Report of the LEGS AGM 5th November 2026

The AGM of the Luton Executive Golf Society was held at Bedford and County Golf Club on Thursday 5t November 2026. The meeting opened at 16.42

In attendance were Colin Oates (Captain), Tom Inskip (Secretary), Andrew Stevenson (Handicap Secretary), Ian McLuskie, Howard Smith, Richard Shortland, Pete Schofield, Paul Jones, Bob Broomhall, Hanif Patel, Mike Webb, David Steel, Jos Daalhuizen, Bernard Henry, Brian Bamber, Alan Horn, Graham Shennan, Andrew Randall.

Apologies were received from Jeff Wood, Trevor Horwood, Martin Lavansch, John Paterson, Ray Beckman, Peter Sayers, Stephen Long, Henry Richardson, Richard Ebbs, Andy Pohler, Richard Sharpe.

Agenda Items

1. The minutes of the 2025 AGM were discussed. Colin reported a correction to item 8b: following an expenditure review, the proposed fee for a LEGS member playing at a home club had been reduced from £30 to £25. This policy had applied throughout the 2026 season. No other points were raised, and the minutes were approved.

2. Captain's Report

   Colin said how much he had enjoyed his year and thanked all players for their enthusiasm and the generous support for his chosen charity. He expressed his thanks to Andrew, Jeff and Tom for their help and support throughout the year. He gave a special mention to Andy Pohler for his professional operation of our website which promotes clear & up to date information.

   He reminded the meeting that his chosen charity had been Primrose cars, which has assisted a number of LEGS members. The total raised during the year has totalled £2752. He expressed his gratitude for this ongoing level of generosity He welcomed Hanif Patel to his first AGM and was pleased to have been able to join him and many other members on the golf course. He stressed the importance of similar recruitment in the future. He reminded everyone of our full programme of events next year. Colin closed by thanking everyone for their support and friendship.

3. Secretary's Report

Tom echoed Colin's appreciation for the support of both the committee and the members during the year. He encouraged members to use the website to record

attendances and apologies as well as requests for dietary changes and buggies. He emphasised the need to maintain attendance numbers and the need to encourage guests, the lifeblood of recruitment for our society. He discussed the future of fines as a way of fundraising for the captain's charity and asked for thoughts on how we should fundraise in future.

4. Handicap secretary's report.

   Andrew promised the publication of a detailed review of our playing performance over the year. He reported that 3 members had attended all 9 games. These were Colin, Andrew and most impressively our President Mike Webb. He also reported on the effect on the society's finances on the attendance at differing clubs. We are charged different amounts at different courses. Our third most expensive, Knebworth was also the most popular, with 19 players. If we do not improve our attendance at the less expensive course, where a small profit is made from the match fee, it will become increasingly difficult to avoid raising the match fees. We had 8 different winners during the year and 8 different players who were awarded the Last Leg. This probably confirms the effectiveness of the handicapping system within LEGS in helping share the spoils!

   This lead on to the Presentation of the Trophies, The Player of the year trophy was won by a player who had not won during 2026 but did play with enviable consistency – Pete Schofield. Congratulations to him. It was decided to retire the Calvados Cup from being an annual award by making it a permanent award to Mike Webb in recognition for his 40 years of service to LEGS. This decision was supported by warm enthusiasm from the assembled members. Mike graciously accepted the award on behalf of all LEGS members, past and present and reported his joy and gratitude to be a member of this group.

5+6. Report from the Treasurer and the Inspected Accounts

   In the traditional absence of the treasurer this presentation was given by David Steel. David has also performed the outside inspection of the accounts, for which we owe him much thanks. The accounts and the treasurer's report had been circulated prior to the AGM. The healthy financial position was noted as was the proposal to fix both the match fees and home club fees at the same level for 2027 was agreed. The Escrow account was discussed. It was explained that this was money that had been raised from a particularly generous charity year to be used for supporting charitable activities outside the annual captain's charity.

7 Proposed Officers and Committee members for 2027. No additional nominations had been received for the roles noted on the agenda. The following were then elected to their role for the 2026-27 LEGS year.

Captain	Tom Inskip
Secretary	Richard Sharpe
Treasurer	Jeff Wood
Handicap Secretary	Andrew Stevenson
Fixture Secretary	Colin Oates

No new life members were proposed or elected. We currently have 3 life members Howard Smith, Ian McLuskie and Ken McCarthy.

8. The 2027 season

a. The possibility of a February social gathering was discussed. The view of the meeting was that a dining evening without a sporting commitment would be appreciated. The committee will investigate this and send details nearer the time

b. The subscription and event costs are covered in the Treasurer's report.

c. The Event schedule was circulated to the membership and will be posted on the website.

d. The Captain's Day 2027 will be held at Bedford and County GC on Thursday 24th June 2027

e. The Captain's Charity for 2027 will be East Anglia Air Ambulance. This charity covers the area of the roads we drive over to LEGS games and may also be called out to events at the far end of golf courses. An information pack about the charity was given to all attendees.

9. Any other business

The Secretary's question about fines was discussed. There was a strong feeling that the fines system acts as both a way of fundraising as well performing a valuable role in encouraging banter, friendship and camaraderie within LEGS. It was agreed that the "I'm in" mentality had acted as a way of increasing donations, particularly from those who avoided the fines master's eye, it had also removed the feeling of individual jeopardy that came from putting in a coin. It was agreed that the fining system should remain but that a potential token system should be explored. This would allow tokens to be bought, even by BACS. This would avoid the need to accumulate pound coins and save the Treasurer trips to the bank.

The question of our reserves and the potential sponsorship of a game at a premium course was discussed. It was pointed out that the next season is likely to run at a loss of around £250 as clubs raise their prices. This proposal, as well as that of finding fresh courses for 2028, will be considered by the committee.

The meeting was closed by the captain with a toast and a vote of thanks to Colin Oates for his work throughout his Captains' year at 17.34.

Tom Inskip 6th November 2026