



<b>Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Sandy Byfield (SB), Andy Storer(AS), Sarah Fowler (SF), Mike Pritchard (MP), Gill Lane (GL), Toni Prince (TP), Rob Hinson (RH), Jazz Kang (JK), Andy Meredith (AM), Tom Fleming (TF) by video.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Knight (DK), Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG).
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Andy Storer(AS)
	<b>Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> <b>Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club.</b>

### Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Minutes of last meeting
  - Matters / Actions arising
  - General Manager's Report
  - Director of Golf Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Competition Secretary's report / Sub Committee minutes
  - Upcoming Competitions
  - Club Championships update
  - Lady Captain's Report
  
  - Seniors Captain's Report
  - Social Committee Report/mins
  - Sale of DG update
  - Members Questions
  - A.O.B
  - Date of Next Meeting

### Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by committee and signed by the captain

### Matters/Actions arising from minutes

- AS Members rep advertising  
**Email sent out.**
- AS Past captains photo boards & honours boards  
**(AS) to contact Jeremy at Ultimate signs.**
- NRG Healthy foods to be considered for the halfway house
- TF Divot Party  
**(TF) Due to the dryness of the fairways at present it would not be effective.**
- SB credit card reader – further investigation required
- AS Trophy costs to be followed up  
**(AS) working on it**

- **SB – readvertise Champagne Roll Up eclectic**
- AS – has not received a formal response re ‘breakfast email’
- Working Party for 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.  
**(GL) Committee funding may be available for the event (RH), (TP), (TF)**
- Members Invitation Date required.  
**(TF) 16<sup>th</sup> September Amateurs only must have active CDH number**
- Additional Committee car parking spaces (two additional)  
**(TF) to speak to (DK) regarding cost for additional signage (Committee funding) , and refurbishment of existing (Sandtrend) Costings.**
- **(SB) Champagne roll-up format**  
**(SB) to speak to Graham Attridge and Geoff Kells.**
- **(GL) Dose anybody know where the original collection box has gone from the bar, I still have the key for it.**  
**(TF) I will have a look around**
- **(GL) Is there a possibility we could run a gross score prize when running the senior championships next year, we would need to increase entry to £10**  
**(MP) to canvass the senior members.**

#### General Managers Report

No Report given

#### Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

#### Director of Golf Report

Many thanks to all the committee, especially the competitions committee and Andy Meredith for a great club championship. The outside catering by The Gentleman Smoker was a massive hit with the members and the food was excellent.

The course is suffering at present due to the weather conditions, which seem to be here for a long period. Dave Knight and his team are now working a night shift to hand water areas as well as the sprinkler system doing its job. This is required, due to daytime heat, any water put on greens and tees is evaporating as quick as it is applied, so watering at night is more effective. The greens will be micro tinned (small holes ) to allow water and oxygen to reach the root structure. This should not affect the playability of the greens too much. Some tee boxes are not getting any water from the system and may need some more advanced work through the winter months to repair the damage. Irrigation specialists PSI are investigating and updating the system which we hope will enable Dave and the team to manage the system more efficiently.

All the clubs Pro team have completed their DBS, which will now enable us to apply for the club to be Accredited. Which will mean we will have to Manage a safe environment for all members and visitors, Jazz Kang will be the Welfare Officer, as part of our accreditation we will be adding a Safeguarding page to the club Website.

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

#### Treasureres Report

Income from competitions £8711.29. This equates to a profit after expenditure and provision for vouchers etc of £540.14. Expenditure to date stands at £626.00, which

consist of entry into national and county competitions and a small amount of bank charges. Which equates to a small loss to date of £85.86.

The balance sheet shows a General Fund Carried forward £7768.65

The captain's charity account currently stands at £3542.43, which includes a £10 donation of monies won by Liverpool beating Chelsea in two cup finals.

