approval of Minutes 24th February 2025**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 24th February 2025 having already been circulated, they now need to be approved. As they are rather lengthy Sue proposed that they should be taken as read. If anyone present at that meeting had any comments to make this was now their opportunity. No comments being made, Sue asked for a proposer and seconder and a show of hands to adopt the minutes as a true record. Proposed by Carolyn Ballingall of Dunston Hall and Seconded by Sue Clayton of Sheringham. A unanimous vote to adopt the minutes.

3. **Matters Arising** - None

4. **Hon. Secretary's Report**

Firstly thank you to Catherine Jeffries from Eaton Golf Club for stepping up to take over from me after the AGM. Catherine would you like to stand up so that members can put a face to the name.

Fairly problem free year this year from a secretary's point of view everything ticking along smoothly.

Having said that I need to point out that there have been issues with the website this last year, which carried forward from the tale end of the previous year. These were due mainly to the fact that we were not in total control of our website, as a 3rd party was hosting the platform. Unfortunately this third party became virtually unresponsive, and would not respond to requests for help. We therefore made the decision to acquire the domain and take on the hosting ourselves.

Our three 'techies' on the committee Sue Fage, Sue Ryan and Lynn Wykes have put their heads together and we are happy to advise that we are now in control of the website and able to do all the administrative tasks in house. The last step in this process is still to be completed, but hopefully this will be transferred before our renewal is due in August 2027. Once the domain name is transferred to NVLGS, we can then move ahead and be in total control of our website.

We have done a lot of work already on updating the content on the website, and we trust you will enjoy using this as a useful tool in the future. If any members have any recommendations as to the design and content, please let us know through our new email address, which is norfolkvets@outlook.com. We have a "contact us" on the website now too.

NVLGS also has a Facebook page. This was started as a backup/test with the issues we were experiencing with the website and we have decided to keep it as an extra way of having our information out there. It will have news, notice of upcoming events, results of matches and comps. (with photos). Fairly similar to what you can find on our website, but you can put comments!! The FB page will not replace the website, but compliment our social media contact with our members. The link to our Facebook page is now on our website and any issues, Anne Sibley is au fait with the process.

After a very poor response in recent years of trophy winners coming to the AGM to receive their trophies (only 3 attending last year) the committee decided this would no longer be part of the AGM.

All the entry forms should now be on the website. Entry dates are given for a reason so that Jill doesn't get inundated with entry forms all at once. Please respect the dates and act accordingly.

That's it. Thank you to all the reps for being my stepping stone to getting information out there from the committee. I wish you all a very good golfing year.

4. **Hon. Membership Secretary's Report** (read out by Felicity Leigh in Sue Ryan's absence)

The Society continues to have a strong membership of 391 members from 25 different golf clubs across Norfolk. We have 8 non-playing members and 3 honorary members.

Overall, we have 9 less members than at this point in 2025. Reasons given for leaving were women no longer playing golf; age and health problems; competition dates clashing with other events and family commitments.

A very warm welcome to the new women who have joined the Society this year. We hope that you all enjoy your golfing experiences.

A very big thank you to all the club representatives who do a great job. It was my first experience of collecting annual subscriptions, which I was slightly apprehensive about, but it all went very smoothly due to your efficiency and hard work in collecting the names and money for us. Thank you also for your support throughout the year promoting events and promoting the Society.

Particular thanks go to Patricia Dimmock at Denver Golf Club who stepped down as rep last summer and to Elaine Spall who has replaced her. To Amanda Rodwell at Sheringham Golf Club who has stepped down and has been replaced by Sue Clayton.

The Committee thank you for all your hard work. Reps do such an important job and we couldn't do our job with out you. If you are unsure of anything the Committee is always here to help you.

Apologies that I am not at the AGM in person today, but I look forward to seeing you all at some point in 2026 on a course.

Happy golfing. Thank you.

6. **Hon Treasurer's Report**

This is my first AGM Treasurer's Report for the Vets so – fingers crossed!!

