



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS) Steve Lillywhite (SL) Alison Lillywhite (AL) Tom Fleming (TF) Gill Lane (GL) Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG) Sandy Byfield (SB) Mike Pritchard (MP) Cliff Waller (CW) Andy Meredith (AM) Sarah Fowler (SF)
Apologies:	Dave Knight (DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer(AS)
	Date: Tuesday 28th September 2021 Location: Cloudy room Donnington Grove GC

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies.
- Minutes of last meeting
- Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to meetings.
- General Management Report by e-mail
- Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report) by e-mail
- Treasurer's Report by e-mail
- Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report by e-mail
- Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
- Senior Captains Report
- Matters Arising Re above meetings
- Prize Giving
- Memorial Garden
- Greenkeepers Revenge
- Drive-in
- AGM
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Date for next meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were approved by committee and signed by the Captain Steve Lillywhite

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

Date change for Anne-Marie Gane Memorial Day from Monday 25th to Monday 26th October, (Please see A.O.B)

New Psi Screen to be replaced and updates for Club V1 to be installed.

General Managers Report

General Manager Report

Work has begun on the steel replacements to the bridge on the driveway, there should be no impact to access.

Confirmation still required that the Greenkeepers revenge is Tea/Coffee Bacon Rolls and then no

food after golf – served in the downstairs bar – registration outside the proshop?

Presentation night on Friday 22 October – 60 guests, Cheeses, meats and crudites on each table of

ten and a glass of house wine £15 pp

Please confirm when the club diary dates are finalised so that Andy, Tom, and I can ensure that all

fixtures are reserving the appropriate space required when necessary.

May I also confirm that 50% of the Champagne Roll up prize fund has been allocated to the winner

from last week, Stephen Martin's and the remainder will start the 2022 Roll up.

Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

(AL) We are having problems confirming menus for events from the catering team.
(NRG) I will speak with Simon

Director of Golf Report

Firstly, I would like to thank Steve and Ali for their dedication and enthusiasm over their Captaincies.

Not much to report this month, the greens team will be working as hard as ever to get the course as winter ready as possible. We are planning to install several purpose-built winter tees for many holes, these will be easily accessed from the buggy paths where possible and will be for general play. The guys will be out roping off many areas to try and restrict damage to high traffic areas, and buggies will be on paths only for much of the winter period unless we have an exceptional dry spell. Cut heights will be raised for greens and fairways, and some extended fringe cuts will be allowed to grow in over the winter months, this will reduce machine traffic on these tightly cut areas of the course, which in turn will reduce any damage.

Matters/Actions arising from the D.O.G report

Treasureres Report

Competition income year to date stands at £9390.00, with expenditure and set aside funds for prize giving's this give a total loss for the YTD £540.09. Nett assets at bank

£7663.46. Captains Charity account £11455.21 a fantastic amount raised many thanks to all who have contributed. Attached files for detail.



Committee BS
August 2021.pdf



Committee I&E
August 2021.pdf



Committee Charity
Day 2021.pdf



Committee Charity
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Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's report

(AL) We are hoping to get match funding for the charity monies, the charity is required to set the monies aside to a bespoke project for the match funding to be applied.

(GL) When the monies are required to be transferred to the charity notice will be required as only £3000.00 a day can be transferred from the account.

Competitions Report

Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Weds 8th Sept 2021

Attendees: Andy Meredith, Sandy Byfield, Steve Lillywhite, Gill Lane, Chris Webb, Bernie Martin, Ewen Thompson.

1. Apologies - Jazz Kang apologises he cannot attend meeting.
Gill Lane apologises she will be late to meeting.
2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved.
3. Rota: A few small alterations required, AM to send amended copy with minutes.
4. Handicaps update: In his absence Jazz sent update to AM to read at meeting.
Many players are submitting general play cards, some 36 percent of rounds submitted in August were done so via the England Golf app, which is our preferred method.
Jazz has produced a communication for the membership detailing the various methods by which a general play round may be submitted and the requirements for each, with a further encouragement to use the EG app.

