



Ramsdale Park Golf Club

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Chairman: Mark Northern

Mark Northern opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Present:

Mark Northern – Chairman & Handicap Secretary
Theresa Plimmer – Ramsdale Park Golf Centre Manager
John White - Competition Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary
Tony Wright – Captain
Danny Harkin – President
Hans Bauder – Treasurer & Alliance Match Organiser
Stuart Horton -
Richard Hone – Communications & Web Sites
Neil Clarke – Senior Captain
Richard Hone – Communications & Web

Apologies:

Martin Bettison – Secretary & Assistant Handicap Secretary
Daryl Woolley – Immediate Past Captain
Richard Birkett – Vice Captain
Steffi Hey – Ladies Captain

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

None.

General Managers Report: Theresa Plimmer

Theresa reported that the course has been progressing well after the summer we have had aided by the recent rainfall. Areas that require work will be worked on with areas sanded, seeded and pesticides used to hopefully bring the fairways back to the standards we are used to, but patience with green staff is required.

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Work is to be carried out on winter tees for the par 3 holes on the main course. These will be astro turfed to allow use throughout the winter months. Theresa will send full report via her usual email to members explaining all work that is being carried out on the course. Theresa mentioned that there may be changes to the social golf booking system, but this will not affect competition bookings. All information regarding this will also be covered in the members' email.

Theresa was questioned by the captain on pace of play checks that had been taking place during recent competitions, and all agreed that pace of play had improved and were generally better, although all members still need to adhere to pace of play rules.

Treasurers Report: Hans Bauder

Hans reported that the accounts are in a strong position despite competition entries down on last year.

Possible additional expenditure for this year would be a new computer touch screen to replace the existing screen in the entrance hallway and a Wi-Fi printer to replace the old printer we have at present.

Upcoming competitions and end of season competition prize money will also affect the balance for end of year.

Communications: Richard Hone

Richard had nothing to report.

Captains Report: Tony Wright

Tony asked if the 15th fairway bunker could be made GUR until works are carried out to add better drainage.

This will be discussed with John Evans and necessary actions taken.

Tony will be posting reports and updates on the web site.

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Lady Captains Report: Steffi Hey

Steffi was unable to attend so please visit the Ladies web site at.
www.ladies.ramsdaleparkgolfclub.co.uk

Senior Captains Report: Neil Clarke

For all information and reports regarding the seniors section please visit.
www.ramsdaleseniors.co.uk

Social Report: Danny Harkin

Menu for Presidents Day in place

Posters for presidents Day and Annual Prize Giving Dinner Dance have been printed and will be attached to the boards for members to view.

The annual Dinner dance tickets will be £27.50 each.

The musical entertainment has been booked for Annual Dinner Dance, and all reports are that it is extremely good act.

Competitions Report: John White

John reported that the competition dates for next year will be discussed and approved with the center within the next couple of weeks for next year's diary. When received all dates will be entered into Master Scoreboard. John Requested the diary for the ladies' section so he would be able to enter their dates into Master Scoreboard.

Handicap Report: Mark Northern

Mark reported that new handicaps are all up to date.

Junior Section Update: Theresa Plimmer/ Centre

Theresa reported that despite all the additional work and organisation throughout the summer, it seemed that there was a lack of interest in junior competitions with very low attendances. The center has been working hard to offer the best pathway for all new juniors to get into competitive golf although low attendances have not supported the hard work put in by the center management and professionals.

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Discipline: Mark Northern/John White

Mark reported that there are 3 or 4 outstanding fines where the members have not responded to the letter/email issued and have been removed from all competitions until the fine is paid or an appeal is made.

Any Other Business:

A discussion took place around the introduction of Local Rule: Pick and Place on the fairways during competitions. This was agreed to assist with the regeneration of the fairways.

DH – Raised the possibility of having a Local Rule of pick and place throughout the playing season for balls landing in divots on the fairways. This was discussed and agreed this would not be approved as it was pointed out that The EGU would not accept this as a local rule for competitions.

It was also requested that the drop zone at the back of the second hole on the Seeley Course be reimplemented as balls over the path but unplayable have no room to take a penalty drop. The reinstated drop zone will enable players to take a penalty drop away from the fence.

It was discussed that on behalf of the members a donation towards the par 3 tee boxes could be made.

Also, that a small donation to the Nepal disaster fund to aid family members of a member of staff could be made.

MN raised the possibility of having the AGM straight after the Par 3 Competition on the 6th of February 2027. This was agreed by all.

All attendees will receive Bacon Cob and tea/regular coffee. This was brought forward to try to enable more members to attend the meeting.

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Meeting closed at 19:00

Next Meeting 12th January 2027 @ 6:00pm

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Mark Northern – Chairman

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