

EAST CHESHIRE INTER CLUB SHIELD



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Davenport Golf Club on Monday 20th October 2025 at 10.30am

1. Welcome

Olwen Sandford, ECICS Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. Barbara Allen, ECICS Honorary Secretary chaired the meeting.

2. Committee Apologies – none (all present)

Club Apologies – none received. 34 out of 36 clubs were represented at the meeting.

3. Previous Meeting – The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.

4. Matters arising:

Barbara Allen thanked all the ladies who contributed to the excellent work of the sub-committee formed at the last AGM to review the structure of the leagues. This has been discussed at the Team Meeting in September and changes to the rules have been agreed as a result of the thorough work from the sub-committee.

5. Presentation to the 2025 Winners

Trophies were presented to this year's ECICS winners from the finals played at Davenport GC.

A Team	Astbury GC
B Team	Stockport GC
Plate Team	Bramall Park GC
Business Ladies	Alsager GC

The East v West Finals were played at Crewe GC and the results were as follows:

A Team	Astbury lost to Delamere Forest 3-2
B Team	Stockport lost to Chester 4-3
Plate Team	Bramall Park beat Carden Park 4-3
Business Ladies	Alsager beat Upton by Chester 3-0

Special congratulations to the East Cheshire Victors Bramall Park GC and Alsager GC.

All the ECICS trophies have been engraved for 2025 and need to be returned to the ECICS Honorary Secretary at Knutsford Golf Club by 7 September 2026. East v West trophies will be engraved and returned to the winning clubs after the meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report – Prepared by Fiona Liggett

A copy of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts are attached in Appendix A and B. The report was presented to the meeting by Fiona Liggett. Of interest was the reported use of the website which is now enabling clubs to access documentation with ease.

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Fiona proposed to the meeting that a small increase in fees should be applied in 2026 to cover the cost of a simple match tea for all participants in the Finals. An increase of £5 was suggested per club. A vote was taken and this was approved.

7. New ECICS Officers for 2025/26

Olwen Sandiford, from Davenport has done a fantastic job as our Chair for 2025. She was thanked for her enthusiasm and service over the past 12 months. She has organised the Finals and todays AGM on behalf of ECICS and was very generous in presenting all participants at the Finals with a Davenport GC logo ball. A token of our appreciation was presented to Olwen.

Prestbury GC will be hosting next year's Finals and Caroline Harrison-Croft has agreed to be our Chair for 12months. Caroline is already known to many as the face of the Bell Cup run by the Manchester and District Ladies Golf Association. We look forward to benefitting from Caroline's knowledge and expertise.

Jane Welch from Knutsford GC is now taking up the position of Honorary Secretary.

Barbara Allen has completed 4 years of service in the role of Honorary Secretary. Her contribution has been significant and she will be a hard act to follow. She was thanked by the Chair and all present for her service, and was presented with a bouquet of flowers in our appreciation.

Fiona Liggett, Treasurer, has now served 3 years and is happy to continue in this role for a further 12 months. She is also undertaking the role of IT coordinator, in particular monitoring the smooth running of the website and our email accounts.

Team coordinator roles will be carried out as follows:

A Team	Barbara Allen (Heyrose)
B Team	Ewa Sidorczuk (Tytherington)
Plate Team	Glynis Johnston (Ashton on Mersey) - Glynis was welcomed to committee
Business Ladies	Liz Stott (Tytherington)

Please remember all positions are voluntary, however in the event that no one volunteers the officers are appointed in Club alphabetical order.

8. Proposed Rule amendments for 2026

The sub-committee recommendations have already been voted on and incorporated in to a revised Rule 6.

Other minor changes were presented to the meeting. There was discussion of the amendment proposed to Rule 27, regarding the behaviour of spectators on the course. It was concluded that the key point was that spectators should be respectful of all players and remain out of their eyeline as far as practical.

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The cap on Business Ladies Handicap Index at 27.0 was discussed. It was proposed and agreed that this be raised in line with the Plate Team cap of 33.0, with the aim of encouraging more ladies to participate.

Rules will be reissued and posted to the website with changes highlighted in red.

9. Match Draws

At the Team Management Meeting in September it was agreed that we would carry out the group draw before the AGM. The draw was completed using a random number generator and was witnessed by two committee members. Only 3 clubs entered 2 teams – these teams were placed in separate groups (the random draw achieved this without intervention!). The draw is displayed in Appendix C.

