



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS), Andy Meredith (AM) Sandy Byfield (SB) Gill Lane (GL) Sarah Jolly (SJ) Nigel Thorn (NT) Giles Bennet (GB) Iain Cottingham (IC) Keiran Watson (KW) Steve Warren (SW)
Apologies:	Dave Knight (DK) Berni Martin (BM) Helen Lake (HL) Joanne Newman(JN) Tom Fleming(TF)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer(AS)
	Date: Tuesday 14th November 2023 19.30 Location: Avon Room Donnington Grove

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. Minutes of last Meeting.
- Carried Forward.
 - a. Reflective Flag Tops.
 - b. Past Captains Pictures.
 - c. Committee away day.
 - d. Hard copy of competitions manual made available.
3. General Managers Report.
4. Director of Golf Report.
5. Treasurers Report.
6. Competition Secretary Report.
7. Lady Captain Report.
8. Seniors Captain Report.
9. Members Questions / Members Reps.
10. A.O.B.
 - a. Club Committee members update.
 - b. Competition Charging
11. Date of next Meeting - proposed Dec 12th 2023

Carried Forward

Reflective flag tops

These are now with Tom and will be in place at the earliest opportunity. (OFF)

Past Captains Pictures

Will be completed within the next week **(AS)**

Committee Away day

AS to liaise with the past captains and arrange a date.

Hard copy of Competitions manual

(BM) manual is being updated at present and will be made available digitally and as a hard copy when completed (Off)

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were discussed and approved, there were no matters arising from the minutes, a copy of the approved minutes will be made available on the club website.

General Managers Report

Please accept my apologies for this evening. There are no updates from myself at the moment, I will let Tom (TF) know any updates as soon as any arise.

I hope to be with you for the December meeting.

Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

(SW) Has Joanne completed the meeting with the environment agency regarding the bridge repairs.

(NT) (DK) has had a meeting with the environment agency on behalf of Sandtrend, and will pass on their findings when available.

(IC) Is it possible for all food and beverage team to wear name badges when on duty.

(GB) the Sauna in the men's locker room is out of action, is there an update available for the members regarding possible repair time.

(GB) What is the plan for the halfway hut, it appears it is going downhill fast, lack of food and drink readily available.

(SW) The real ales appear to be out of stock on a regular basis will this be the norm? Just having one good ale available would be great.

(AS) and (AM) will take these questions to (JN) over the next few days.

Director of Golf Report

Work on trees is already underway.

The first tee renovations will be underway as soon as that is finished

Please can I ask all captains involved in events or matches that require food can they come through me and not directly to the bar and or events as there have been too many mistakes and we would like to tighten this up

This will be in action from January 1 as there may already be things they have but in the meantime please copy me in so I can chase things for you

One final thing can I note that the ropes are not to be crossed or circumvented with trolleys at all

Thank you and once again apologies

Tom

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

(IC) What will be the best chain of command regarding booking of events and team feeding moving forward.

(AM) We are better placed when using the events@ address when we need to book events.

(GB) Will a new matchday menu be in place before the match season kicks in, at the present it is easier and cheaper with our discount to order food at the bar.

(IC) The seniors recently had a match at home and the food was good

(AS) and (AM) will take the questions asked to (TF) at the earliest opportunity for clarification.

Treasureres Report

Donnington Grove Golf Committee
Budget for the year November 2023 to October 2024
Expected Annual Revenue Budget

Competitions ,

net of vouchers and prizegiving From:-

Medals/Stablefords	900
12 Board Comps Inc TOC	1200
Summer KO's	250
Winter KO's	140
Club Champs	400
Other 5 fun comps	200
card charges	0
Club Ties	0
Interest	180
Fines	0

Costs associated with competitions:-

Trophy Engraving	400
Honours Boards Updating	350

Trophies not relating to comps

Captains Drive -In 40x3	160
Most Improved Players 30x3	90
Hole in Ones £50 each	300
Club Person of the Year	55
Order of Merit winners	100
Other	100
	-1560

Total Expected Net Competitions Revenue 1710

Expected Annual Costs

Ladies County Competitions (Duncan, I/C Shield, AU)	195
Race to Woodhall Spa	80
Mens BBO Comps (Hillman, Champ Club, Foursomes)	175
RDICL Scratch League	225
Annodata (Men & Ladies, 2 teams each)	230
Newbury Interclub Challenge	300
Committee Golf Day	320
Captains Blazers	100
Memorials	50
Bank charges	60
Total expected costs	-1735

Net Profit/Loss -25

Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres report

(GL)

We are predicted to make a small loss of £25 over the coming year, hopefully this will be eradicated if competition entry numbers rise this year.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the costs of competition entry, and declining numbers, possible to not have keepsake trophies for runners-up at prize giving, only trophies for competition winners on the night. Runners-up will still receive vouchers on the day of the competitions (paid at the month end as is the policy at present).

Competitions committee and (GL) will monitor throughout the year.

Competitions Report

Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 25th October 2023

1 Attendees: Jools Black, Bernie Martin, Steve Martin, Simon Vines (part), Gill Lane, Andy Meredith, Steve Lillywhite, Rob Hinson (part), Sandy Byfield

2 Apologies: Clash with Seniors AGM, Rob and Simon delayed.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting – Approved.

