

Ramsdale Seniors

Minutes of meeting held Monday 10th November 2025

Present at Meeting: David Insley, Neil Clark, Christine West, Richard Hone, David Dandie, David Hawkins, Stuart Murry, Mark Fisher.

1. Meeting Opened

a. 13.10

2. Apologies

a. Malcolm Voce, David Costin, Theresa Plimmer.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

a. Passed a true record.

4. Matters arising

a. None

5. Correspondence

a. No correspondence.

6. Finance report

a. Passed a true record.

7. Captains Report.

a. Matches

Since the last meeting, we have completed all twenty scheduled friendly matches, with 5 wins, 3 draws, and 12 losses.

I am pleased to report that throughout the match season, I have experienced very few issues, all of which were minor. As a result, I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and experience, undoubtedly due to the excellent support from both the committee and the Seniors membership in general. Thank you.

In addition, we have confirmed two new reciprocal matches for the 2026 season, **Newark GC** and **Bondhay GC** — bringing the total to 24 planned fixtures in what will be a very busy 2026 Seniors diary.

b. Charity

I can confirm that the main club treasurer has received the Seniors' **£5,000** contribution toward the overall club charity donation of **£32,000**, which was presented to the two charities over the weekend.

I would also like to convey the high praise and thanks the Seniors Section received at the most recent main club committee meeting from the Club Chairman (M. Northern) and the Club President (D. Harkin) regarding our 2025 charity efforts.

With respect to the Seniors' 2026 charity fund, it continues to grow through the "Football for Four Balls" initiative. There are still three vouchers available to continue this effort, as two of the three winners to date have chosen the £50 cash-to-levy card option. Hopefully, this initiative will continue successfully in creating an excellent starting point for the incoming Seniors Captain.

c. Remaining Captain's Events

Iron Ladies

Rescheduled fun event to take place on Thursday, 13th November. Open to all, as per Monday Club.

Irons only, from the Ladies' tees.

All 10 tee times are full, with 2 reserves in place.

The £5 entry fee includes -

Complimentary tea or coffee with toast or a teacake. There is no RPGC fee for the food or drink (Thank you Theresa)

The prize fund and 2's pot

I will personally cover the NTP and longest drive prizes.

Captain's Finale – Seely 18-Hole Event

A personal thank-you event and farewell as Captain, as such I have tried to create a "Away Day Lite" but at home.

Date: Thursday, 5th February

Entry Fee: £10 (includes food pre- and post-round)

Eligibility: Seniors only

Entry: Via Seniors website only

Team Entries: Pre-arranged teams accepted

Single Entries: Will be placed into teams

Field Size: 32 players (Additional entries would require section subsidy of approx. £7pp)

Format: Texas Shambles Stableford – Mass Multiplier

Drives: Minimum of four per player

Event Type: TOSS event (team format)

Prizes: 1st & 2nd place only

Two's Pot: £50 Included

Nearest the Pin (NTP): 10 prizes total (6 Par 4/2, 2 Par 5/3, and 2 Par 3/1)

Raffle: Small bottle raffle (Any contributions welcomed)

Food: Bacon butty and coffee pre-round; **Rolling** stew and dumplings with bread side post-round

Food: Veggie option will jacket potato with filling

Presentation: NTP and raffle winners must be present to collect their prizes.

d. Captains Guide

Prior to taking position back in February, David Hawkins forwarded a Captain's Guide document he had put together to assist me in getting to grips with and understanding the Captain's role and responsibilities, which was much appreciated at the time.

Over the course of the year I have taken upon myself to contribute and update it in line with the Sections development and again to make a useful document and guide for future captains.

As David's original intention it is aimed at being a guide and reference for the captain, not a prescriptive set of rules.

It is currently sitting with Richard for his validation of some of the more detailed processes and of course any of his own valuable insights. I understand it will sit in the Seniors Google Drive for reference. I am sure I have probably not covered everything and any relevant input would be welcomed.

8. Competition Secretary Report

a. Seniors Presentation Day (Monday, 13th October 2025)

Very well supported with 48 attendees

An excellent trophy presentation - one of our key events.

Catering - The service and food were very good

b. John O'Neill's Greensomes Memorial

(Thursday, 18th September 2025)

Successful event with 32 players.

Winners were Kevin Till & Malcolm Voce with 39 Points.

As agreed, the Greensomes format will now be played each year as a Monday Club event and will retain the name "John O'Neill's Greensome Memorial". For 2026 it is scheduled for Monday, 14th September.

c. Honours Boards Update

Expected to be completed very soon.

Digital display of boards not looking likely for the foreseeable future due to technical limitations with current facilities.

d. Winter Pairs Matchplay Knockout 2025/26

Two matches are still to be played in the First Round. The cut off date being 30th November 2025.

A situation in one of the matches has highlighted the need for players to know what to do when there is a dispute over a ruling. The important thing to note is that any dispute must be resolved before starting to play the next hole.

This is usually best done by phoning the Pro Shop and asking for advice. This may mean waiting a while for the staff to make checks before confirming what the ruling should be. So play may need to be suspended for a short while. Once play has commenced on the next hole then the result for the previous hole stands even if later it transpires that the ruling was incorrect.

e. Staff Gratuity

We traditionally pass on all staff gratuities from our matches in one annual lump sum. The money is then used for the staff xmas event and pays for a couple of rounds of drinks.

The amount raised is £1 per person for the total number of players (Home & Visitors) in all our home matches. Based on the Square transactions this amounts to £300.

9. Monday Club report

a. Support for the Monday Club continues to be very positive.

10. Welfare report

a. Welfare report was read to the meeting.

11. Any Other business

David Hawkins confirmed details for the past captains event to be held on Friday 19th September 2025.

12. Meeting closed at 14:10.

Date of next meeting

Friday 9th January 2026 13:30 hrs
(Preparation for AGM)