We have 36 clubs participating in the ECICS matches in 2026. Warrington have withdrawn to the West Cheshire Leagues.

The matches have been organised in to groups as follows:

Team Category	Number of Teams	Number of Groups	Group Make Up	Qualifiers for finals
A Team	15	3	3 x 5	Group winners and best runner up go to semi-finals
B Team	34	8	6 x 4 2 x 5	Group winners go to quarter-finals
Plate Team	23	5	2 x 4 3 x 5	Group winners plus 3 runners up go to quarter-finals
Business Ladies	19	4	1 x 4 3 x 5	Group winners go to semi- finals

Matches will start on Monday 13 April 2026, with no matches on Bank Holidays and will finish on Monday 3 August 2026 – Business Ladies matches will start on Sunday 12 April 2026 and finish on Sunday 2 August 2026. There is no scope for extending beyond this date.

We will do our best to get the fixtures sent out before the end of October 2025. All changes must be notified within 3 weeks of the fixtures being issued

10. 2026 East Cheshire – Dates for your diaries

Quarter Finals – Monday 17 August 2026. To be played at Knutsford, Congleton, Macclesfield and Marple

Semi-Finals – Monday 7 September 2026. To be played at Birchwood and Lymm
Business Ladies will play at Birchwood (Sat 5 Sept) and Marple (Sun 6 Sept).

Finals – Sunday/Monday 27/28 September 2026. To be played at Prestbury

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East/West Finals – Business Ladies Sunday 4th Oct at Bromborough GC
ABC Shield Mon 5th Oct at Heswall GC

Team Management Meeting – Monday 24th August 2026 @ Knutsford Golf Club

AGM – Monday 19 October 2026 @ Prestbury Golf Club

11. Any other business

None raised.



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Appendix A Treasurer's Report 2024/25

Profitability

I am pleased to report we have made a profit of £631.38 this year which compares with £222.65 last year. This amount has been added to Reserves which now total £2,008.51.

This is mainly due to us increasing the Admin Fee from £10 to £20 to cover the ongoing website host subscriptions and the Entry Fee from £10 to £15 to cover the increase in gifts we offer to clubs hosting the finals.

The main reason for the increase in profitability is because Hale and Stockport who hosted Quarter Finals declined the Gift, as did Marple who hosted a Semi-Final. We are very grateful to these clubs for their hospitality at their beautiful courses and appreciate the gesture. These funds have therefore been added to Reserves.

Income – Entry Fees

The Entry Fees collected at the end of the previous season are the only form of income we receive. We took the decision as a Committee in March 2024 to increase the Admin Fee to £20 per Club with the aim of using Income rather than Reserves to pay the next website licence fee. At the same time, we wanted to increase the Team Entry Fee from £10 to £15 to cover the increase in Gifts to clubs hosting the final three rounds, which is our main Expense. We also wanted to build up reserves in order to have a more sensible operating margin and scope to enhance the experience of the finals.

Our income has increased to £2,175 for the 2025 Tournament from 37 clubs who entered 95 teams, which compares with £1,300 for 2024 when 36 clubs entered 93 teams which indicates clubs have fully supported the reasons for the fee increase.

We are considering ways of enhancing the Finals experience. This year, Chair Olwen Sandiford provided a logo golf ball to each player taking part in the Finals, at her own expense. For next year, we asked at the AGM if you would like us to cover the Match Teas which would cost us around £750 and would mean an increase in the Team Entry fee of £5 per team entered. You unanimously agreed to this and confirmed you would like it to start from the 2026 Finals. We will therefore apply an increase of £5 per Team to the Entries collected in October 2026.

Teams 2025 v 2026

Entries for the 2026 Tournament have now been received and I am pleased to report that we have 36 Clubs entering for next year. All other clubs have re-entered for next year apart from Warrington, who had a team in each division. Thank you to all clubs who have entered again for next season.

Entries for B and Plate Teams have remained the same at 34 and 23 with two clubs entering two B Teams.

We have seen a reduction of one Team in the A Team from 16 to 15, even though one club has entered two A Teams under the new rules. The Business Ladies league has reduced from 22 clubs in 2025 to 19 clubs entering in 2026. This appears to be due to the number of working ladies reducing and Business Ladies teams being made up of new entrants to clubs.