4 Items Carried Forward

1. No Shows – one from TOC – paid.
2. General Play cards – SB to draught email - done.
3. Manual – wording agreed by main committee. BM to update.
4. Club Champs – AS speak to TP - outstanding. Take this item off.
5. Follow up from Greenkeepers Revenge. Delay in ordering Food. AM has put together a
6. document with details of competitions/ food. Attached.
7. Champagne Roll Up – RH/TP to take over. JB will check out cost of champagne.
8. Club going cashless – not the pro shop or the halfway hut.

5 Rota – Updated.

6 Upcoming Competitions

- a) Summer knockouts – complete – AS advised.
- b) Captains Drive In – AM will send a reminder out.
- c) 10th December Winter Warmer AM/SL – no food.
- d) 23rd December Xmas Stableford SB – no food, normal Stableford.
- e) 24th December Xmas Eve 9 hole shoot out – has been deleted.
- f) 27th December Winter Scramble – no food. Two ball Texas scramble BM to update.
- g) 9 Hole Comps – these have been set up for last Sunday in November and December.
- h) All Winter Competitions: organisers to check ahead of competition with TF if
- i) qualifying or not.
- j) BM to email to all members explaining there may be changes to qualifying competitions
- k) over the winter, subject to course conditions.
- l) Winter Knockouts – deadline Sunday 29th October - BM to collate and set up.

7 AOB

- a) Shotguns / Drawn competitions. When we send the reminder to those signed up, also send a separate email to all members reminding them of the competition.
- b) Competition entry fees – no change at the moment.
- c) SM - Can we have a competition prize list? GL will upload to Documents in the V1 Hub. SB – Should we accommodate requests to go out early or late in drawn competitions.
- d) Requests will be considered within the allotted time zones.
- e) SB – Do we need to reduce the available tees in competitions, ie: take out zone 4. Need to
- f) check usage before competitions become visible on V1. Include on Agenda going forward.
- g) SL – can we have standardised desk sheets. JB to upload to V1 Documents.
- h) GL – Men Daily Mail Foursomes – action AM. GL – Ladies Berkshire Reduction Trophy – send DB (our Berkshire Rep) details. BM.
- i) GL – has heard rumours of a course rating/slope change next year, SB to check
- j) .

8 Date of Next Meeting

Questions/matters arising from competition minutes.

(AM) The winter scramble will be changed to a two-ball winter scramble, which will be entry on the day through the pro-shop, (AM) will communicate through his Captains Newsletter.

Lady Captains Report

No Report Given

Questions/matters arising from the lady Captains report

None

Senior Captains Report

We have 16 active seniors on the email distribution list which is maintained by John Rance and Dave Lawson.

We are at present playing our winter matches, M4 league and the Graham Jefferies leagues. Which are well supported by a core of 35 players.

I would like to try and re-establish the 09.30 roll-up, it is being very successful in other clubs, as it was at DG before Covid, through discussion with other clubs there may be some new ideas to encourage members to participate, and play with different players.

This year I am very happy to have the help from 12 experienced back-room boys, who I am sure will keep myself and the senior section heading in the right way.

As a section there have been rumblings regarding the planned changes to the bunker on the 4th hole. May I ask and encourage more correspondence to all members on this subject. Some thoughts are heading to the more recent Edi documentation from EG, which we feel the changes may help on this matter.

Monthly T.O.G.S competition this coming Tuesday 21st November.

We have also spoken regarding the reinstatement of the Senior Open, which was successful when played in the past.

I will discuss with Tom at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, I am looking forward to the year and to trying to recruit some S.I.D.S (seniors in denial) to join our ranks

Iain

Questions/matters arising from Seniors report.

(SW) Alan Ravenhall asked regarding the availability of real Ales in the bar (AS) and (AM) to take to (JN).

Members Representatives

(GB) What is the cost of £100 for with regard to the order of merit.

(GL) It is for the winners' vouchers of £50 each for winning man and lady.

(GB) The swing room on the range is used a great deal by members, what is the process for booking the room.

(AM) I will ask the question of (TF)

(GB) As discussed in previous meetings, would the committee allow myself and (NT) to set up a friendly league to run through the calendar year, which all members may enter to play friendly match play. Possibly initially for a period of weeks to trial until membership renewal, during this period we will endeavour to iron out any faults we find in software etc. It will be totally self-funding

After discussion (AM) Lets try it and gauge the response from members.

A.O.B

a. Club Committee Positions.

(AM) Positions for handicap secretary, competitions secretary and treasurer that end their 2 year term to be advertised to membership in summer, probably July, for any nominations to take over in November 2023.

Position of Club President term ends in June 2023, (AM) to send communication to all qualifying past Captains, for any nominations to be considered by the committee. Outgoing President to be invited to nominate himself for a further term of 3 years.

All nominations to be received by the February 2024 committee meeting.

b. Competition Charging.

(AM) Following the success of using hotel card reader for Captains Drive In, competition charging with possible use of ClubV1 competition accounts to be discussed at next competitions committee meeting.

(SB) WHS handicap changes coming into effect on April 1st 2024. (SB) will send out bullet points of changes in December 2023.

(GL) Confirmed with committee entry of 2 Ladies and Mens teams in the 2024 Kyocera golf classic.

(GL) Requested entry to Hillman trophy and plate undertaken by (AM)

(NT) Suggested we might like to do survey to discover why entries to board comps are down in numbers. (AM) to consider way forward.

(IC) Course measurement for shorter playing conditions in winter would be a welcome addition. We are on waiting list and will hopefully be completed soon.

(SW) Expressed happy to attend meetings as vice, helps to prepare for next year as captain.

Next Meeting –

Date – Tuesday 12th December

Time – 19.00

Location – Avon Room Donnington Grove

