

Committee meeting minutes: November 25

Date:	19 November 2025
Meeting opened:	6.15 pm
Place:	Bankstown Sports Bowling Club

Attendees:	Kevin James, Neville Keeley, Mark Dimond, Rob Goodall and Steve Toogood
Apologies:	Parrish McMahon (in hospital)
Previous minutes:	Read and received. Moved: Mark, seconded : Steve

Item	Description
Correspondence	<p>In summary majority of correspondence was from Michael Hanratty and Matthew Starr from the Sports Club. Some advice received from Good Sports.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matthew Starr is resigning from his position after 13 years with the Sports Club. 2. John Murray retiring as Club chairman with Vern Falconer elected to the role.
President's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though our playing numbers are down a little this year, the overall membership remains fairly stable • Neville and I met recently with Michael Hanratty from the Sports club. Issues raised are to be the main discussion at this meeting. See General Business below. • ClubGrants conditions have changed and we are advised that these funds cannot be used for food and drink or for subsidies to Bankstown Golf Club. (Note: Sports Club has agreed to fund the Presentation for the last time this year.) • The current discount rate at Bankstown Golf Club for both Sunday and Thursday games will no longer be available from June 2026. We will be required to pay the same as any other social player. • A proposed 2026 calendar to be provided to the Club Captain for his approval. Bankstown Golf Club games may change as a result of the loss of discount and increase green fees from June 2026.
Treasurer's report	<p>Bank statement = \$7536+ Cash = \$1777 Balance = \$9313</p> <p>ClubGrants money to be spent by the end of December 2025.</p> <p>Apart from Bankstown we are making a small profit at other courses which we are obliged to use to assist with funding into the future.</p>

Handicapper's report	The usual whingers
Secretary's report	Web site visits have increased recently. Investigate how billing address can be changed to our club's banking details as at present account is in Neville's name. <i>WhatsApp</i> is proving to be an effective method of communication and is quite active.
Old mates golf report	Old Mates have been told that the current deal we have with Bankstown Golf Club for Thursdays will cease in June 2026 at which time we will be charged exactly the same as any other social group. Old Mates members have decided that we will not return to Bankstown Golf Club after June next year as fees with a cart will be around \$80 to \$90. Proposal to conduct another Challenge with Auburn Tennis Club next year.
Captain's report	Games seem to be running smoothly. Captain to approve proposed fixtures for 2026 before they are published.
Vice-captain report	Not available

Business arising from previous committee meeting

Decisions required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding from Bankstown Sports: Michael advises a working figure of \$9600 will be available from ClubGrants in 2026 2. Availability of gift cards: Lucky card draw approved to a value of \$900. Currently we receive gift cards for prizes at Old Mates at Bankstown unfortunately these have not been included in the allocation. 3. Future funding of Presentation: In future Club profits from subsidised games and members subscription fees to be used. 4. Determine subscription fees: Committee suggests that a yearly payment equal to a game day fees. This be put to the members as a whole for final approval. 5. Present to members the proposal to make Championships the best 3 of 4. (B grade finished up with 2 qualifiers)
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General Business Agenda

ClubGrants/Sports Club liaison	<p>Following a discussion with Michael Hanratty the following is proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ClubGrants to be based upon a figure of \$200 per member per year = \$9600 based on 48 members. The actual amount to be determined by what tangible/acceptable requests we make. This can include subsidies for green fees and carts at courses other than Bankstown Golf Club. 2. Michael provided permission to use existing funds to pay for the Presentation this year. Alternate funding will be required
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Bankstown Sports

Men's Social Golf Club

	<p>next year. Club profits as a result of subsidies likely source. Rob to analysis the golf year and provide financial plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Club encouraged to use New Balance/Belgravia for clothing purchases as the Sports Club as a whole benefits. <i>Though the Committee acknowledges the benefits of a preferred supplier to the Sports Club as a whole, it appears that the jumpers/fleeces we were planning to purchase are not available through Belgravia. Quotes have been sought from an alternate supplier.</i> 4. Gift cards will still be available for Lucky Card draw but gift cards for prizes have not been allocated. 5. Previous ClubGrants funding was allocated in December 2024 and needs to be spent by December 2025. 6. Records requested of participation of players across entire membership. <i>This statistic is readily available and can be provided to Michael. All members have an equal opportunity to play and therefore benefit from a fair share of ClubGrants funding.</i> 7. Meetings at Bankstown Golf Club? The past two Committee meetings were held at Bankstown Sports Bowls. Traditionally the AGM follows a schedule game the venue is determined by the game closest to the end of the financial year. With our games finishing after 5.00pm at Bankstown in 2026 it is not viable to conduct the AGM in the evening?? Alternative to be investigated.
Presentation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sports Club has agreed to support the costs of the presentation this year. A two-course meal to be provided. 2. Trophies: \$1000 available through ClubGrants could be used to buy gift cards for prizes, e.g. Coles/Woolworths? Rob to investigate availability of suitable broadly accepted gift card. 3. Attendance sheets for the Presentation to be available at Woolooware and Camden games so that catering numbers can be provided to The Bowls Club.
Bankstown Golf Club games	At the AGM members voted to continue to play there even with the 12.00pm starts but it seems that this sentiment has changed.
Succession	Kevin is travelling extensively next year and as per the AGM Mark will be taking over the President's role. Alvin to be trained on the Handicapping system.
Sports Network meeting	The next Sports Network meeting is on 2 December.

Meeting closed: 7.40pm