#### **Matters/Actions arising from Treasurers report**

**(SF&GL)** The donation box on the bar has been emptied and contained a total £123.00 which will be added to the charity account.

**(GL)** Dose anybody know where the original collection box has gone from the bar, I still have the key for it.

**(TF)** I will have a look around

#### **Competitions Report**

Attendees : Andy Meredith, Sandy Byfield, Gill Lane,  
Rob Hinson, Chris Webb, Jazz Kang.

1. Apologies - Bernie Martin, Steve Lillywhite.

2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.

3. Items C/F

a. Competitions Manual Update - SB now completed all updates.

AM and JK to check through and confirm all ok.

4. Handicaps.

JK has produced example calculation for mixed doubles handicaps and posted on notice board.

JK intending to send further communications to membership encouraging use of EG App for casual rounds.

Some concern raised by all members of committee regarding handicaps and the Champagne roll up. One member with playing handicap of 26, scored 28 points over the nine holes only last week. Scores submission for this member investigated and Shows no obvious anomalies. Noted to keep an eye on his scores.

There are other players in the roll up who regularly win that some believe to be a bit Suspicious. Many members put off entering.

Decided we need to bring to main committee to discuss options of making it a true roll Up only, with no booked times, and wether we might try making it a qualifier.

To be highlighted and discussed with those running roll up first.

SB highlighted that Texas Scrambles handicap allowances now penalise the lower Handicap players. There were many complaints following last weekends competition.

RH suggested next scramble we have separate Gross and Net prizes, with competitors Only able to win one or the other, Gross taking precedence.

AM to inform some of the lower handicaps of our intentions.

One other handicap discussed, from player with only a few cards in, another one to Keep an eye on progress.

5. Summer KO's.

Current rounds are progressing with no issues at present.

6. Order of Merit Competitions.

SL to download current standings from ClubV1 and put on website.

AM to check this has been carried out.

7. Upcoming Competitions.

a. 11th June - Monthly Medal.

JK on set up and closing.

ClubV1 issue detected, not enabling withdrawals from comp, JK has a call in.

JK will review bookings and adjust tee times to suit.

b. 18th June - Anniversary Foursomes.

GL on setup and closing.

GL identified some mixed pairs entered and notified them.

Starters not yet allocated.

AM to send out communication informing membership, this is a qualifier for Daily mail foursomes for winners and the BB&O club foursomes, for best gross score.

c. 19th June - Midsummer Madness.

Bookings slow at present. SB reserved midday to 13.00 to stop late bookings.

Will review nearer time.

d. 26th June - Captains Rosebowl.

Just opened for booking. AM to monitor.

8. Club Championships.

AM to send out reminder for entries.

RH working on volunteers.

GL to request Tom Lane does his usual 2nd day scoring for us.

SB replace JK on prep etc with AM.

Explore possibility of last groups having score board bearers.

Food being arranged with James Smith.

9. A.O.B.

AM: Rota agreed, CW to assist on Seniors Club Champs 13th July.

SB: Are we monitoring competitions e-mail. AM - Yes.

10. Date for Next Meeting.

Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7.00pm.

#### ***Matters /Actions arising from competitions report.***

Up-coming events.

- Captains plate
- Suduko Cup
- August Medal
- Midweek championship
- Presidents Day

#### **Mixed invitation as date previously reported in minutes.**

- Shotgun Start 09:00
- Food before and after golf
- 60 members and guests
- £50/pair.

**(GL)** Is there a possibility we could run a gross score prize when running the senior championships next year, we would need to increase entry to £10

**(MP) to canvass the senior members.**

**(AM)** Do we think it would be possible to conduct a gross score sweep in each medal competition, to give the lower handicap players more interest and to encourage them to enter the competitions. This would be run like the two's sweep in competitions with the best gross score for the comp taking the pot.

**(TF) WE can try it**

**This was followed by a general discussion as to weather we need a format change in some competition to include a gross format as well as the nett format.**

England golf are reviewing the stroke allowances in pairs, greensomes and foursomes competition formats, the new WHS allows more shots than in the congu format.