5. Winter Knockouts.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of using the ClubV1 charging capability, and the difficulty experienced with the summer knockouts charging system, it is decided we will return to using printed entry forms in envelope with entry fee for the upcoming Winter Knockouts.

SL expressed that we could perhaps explore getting the charging system in use.

6. Upcoming Competitions.

Captains Charity Day - SL updated committee on preparations for the Captains Day, including sponsorships, format, registration, raffle, prizes, scoring.

Help was requested to put signs out on tees on Friday 17th evening, SB, ET and AM volunteered to assist.

Tournament Of Champions - AM prepared list of players qualified and sent up temp Competition on ClubV1 to enable invites to be sent out in one go. 114 eligible so far, with a few more competitions to go up to and including MW Stableford on Wednesday 22nd Sept.

It is decided that winners of all Summer 2021 Knockouts will qualify for the 2022 Tournament of Champions and not this year.

The competition was set up as Strokeplay off the White tees, after much discussion and a majority vote, the format has been changed to Stableford off Yellow tees. Ladies unchanged off red tees.

7. Board Competitions.

Tom has requested that the competitions committee provide starters for board Competitions in 2022.

AM to send out communication to the membership requesting any interested parties add their names to a pool of starters that we can rotate around the competitions. Most competitions would obviously require more than one person due to the time involved. If we could achieve a list of at least six people that could work well.

Chris Webb offered to add his name to the list.

Tom also requested that decision makers in inclement weather be available and that he knows who they are.

The competition rota indicates decision makers, and a copy has been given to the pro shop. The decision to suspend or cancel a competition will be made by relevant Golf Club employees or a committee member, not one of the participants.

8. Bad Weather Policy.

It is agreed that CW has made a stellar job of his 'Procedure for Actions When Inclement Weather Conditions Exist' and after a few not relevant omissions from Page 7, as pointed out by SB.

The policy should be put on website and used as a reference on how to deal with Competitions during inclement weather.

We now require a brief information sheet to send as a communication to members outlining what will happen during adverse weather and how it affects Competitions.

CW to produce a draft using points from GL Shotoku Cup mailing. AM to provide further points via e-mail to CW.

9. Order of Merit Competitions.

It is decided we would like to take to the full committee a proposal to include an order of merit competition for 2022, producing a Gross and a Net winner.

The proposal will use the Monthly medals from Apr to Sept and singles medal play Board competitions. There will be points awarded to the top ten scores in each competition. 10 for the winner on a reducing scale down to 1 for tenth place.

It is proposed not to charge an entry fee, with the winners of both Gross and Net Competitions receiving a trophy but no cash prize.

GL offered that the committee funds could stretch to pay for the trophies.

A full proposal will be drawn up by AM and Jazz for comments before presenting to Full committee.

10. A O B.

a. AM informed committee that Tom requires scorecards and start sheets to be returned to pro shop for storage after closing competitions. Banded together and dated.

b. A new ladies knockout competition will run from summer 2022, with a donated trophy.

This will not be a board comp.

c. AM - All medals from Apr to Sept in 2022 will be booked in zones and drawn.

A test late zone will be introduced in May Medal subject to Tom's approval.

The first Saturday of Jan to March, and Oct to Dec 2022 will have a bookable

Stableford set up, with tee times reserved. Not a zone draw.

d. SB - Captains drive in moved to Sunday 7th November.
Format TBA, set up and booking dealt with by SB.

e. SL - Greenkeepers Revenge looming on 2nd October, need to check who has set up and arranged registration, fees, prizes, food etc.
Two tees reserved 18 and 18a by whom!!