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Website

The Website Traffic Data is shown below which indicates the website is effective and being used by our Community and will therefore continue. Cheshire Golf and West Cheshire are also accessing our information too.

Most Popular Pages - 2025

#	Page title	Views	Average time
• 1	East Cheshire Inter Club Shield	2629	0:00:48
• 2	Match Results 2025	904	0:02:48
• 3	Documents	826	0:00:47
• 4	List of Match Fixtures	807	0:00:32
• 5	News	685	0:00:24

We have made provision in this year's accounts for the next licence fee due in January 2026 which can be found under Accruals.

We also have Business email accounts for Committee Members to communicate with each other and Club Match Secretaries which is straight forward to change over when people join or leave so we will continue using them.

I would also welcome any feedback on any further information you would like to see published on the website. Please let me have any interesting/fun/rain-soaked players photos from next season's matches to include on the website.

If anyone is interested in taking over the publishing of changes to the website moving forwards I would be delighted to arrange a hand-over and ongoing support. Just get in touch.

Fiona Liggett
Treasurer



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Appendix B

Final Accounts for East Cheshire Shield 2024/25 (as at 21/10/25)

Profit and Loss Account

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>		<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Income			Expenditure		
	£			£	£
Entry Fees:			Honorarias for Officers	270.00	220.00
A Team	240	160	50% Expenses for Officers	136.00	40.00
B Team	510	330	55% Website Hosting & IT Services	221.62	325.95
Plate	345	250	38% Trophies & Engraving	41	41.40
Business Ladies	330	200			
Admin Fees	750	360	108% Hosting Finals: QF Disley QF Heyrose QF Knutsford QF Romiley SF Alsager SF Sale F Davenport	75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 325.00	225.00
			Accruals Provision for Website licence	550.00 550.00	
			Gifts declined from finals hosts		225.00
			Total Expenses	1543.62	%
			Net Profit	631.38	29.03
					1077.35
					222.65
Total	2175.00	1300.00	67.00% Total	2175.00	1300.00

Balance Sheet

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Bank Balance b/f	1377.13	929.48
Add Profit	631.38	222.65
Bank Balance	2008.51	1152.13
Add donations from finals gifts		225.00
Bank Balance c/f	<u>2008.51</u>	<u>1377.13</u>
Represented by:		
Assets		
Cash at Bank	4643.51	3552.13
Cash in Hand		
Less:		
Subscriptions for next year	2085.00	2175.00
Provisions & Accruals	550.00	
Reserves	<u>2008.51</u>	<u>1377.13</u>

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Appendix C 2026 Draw

A Team			
Group A	Group B	Group C	
Tytherington 2	Prestbury	Hazel Grove	
Crewe	Ringway	Bramall Park	
Dunham Forest	Bramhall	Lymm	
Knutsford	Tytherington 1	Wilmslow	
Sale	Astbury	Stockport	

B Team			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Ringway	Sandbach	Sale	Dunham Forest
Bramall Park 2	Heaton Moor	Davenport	Withington
Disley	High Legh	Alsager	Mellor & Townscliffe
Marple	Bramhall 1	Mere	Bramall Park 1
Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
Bramhall 2	Crewe	Tytherington	Romiley
Stockport	Birchwood	Hale	Didsbury
Macclesfield	Hazel Grove	Heyrose	Chorlton
Prestbury	Astbury	Wilmslow	Knutsford
		Northenden	Lymm

Plate Team			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Disley	Bramall Park	Ashton on Mersey	Congleton
Hazel Grove	Hale	Prestbury	Bramhall
Wilmslow	Alsager	Didsbury	Astbury
Tytherington	Alderley Edge	Ringway	Lymm
		Davenport	Marple
Group E			
Poulton Park			
Heyrose			
Withington			
Sale			
Romiley			

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<u>Business Ladies</u> <u>Team</u>			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Marple	Poulton Park	Crewe	Hale
Withington	Chorlton	Alsager	Bramall Park
Ringway	Bramhall	Tytherington	Stockport
Heaton Moor	Astbury	Davenport	Hazel Grove
	Wilmslow	Dunham Forest	Lymm



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