**(JK)** to Keep committee up to date with any changes made.

Committee asked **(AM)** to discuss and review at competition committee level the qualifying status for board competitions.

### **Social Committee report**

DG Social Committee – report 11.7.22

Platinum Jubilee Charity Duck Race – 2nd June - The inaugural Charity Duck race (held after the Texas

scramble & bbq) proved a lot of fun and raised a massive £535 for our charities. I launched 107 ducks some

200yds or so upstream of the bridge crossing to the 10th and Tom was in his waders to announce the winning

ducks and ensure most were retrieved. (There may be 3 still happily swimming downstream!!) There were

trophies – created by Andy Storer - and jubilee themed hampers for the first 3 ducks and a consolation prize

for the most chilled (some might say lazy!) duck belonging to Max Nicholls that came in some 10 minutes

after the winner.

Donnington Diners – these are currently on hold as all the venues that Ann Maisey has tried want a non-refundable deposit upfront . She may look to do one in August.

Quiz night – Next event is scheduled for Wednesday 20th July – 6 teams have so far entered. This is currently

to be in the upstairs bar although have requested confirmation.

Future events:

Charity Day – (September 17th) planning for this will start very soon

Casino Night – (October) In discussion with Tom

Christmas ‘wonderland’ (December) – In discussion with Tom

SF – 11.7.22

### **Social Bits**

There will be a quiz night Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 6 teams have entered, and we will be in the upstairs bar area, hopefully the upstairs bar will be open on the night. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams.

### **Lady Captains Report**

DG Ladies section report – 11th July 2022

This report includes information for 2 months as last meeting arranged whilst I was on holiday

#### Matches / Results

- County Inter Club Shield – 25th

May. Well done to Gemma Chandler, Zhana Powers & Gill Lane who were our representatives in this event at Newbury & Crookham. They finished in a very creditable 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 21 teams taking part.

- Daily Mail foursomes – Kim Richardson & Gemma Chandler won their 3<sup>rd</sup> round match against Shrivenham but lost in the 4<sup>th</sup> away at Frilford Heath.

- England Golf Women's Medal Tadmerton Heath 28th May. Ann McMahon came an excellent 13<sup>th</sup> out of 68 participants scoring 34 points. There were just 5 national qualifiers from the event who had 37 points upwards.

- Annodata – Team 'A' won their 2nd round against Newbury & Crookham at DG on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May but sadly lost in the 3rd round at Oxford golf club on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. whilst Team 'B' lost in the second round away at Easthampstead on 30th May. Home advantage plays a big part in these matches and unfortunately both matches in the Duncan Trophy were away this year as were all but one of the Annodata matches. (Out of 6 fixtures only 1 was played at home). We hope for better luck next year!

- Australian Spoons regional final – Fulford Heath, Worcestershire 7th July. Ann Maisey and Eleanor Maguire represented DG and reported that they had an enjoyable time. The course, club and food were all extremely good. They finished 21st/35 pairs with 28 points (17 on the front 9). The winners had 37 points and there were 4 pairs on 28 points. The next round would have involved a trip to Lincolnshire, so they were perfectly happy not to progress!

- Club Championships – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July - 20 ladies entered this event and the results after the first day were very close in both the gross and net competitions. On the second day Toni Prince won the gross competition with 173 strokes (85 & 88) despite a very strong fightback from Kim Richardson who recorded a gross 83 for a total of 176. The net competition was won by Helen Lake who played very consistently over both days recording 142 (70 & 72) with Toni Prince in second place on 149 (73 & 76).

- The first 2 rounds of the Ladies summer singles knockout have been completed and the quarter finals need to be played by 13<sup>th</sup> August. There have been some very close matches with many going down the 19<sup>th</sup> hole and beyond.