AM to contact Andy Storer and investigate

f. GL - Parasampia cup has very light entry in final zone, with spaces in one zone earlier. Gill will contact entries and attempt to move them to consolidate competition and release tee times for general booking.

g. GL - Summer knockouts money should now be sorted. AM spoke with Tom and indicated entry numbers and value Gill expected to claim.
After last communication with Tom, it is believed all is good and money can now be claimed.

h. BM - enquired were hole stroke indexes different for nine-hole rounds.
They stay the same as for 18-hole rounds.

i. SL - Following a recent confusion with knockout extensions it is agreed that no extensions to individual matches will be allowed.

11. Date for next meeting - Wednesday 20th October 2021 DG.

Matters Arising from report/minutes

Lady Captains Report

Ladies Matches

Sandford Springs away unfortunately we were beaten 3-1
Studley Wood at home, with a friendly result of 2-2.
Hennerton away, unfortunately we were beaten 4-0.

Mixed Matches

Away at Meyrick Park in Bournemouth. Unfortunately, we were unable to get an away win with Meyrick winning 4 – 2. Taking the home match into account the joint score was DG 5 ½ - 6 ½ to Meyrick Park.

Charity Day

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this event so successful, with 30 teams in a shotgun start, everyone was round in just over 5 hours. We raised a phenomenal amount of money on the raffle, cake stall, drinks buggy, beat the pro and on the auction, itself. The members of DG raised just over £9500 to help those supported by Newbury Cancer Care

Social Events

Donnington Diners was held again this month at the Five Bells at Wickham, it was a most enjoyable evening with great food and company.

The August Quiz night was another success with 6 teams playing, unfortunately Septembers has been cancelled due to lack of teams. We will look to hold one in November.

Matters Arising from Report

Senior Captains Report

Seniors Captain's Report September 2021

This report summarises this season's seniors' activities up to August.

- 1) The Seniors AGM has been arranged for 20th Oct and invitations sent out.
- 2) Friendly Interclub Matches.
28 home and away matches have been played with a 64% unbeaten record. Over 50 players have taken part.
 - 14 Matches won
 - 4 Matches halved
 - 10 Matches lost
- 3) Three Counties Senior Summer League:
We are currently in joint second place in this competition with one game to go.
 - 1st Place Wokefield Park 15 Points
 - 2nd Place Reading 8 Points
 - 2nd Place Donnington Grove 8 Points
 - 4th Place Sandford Springs 7 Points
 - 5th Place The Springs 5 Points
- 4) Seniors Summer Pairs Knockout.
68 Players entered the competition which is on schedule to finish in October.
- 5) TOGS;
This monthly fun competition has been run with a full turnout of 33 Players. October's TOGs are scheduled for 21st Oct and is an individual 3,2,1 competition.
- 6) The Golf Father Goblet.
46 Players entered this competition which is on schedule to finish in October.
- 7) Future Events.
 - Fixtures for the M4 Winter League and the Graham Jeffries League are being finalised.
 - Summer fixtures are in hand and most have been finalised.
 - The senior's autumn tour to the Warwickshire on the 4th and 5th October has a record 24 participants.

Matters Arising from Report

(AS) What is the date for the seniors AGM this Year

(CW) Wednesday 20th October

Prize Giving

2019 prize giving now completed, a small gathering, those who did not attend (AS) will attempt to get prizes to them personally. All vouchers have been added to members shop accounts.

2020 Prize giving will be held Friday 22nd October email invitations have been sent out to all winners and runners-up. The format for the evening will be an informal evening with cheese and wine replacing a formal dinner. (GL) will ensure all monies are on members shop accounts prior to the evening. A date is still to be set for the 2021 prize giving evening, the prizes will still be presented by the 2020 Captains Steve & Ali. I wish to thank Nigel and his team for the flexibility shown while trying to find dates for each evening.

Memorial Garden

(AS) To speak to (DK) and ask if some maintenance could be done just to tidy the area for the winter months. (AL) informs committee trees are not readily available at the present, so she will investigate as to which trees will be best suited to the soil on course, enquires will also be made as to the cost of a hedging plant or plants to enclose the area. There is an amount of money set aside in a memorial fund which will be used to purchase a tree and some hedging. (AS) continuing to speak with Bruno regarding the design and structure of the memorial board for the area. It is planned to officially open the area at the members memorial competition day, as well as plant the tree in memory of our past Lady Captain Anne-Marie Gane.