There are copies of the signed accounts on each table, and I will take any questions at the end. This report covers the years financial activity up to and including 31st October 2025.

Membership, Subscriptions and Raffle
The annual membership income for the year was £2071. We have held our membership fees again for 2026.

We had 6 raffles during the year which were really well supported, and a cheque for £1,281.30 was sent to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospitals Charity, for the Jenny Lind Appeal. This was £126.40 less than the previous year but nonetheless still a healthy amount which was appreciated by the charity; as you saw from the letter of thanks which was sent out to all members. So, thank you to everyone for your generosity and a big thank you to Jill, Angie and Sue Saunders for running the raffles last year.

The N&N Hospitals Charity has many appeals and the one we donated to, which I propose we continue to support, is described by them as follows:-

We are continuing to fundraise to be able to provide extra parent

accommodation at the hospital – we are hoping to partner with the Sick Children's Trust for them to run the accommodation, with us funding a building on the hospital site. We are waiting for a suitable location to be identified to know how much more we will need. We currently have £380k and expect it to cost at least £500k

Can we have a show of hands if you are happy to support this Appeal again in 2026. All in agreement.

Events
All events were well supported, with income received £15,729.00, which is an increase of £459.80 on the previous year. Likewise green fees and food have increased, leaving a small excess of £494.71 after prizes and expenses.

We have to guesstimate entry fees at the start of the year, with some events making a surplus and some making a loss.

Matches
The cost of entertaining Lincolnshire 1st team was £830.00 and we purchased some new match tops for £784 which we hope the team enjoyed wearing and future teams will too!!

Expenses
All expenses were in line with expectations, the only extra costs being the match tops and some more badges which are presented to the ladies who represent us in the matches.

Net Income
The result for the year is a very small deficit of £34.63 – even after the extra costs of the match tops and badges!

Bank Account Balance
The current account balance stood at £4,334.87 as at 31st October 2025.

Accounts Verification
The books were verified and signed off by Mr Peter Sturman on 2/12/2025.

In Summary
I am pleased to report that the society's finances are in a healthy position.

Having been in this role for a year now, I can say I have really enjoyed working with the lovely ladies on the committee.
That concludes my report for 2025. Are there any questions? No questions raised.
Can I have a show of hands for acceptance of the accounts please? All in agreement to accept the accounts.
I propose we ask Mr Peter Sturman to examine this year's accounts for 2026. Again, can I ask the floor for approval please? All in agreement.

7. **Competition Secretary's Report**

The society has again had a successful year, for the first time holding five competitions.

Beginning in April we held the 4BBB at Gorleston Golf Club. A good field of 92 players took part from 14 different clubs. The weather was fine with early players getting a slight advantage as the wind got up later in the day. Winners on the day were Sue Fage and Sue Olds from Wensum Valley with a very creditable 46 points. 2nd Jane Davies and Emma Richardson from West Runton 45 points, 3rd Julie Banks and Sarah Watts Barnham Broom 43 points 4th Maggie Ward and Tracy Russell Ryston Park 42 points ocb with Anne Sibley and Jill Daly with 42 points coming 5th. Well done.

In May we held the inaugural High Handicap Waltz at Dereham. We have been trying to find a competition for higher handicap members and I am pleased to report that we had 9 teams out of a maximum 10 teams enter and from 9 different clubs. It was good to see different members that do not always play in the more established competitions. The winners were Christine Joy, Irene Lindsay, Gerry Shaw and Gail Drage from Wensum Valley with 83 points. 2nd were Kari Joyce, Sue Ryan, Kerry Williams and Lynne Jellicoe from Eaton with 81 points just nudging out 3rd place Ros Foster, Gerri Williams, Val Miller and Stephanie Fisher from Bawburgh on count back. The players really liked the event and the format and I think this will be a regular event going forward.

