

Hardy Golf Leagues – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Summary of the minutes from the AGM held on Tuesday, 11th November 2025 at Ferndown Forest Golf Club.

- Apologies were received from Alistair Gibson (Bridport), Hardy B captain Matt Brotherton (Lyme Regis), Andy (Hamptworth, Adam\ Ben (Ferndown).
- It was noted that the finances remain stable, with a current balance of £585.27. However, £216.00 was spent this year to replace the trophy stolen from Bridport. Neal is currently working with Bridport to see if recovery is possible through an insurance claim. Moving forward, any replacements or damages should be covered by the respective club rather than by the Hardy Golf League.
- A reminder: BACS payment is the preferred method; details will be distributed shortly. The fee is £20 per club, not £20 each for each Hardy A and Hardy B team.
- Club communications: Please ensure that new captains are added to the Dorset Golf website homepage to keep the central database updated.
<https://www.dorsetgolfleagues.co.uk/TPCWEN>
- **Hardy A League Structure:** It was decided to maintain the singles format in the league, and the cup competition will continue as fourball better ball. After a vote, the majority of Hardy captains favoured retaining singles for Hardy A league. For clarification, Neal Riley expressed concerns regarding transitioning Hardy A to fourball better ball, stating he would have been willing to step down if such changes were adopted and a new organiser would be needed.
- Additionally, Hardy A Divisions 3 and 4, each comprising seven teams, will now see three teams promoted and three relegated to enhance movement between the leagues.
- **Hardy B League Structure:** Following the introduction of High Post, it was agreed that Division 5 should be restructured into Divisions 5A and 5B, with teams playing both home and away. There was extensive discussion about increasing the number of teams in Division Four, but a clear majority voted to split Division 5 instead. Both division winners will be promoted, maintaining four teams in each, competing in home and away fixtures. The new 5a and 5B leagues will be shuffled each year.

- Handicap Review: Handicaps will remain unchanged—Hardy A will have an index under 10.0, and Hardy B between 8.0 and 18.0. Discussions regarding setting maximum handicaps within Hardy A and B (e.g., 10.0 and 18.0) concluded that such limits would be unfair due to existing handicap systems.
- All results for the 2025 season have been confirmed. Congratulations to the teams winning their leagues, and commiserations to those relegated.
- The Cup Final Day at Hamptworth was successful, with two finals held on the same day and trophy presentations made. Hamptworth provided excellent facilities for all four teams. Special thanks to Hamptworth for hosting.
- Congratulations to Crane Valley for winning the Hardy A Cup for the first time, and to Highcliffe for securing the Hardy B Cup for the third time—a notable achievement.
- Fixtures for 2026:

Hardy A – 2026 Fixtures			
Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Home & Away	Home & Away	3 Home & 3 Away	3 Home & 3 Away
Bridport	Broadstone	Ashley Wood	Christchurch
Crane Valley	Bulbury	Came Down	Ferndown Forest
Ferndown	Isle of Purbeck	Dorset GandCC	Folke
Highcliffe	Wareham	Knighton Heath	Hamptworth
Sherborne	Weymouth	Lyme Regis	Moors Valley
		Meyrick Park	Rushmore
		Parkstone	Yeovil
2 Relegated	2 x Promoted, 2 Relegated	2 x Promoted, 3 Relegated	3 x Promoted

Hardy B – 2026 Season					
Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5 A	Division 5 B
Home & Away	Home & Away	Home & Away	Home & Away	Home & Away	Home & Away
Bulbury	Bridport	Christchurch	Broadstone	Yeovil	Parkstone
Crane Valley	Isle of Purbeck	Ferndown	Dorset GandCC	Sturminster Marshall	Hamptworth
Highcliffe	Meyrick Park	Folke	Ferndown Forest	High Post	Came Down
Knighton Heath	Queens Park	Lyme Regis	Moors Valley	Canford School	Ashley Wood
Weymouth	Rushmore	Sherborne	Wareham		
2 Relegated	2 x Promoted, 2 x Relegated	2 x Promoted, 2 x Relegated	2 x Promoted, 2 x Relegated	1 x Promoted to Div 4	1 x Promoted to Div 4

- Cup Draws: For cup draws, it has been agreed that semifinal home advantage will be determined by computer rather than alternating venues. This aims to reduce strain on courses and fixture congestion during that period. Finals are scheduled for September.
 - Hardy A
 - Match 1 Crane Valley v BYE
 - Match 2 Christchurch v Ashley Wood
 - Match 3 Knighton Heath v BYE

▪ Match 4	Dorset Golf & CC	v	Ferndown Forest
▪ Match 5	Moors Valley	v	BYE
▪ Match 6	Bridport	v	Wareham
▪ Match 7	Highcliffe	v	Came Down
▪ Match 8	BYE	v	Bulbury
▪ Match 9	Parkstone	v	Bye
▪ Match 10	Broadstone	v	Ferndown
▪ Match 11	Folke	v	BYE
▪ Match 12	Rushmore	v	Sherborne
▪ Match 13	Meyrick Park	v	BYE
▪ Match 14	Yeovil	v	Purbeck
▪ Match 15	Hamptworth	v	Weymouth
▪ Match 16	Bye	v	Lyme Regis

○ **Hardy B**

▪ Match 1	Wareham	v	BYE
▪ Match 2	Sherborne	v	Sturminster Marshall
▪ Match 3	Rushmore	v	Parkstone
▪ Match 4	Weymouth	v	Moors Valley
▪ Match 5	Folke	v	BYE
▪ Match 6	Ferndown Forest	v	Broadstone
▪ Match 7	Lyme Regis	v	Bulbury
▪ Match 8	Ferndown	v	Dorset Golf and CC
▪ Match 9	High Post	v	BYE
▪ Match 10	Hamptworth	v	Came Down
▪ Match 11	Knighton Heath	v	Christchurch
▪ Match 12	Crane Valley	v	Canford School
▪ Match 13	Ashley Wood	v	BYE
▪ Match 14	Yeovil	v	Queens Park
▪ Match 15	Isle of Purbeck	v	Highcliffe
▪ Match 16	Bridport	v	Meyrick Park

- Trophy Presentations: All 2025 season winners received their trophies. Unfortunately, Ferndown, Bridport, and Lyme Regis missed their presentations; arrangements to collect Bridport and Lyme Regis are needed.
- Any Other Business (AOB):
 - The Hardy A league will remain singles, and the cup will continue as fourball better ball.
 - Clubs responsible for lost or damaged trophies must pay for replacement or repairs.

- It was reaffirmed that matches cancelled within seven days will result in a 5–0 or 8–0 scoreline. Cancellations between eight and twenty-eight days will incur a five-point deduction, with games to be replayed before the end of the season. Matches rearranged more than twenty-eight days ahead face no penalty and should be replayed. Un-played matches after the second week of October will be deemed void, with both teams penalized, unless one team is at fault in arranging dates, which will incur a ten-point penalty. These clarifications will be incorporated into the rules.
- This year, there was a situation where two teams finished with identical points and goal difference. If a winner is needed for promotion or relegation, aggregate scores from home and away fixtures between these teams will be used. If only a single fixture was played, an additional home and away play-off will decide the outcome. Should this not be feasible, a coin toss at the AGM will determine who is promoted or relegated.
- The possibility of a club fielding two teams in either Hardy A or Hardy B was discussed. This proposal is subject to review regarding player eligibility and separation; players appearing for one Hardy B team would not be eligible for the other. Implementation could commence in the cup from 2027. Neal will consult with all captains regarding interest and club capacity for additional fixtures, bringing feedback to the agenda for 2026.