

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 7

MEETING: RECREATION COMMITTEE
DATE: 27TH MAY 2026
REPORT BY: TOWN CLERK, FINANCE MANAGER, GOLF ADMINISTRATOR, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR AND HEAD OF LEISURE AND EVENTS

1.0 Golf Complex Income – Four Year Comparison

1.1 Golf Course Green Fees

Week Ending	2026/27	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	Variance	Course Restrictions
05/04/26	£2,420.50	£2,904.70	£31.50	£1,998.00	-£484.20	No restrictions.
12/04/26	£3,606.00	£3,655.00	£450.00	£483.00	-£49.00	No restrictions.
19/04/26	£2,677.00	£2,645.00	£900.00	£840.00	£32.00	No restrictions.
26/04/26	£3,030.00	£3,814.00	£840.00	£639.00	-£784.00	Course closed on Sunday 3 rd May, due to very heavy overnight rain.
03/05/26	£3,018.00	£4,096.00	£2,715.00	£2,045.00	-£1,078.00	No restrictions.
10/05/26	£4,045.00	£3,713.00	£2,806.00	£2,065.00	£332.00	No restrictions.
17/05/26	£2,716.00	£4,224.00	£3,056.00	£2,346.00	-£1,508.00	No restrictions.
Totals	£21,512.50	£25,051.70	£10,798.50	£10,416.00	-£3,539.20	

1.2 Driving Range Fees

Week Ending	2026/27	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	Variance	Range Restrictions
05/04/26	£1,996.00	£1,684.50	£2,008.50	£1,848.00	£311.50	No restrictions.
12/04/26	£2,289.75	£2,001.75	£1,959.00	£2,104.00	£288.00	No restrictions.
19/04/26	£2,773.50	£2,429.00	£1,506.00	£1,332.50	£344.50	No restrictions.
26/04/26	£2,487.50	£2,198.50	£1,418.50	£1,199.00	£288.50	No restrictions.
03/05/26	£2,275.00	£2,059.00	£1,901.00	£1,228.00	£216.50	No restrictions.
10/05/26	£2,796.75	£2,141.50	£1,607.25	£1,115.00	£655.25	No restrictions.
17/05/26	£2,578.50	£2,542.25	£1,601.75	£1,339.50	£36.25	No restrictions.
Totals	£17,197.00	£15,056.50	£12,002.00	£10,166.00	£2,140.50	

1.3 Golf green fee income is down by £3,539.20 or 14% on last year.

1.4 Driving range income is up by £2,140.50 or 14% on last year.

2.0 Four Year Comparison Figures on Membership Numbers

2.1 The following table shows golf membership numbers and income as a four-year comparison. All figures are for the period to the 17th May in each year:

Year	Members	Income £
2026/27	316	£96,284
2025/26	268	£83,930
2024/25	159	£51,599
2023/24	156	£49,899

Membership numbers are up by 48 on the corresponding period last year.

2.2 Breakdown of Membership

Male Members 298
Female Members 18

Adult Members 122
Senior Members 133
Junior Members 61

3.0 Golf Shop Stocks

3.1 Income and Expenditure Outturn – 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Stock Category	Income from Sales £	Purchase Costs £	Less Closing Stock £	Cost of Sales £	Profit £	Profit on Sales %
Drinks and Snacks	£14,040.76	£8,016.09	(£814.41)	£7,201.68	£6,839.08	49%
Golf Sundries	£78,371.24	£93,698.98	(£38,927.10)	£54,771.88	£23,599.36	30%

* All figures excluding VAT.

Note:- profit margins are usually around 45% on drinks and snacks and 30% on golf sundries

4.0 Golf Administrator's Report

4.1 Both the driving range and golf shop sales income delivered an increase in income against last year's figures.

4.2 Green fee income was down on last year. Last year green fee income was exceptionally high due to the weather which was exceptionally dry with warm day time temperatures. When compared to the last three years the income shows an increase and is in line with the budgeted income target.

4.3 Total membership is now over 300 which is up on this stage in previous years.

4.4 As discussed at the last meeting, the Golf Administrator and Corporate Management Team are continually reviewing membership numbers against the number of available tee slots for green fees. No restrictions on membership numbers are required at the current time but this will be kept under review.

4.5 Unfortunately, the Durham County Golf Union Captain's and Vice Captain's Competition that was due to be played on Sunday 3rd May was cancelled. This was due to over an inch of rain falling on the Saturday night, making the course unplayable. The rainfall caused course closures across the county. Durham County Golf Union are looking into the possibility of re-arranging the competition. If it is re-arranged it will be played in September.

5.0 Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator Update on Golf Course Works and Improvements

Routine Work Undertaken

5.1 A summary of some of the works and improvements undertaken on the golf course since the last Recreation Committee Meeting are highlighted below:-

- Regular course maintenance carried out including bunker raking, moving tee markers, cutting greens, cutting fairways, cutting tees, cutting rough, and changing holes.
- Greens have been verti-cut, top dressed, overseeded and fertilised.
- 1st/15th bridge has been constructed and work is complete.
- Mole traps have been placed out on the 5th fairway.
- A new rubbish bin has been installed at the 6th tee
- Removed and chipped lying branches from around the course
- Drop zone/GUR posts put out at the back of the 1st green.
- Back of 4th tee graded for extra space for the course remeasuring report.
- 5th competition tee now in play.
- White tees put out on course for competition play.
- Ball washers topped up.
- Manhole cover on 1st tee dressed with topsoil and seeded.
- Rabbit holes / damage repaired with topsoil in grass bunkers on 8th and 9th holes.
- Debris on back of 8th green where hedge was cut back and mulched.
- GUR and blue stakes installed on 12th hole, alongside the burn.
- Internal out of bounds installed on 12th hole, alongside the burn.
- Red water hazard stakes painted.
- Blue stakes installed around newly planted whip areas.
- All metal gates painted around the course.

5.2 Damage on the greens continues to be an issue for the greenkeeping staff who are regularly repairing divots on the greens.

6.0 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

6.1 Is any personal or sensitive data required for this proposal which may have any implications for GDPR? NO

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Members:

- i) Receive the update report.

Town Clerk, Finance Manager, Head of Leisure and Events, Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator and Golf Administrator