Green Keepers Revenge

The format for the day will be a 09:00 shotgun start with a reverse waltz format competition played in teams of four. Registration will be in the Pro-Shop from 07:30. Sandtrend have kindly donated coffee and bacon rolls before the golf. Unfortunately, there will be no food available post golf due to pressures on the kitchen team on the day. A special for the day will be available (Chilli/Curry) for £7.50 for those requiring food. (SL) is on the competition rota for the day and will also source wine for the prizes. The weather is forecast to be poor on the day, inclement weather restrictions may be needed to be in place on the day. All surplus monies after expenses for prizes will be donated to the greenkeeping team as a thankyou from the members. (AS) reserved two tee times on the 18th tee for himself and the greenkeepers who wish to take part in the day.

Captains Drive-in

The Captain's drive-in will be played Sunday 7th November, this is to allow all those members wishing to attend Anne-Marie Ganes memorial service on the 6th November to do so.

Maximum 30 teams of four, tees 1 and 1A reserved for the outgoing Captains, Tee1 reserved for in coming Captains and President. Tees 10 and 10A reserved for those helping on the day.

Format for the day: -

Registration 07:30

Coffee and bacon rolls (Donated by Sandtrend)

Past Captains Drive out 08:20

New Captains Drive-in 08:30

Shotgun Start 0:900

Format for the Day Texas Scramble

Post golf food to be confirmed.

Prize giving and presentation of Captains Jackets.

Cost of day to be confirmed.

Date for the AGM has been changed to allow the preparation of the year end accounts, the date has been changed to Tuesday 2nd November 2021 and will be held in the Kennet room at Donnington Grove GC.

All posters are in place and will now be updated and will be updated to reflect the change of date. (SL) to update all notices on the web page to reflect the date change.

Refreshments have been kindly donated by Sandtrend after the meeting.

Members Questions

(AS) Is there any planned maintenance for the par three tee boxes.

(TF) There is no planned maintenance they will be out of play to protect them over the winter months and allow them to recover from the summer play.

(SB) On the day of the Parasampia Cup members were left waiting at the bar for up to 25 minutes for coffee in the morning while the catering team were serving breakfast to hotel residents, this has resulted in many complaints to the committee.

(NRG) Will investigate the situation and report back to committee, it is not acceptable for this length of wait.

(SB) Questions have been asked regarding the Champagne Roll-up eclectic competition, it was advertised as prizes will be awarded down to 3rd place, only two prizes have been awarded.

(SL) I will sort this ASAP.

(AL) Ticket sales for the swansong night are slow, can the committee please be proactive in promoting the event.

(ALL) Yes

(GL) Annodata entry for 2022 is now available do we require one or two teams for ladies and gents?

(ALL) Two men's teams and two ladies' teams.

(GL) Gold League. The club will need to host a day for the gold league, which will consist of 36 lady players (Scratch Competition) can we go ahead with the day in 2022.

(TF) Yes that should not be a problem.

(CW) Can the seniors play from the red tees through the winter months.

(TF) The red tees are not measured for men's WHS purposes, it is something which we have requested to be done in the next round of measuring.

(AS) The Grove foursomes is now a separate competition for Ladies and gents we need to purchase a new trophy for the 2021 presentation evening, and a new board is required.

(GL) there is a surplus in the prize giving funds which we can use to buy a new trophy and we will also need to replace the band on the present trophy.

(AS) Jeremy from Ultimate signs will be in to update the present boards for the relevant years I will speak to him regarding a new board as well for the competition.

Next Meeting –

Date – Wednesday 27th October 2021

Time – 19:30

Location – Cloudy Room Donnington Grove.