July saw the rearranged Greensomes competition, this was moved from the Autumn to accommodate a later date for the Championships. A slightly disappointing field saw 40 players from 7 different clubs taking part at Caldecott Hall. The day was dreadful with incessant rain and cold for the time of year .Everyone was very stoic, I did not hear one moan about the conditions and I commend everyone for their resilience. When they got back to the clubhouse everyone agreed they had had a good time with good company. Congratulations to the winners on the day Sue Ryan and Kay Reynolds from Eaton with 37 points only one's to be under par! In second place were Ann Osbourn and Penny Lamb from Bawburgh with 32 points and 3rd Debbie Leggett and Julie Ellis from Richmond Park with 30 points ocb. Nearest the pin Handicap 25.7 and lower was Penny Lamb from Bawburgh and nearest the pin 25.8 and above was Pam Skoyles from Caldecott Hall. It was a good day.

September saw the AMAM organised by Sue Saunders our Match Captain. As she cannot be with us today I will read the report she has written.

The AMAM this year was played at King's Lynn Golf Club on the 4th September and 106 ladies from 16 clubs battled the rain and wind throughout the day. Once again this event was oversubscribed and apologies to those who did not get in as sadly, we could only accommodate 26 teams with a two tee start. There were loads of compliments about the course and everyone seemed to have a good day out. Huge thanks go to those members that helped. Prizes were presented up to 5th place, plus some nearest the pins. Congratulations go to this year's winners of the Judith Mackinnon Salver who were Sue Clarke, Rosie Russell, Jane Reavell and Soon Letchford. The Society is very grateful to everyone who generously bought raffle tickets which raised £420 for the Norfolk and Norwich Jenny Lind Appeal.

The last competition of the year, the Championships, was held on October 1st at Dunston Hall. It was good to see a much better field for this competition especially from Division 1 members. 34 players in all took part, 21 in the Division 1 medal and 13 in the Division 2 Stableford. The weather for once was good and Dunston Hall, like all venues this year, was very accommodating.

Congratulations to the winners, Sue Clarke from King's Lynn who successfully defended her title both in the Division 1 Scratch and Nett competitions posting an excellent 81 Gross and

73 Nett, 2nd Anne Sibley from Wensum Valley with 86 Gross, she also won the Over 65's Gwen Watts Salver with 76 ocb. In Division 2 the winner with a Stableford score of 35 points was Pip Martin from Dunston Hall with Avril Carey from Eaton in second place with 33 points. Pip Martin also won the Over 65's Bessie Turnbull Salver.

We have decided to tweak the format for the Championships to enable more participants to get amongst the prizes, so from 2026, players will only be able to win one prize and those wanting to be one of my "golden girls" will have to have reached the wonderful age of 70. Apologies to those who thought they may have qualified for golden girl status this year and now have not, Hopefully with these changes we can see more players be custodians of our silverware.

This will be my last year as Competition Secretary and so the Society will be looking for someone to take over. If any of you are interested please stop me, email me if you would like more details of what the role entails. I look forward to speaking with many of you.

Lastly, the Society thanks all the Clubs who have hosted us this year and to all those that have helped put the events on, We try to deliver some good golf days to you and thank you for your support.

Ladies, I look forward to seeing many of you this year.

8. **Match Captain's Report** (read out by Sue Fage in Sue Saunders' absence)

In our Inter County matches this season we have been represented by ladies from 9 clubs throughout the County.

In our first match in June, we played Cambs & Hunts at the Cambridge Country Club, Bourn on a perfect day. This was a new venue for all of us with top of the range facilities including an outdoor cinema. The very dry conditions made the course difficult, and the team worked hard to compete against a very tough Cambs & Hunts team. We came out the losers 2 1⁄2 - 1 1⁄2.

Although we had the most glorious English summer, we unfortunately lost two of our fixtures due to the weather. The first of those was our 'B' team match which was due to be held in Lincolnshire on 30th June, but a decision was made between the 2 captains that with extreme heat predicted it would be prudent to cancel. It was a great shame because this match gives an opportunity to our higher handicap players to play against another county. Unfortunately, Lincolnshire were unable to reorganise the fixture.

Our "A' team however, played at home against Lincolnshire at Thetford in extremely wet conditions. The teams struggled with the rain and the fairways but there were some excellent performances and some very close matches. Huge thanks go to our team members who are always such good sports and great fun, and on this occasion won 4 matches to 2.

The second match cancelled was against Suffolk in September and this time it was due to extremely high winds. As the game was being played at Felixstowe on the coast we decided that it wouldn't be sensible to play, and unfortunately there wasn't enough time for Suffolk to rearrange the match.

I thank you all for giving me the opportunity of being match captain which has allowed me to meet so many lovely people. The last two years have been both a pleasure and an honour

and I thank all the players for giving their time and representing the Society in such a positive way.

I wish my successor Anne Sibley, good luck for the forthcoming season and hope that you will all continue to support her and these prestigious matches and be proud to represent our Society.

9. **Election of Officers and Committee**

Thank you to Lynda Love, Catherine Jeffries and Anne Sibley whose names were put forward for President, Secretary and Mach Captain respectively. Sue Fage, having been co-opted to committee in March 2025 will now take over the role of Chair.

The nominated officers and committee members are as shown on the agenda with their term of office (and remaining term) shown alongside. The committee is now:-

President – Lynda Love
Chair Person – Sue Fage
Hon. Secretary – Catherine Jeffries
Hon. Membership Secretary – Sue Ryan
Hon. Treasurer – Lynn Wykes
Competition Secretary – Jill Bullimore
Match Captain – Anne Sibley
General Committee Member – Sue Olds

Sue Hill asked if everyone was in agreement could she have a show of hands to elect officers and committee en bloc. All duly elected.

10. **Retiring Club Representatives and Committee Members**

Patricia Dimmock from Denver Golf Club and Amanda Rodwell from Sheringham retired this last year. In their absence, Angie as Chair presented each of the current reps for Denver and Sheringham, standing in on their behalf, with a small token of the Society's thanks by way of a lovely primrose spring planter.

At this juncture Angie also presented Liz Dann with a hyacinth planter by way of thanks to her from the committee in doing all the work behind the scenes in organising the lunch we were going to enjoy today.

Both Sue Hill (President) and Felicity Leigh (Secretary) having both completed their term of office were presented with a gift token of their choice by way of thanks for all their hard work whilst on the committee.

11. Proposals from the Committee

Sue read out all the proposed amendments/addition to the Constitution.

Clause 7(b) to have Match Captain added to read
The Competition Secretary **and Match Captain** will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in organising competitions – to be reviewed by the Committee annually in March.

Clause 17 ***Replace*** "Competitions will be held each year, including Division 1 and 2 Championships, Spring Fourball Betterball, AmAm and Autumn Greensomes. Details of these will be found on the entry form for each event". ***with*** **"**Competitions will be held each year, details of which will be found on the entry forms for each event".

New Clause 18
Norfolk Veteran Ladies' Golf Society acts as a facilitator for its members, arranging golf competitions at different venues throughout the season. Each venue will have its own insurance and England Golf provides universal cover to all golfers. Members need to ensure their Home Club has them registered with England Golf to be covered by this benefit. The Society will not be held responsible for any accident/injury/loss whilst a member participates in an arranged event.

Sue asked if there were any questions or dissent to these proposals. There being none a vote was taken and these amendments/addition were accepted and will now form part of our Constitution.

13. **Close of Meeting**

Angie advised that the raffle had raised £l84. The raffle was duly drawn and 3 lucky members went away with a spring planter or a bottle.

Sue took this opportunity to advise the meeting that Angie had retired as a committee member. The Society very much appreciated all the work and time Angie had given to the Vets over the years, particularly the last few years having been Competition Secretary and then Chair. She was wished well for the future.

All the officers were thanked for their contribution to the Society and for their reports given today.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.10pm

Signed …….

Dated ……...