- The Mixed inter-club friendly team lost away to Bishopswood on 12th June but had a very enjoyable time. Next matches are Home & away against Meyrick Park on 24th July & 7th August and away at Hennerton on 3rd July.

- The next 2 Ladies inter-club friendly team matches take place on 21st July away to Weybrook Park & 11th August at home to Sandford Springs.

#### Miscellaneous

The charity collection box in the bar has raised over £123 so far (It was full and needed emptying!)

#### Senior Captain

##### Seniors Captain's Newsletter - June 2022

Newsflash The Golf Father Trophy 2022 The Golf Father Trophy 2022 has now completed four rounds and the next qualifying round is the mid-week stableford competition on Tuesday 5th July.

General Play Cards Just a quick one, the Competitions Committee has told me that recently quite a few seniors are submitting General Play cards which is great by the way! However, it would be very helpful if you would submit your scores via the England Golf's My EG app rather than via the ClubV1 or the PSI terminal. The reason for this is because

My EG has the ability for the marker of a card to attest the score within the app and thus avoiding the need to submit a physical scorecard. This would greatly help those who run the club for our enjoyment

Club News Club Championships the Club will hold this over the weekend of 9th and 10th July. The Jubilee Charity Duck Race 2022 The event raised a fantastic £535 for our charities.

Seniors News June TOGS Tuesday 21st June.

Cha, Cha, Cha Competition The results of the June TOGS. In first place with a magnificent 90 points (after adjustment for the no-show third team member), a full 6 points clear of second place, and winning a bottle of bubbly each were John Headland and Richard Deal.

Second place with 84 points and winning a bottle of wine were Brad Bolwell, Jon Williams and Iain Cottingham. Your esteemed Seniors Captain, and his team once again won a bottle of Corona beer for the most use of the course. Thanks again to Cliff Waller for organising the event.

Seniors Summer Pairs KO 2022

This competition has progressed to the third round which needs to be completed by 31st July.

Seniors Club Championships to be held on Wednesday 13th July Booking is now open for this event until noon on 12th July.

And finally: A reminder that information on all things senior can be found at [dgseniors.wordpress.com](http://dgseniors.wordpress.com). If anyone would like to something added there that's currently missing, please let [dgseniorscaptain@gmail.com](mailto:dgseniorscaptain@gmail.com) know and we can se

### More Senior news

#### Mike Williams

Mike defied massive odds of 5000000-1 to have two holes in one on the 7<sup>th</sup> Hole, in consecutive rounds of golf.

That must be a big bar tab Mike. Congratulations

### Members Questions

**(AM)** Will a replacement fountain be put in place in the lake on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole many members have commented on this.

**(TF)** We have had all the electrical system checked, it is a fault in the actual fountain , which means a new fountain is required, this is a very expensive item, it is on the agenda .

**(GL)** The Lakes on the back nine are looking lovely with the growth of the bull rushes etc, can we ask Dave not to strim them away.

**(TF)** I will speak to Dave

### A.O.B

**(RH)** The condition of the bunkers on course is poor due to the members not racking them after play, and there are a growing number of pitch marks on the greens as well.

**(TF)** I will get an email out to the membership asking them to rake bunkers and repair pitch marks .

**(AS)** Many years ago if you did not Have a pitch repair tool with you on course you were fined £1 for the captain's charity, maybe an idea for next year.

**(TP)** With the consent of Sandtrend Helen Lake has been asked to be Ladies Vice Captain 2023 and subsequently Lady Captain 2024. I am pleased to announce Helen has accepted the position.

**(JK)** Should we make the Champagne roll-up a qualifying competition.

**(SB)** Will speak with Graham Attridge and Geoff Kells.

**(AM)** A member who entered the club Senior championship, played four holes, and then left the course without any notification to his playing partners or the pro-shop.

**(AS)** to investigate and speak to the member involved.

**(TP)** Would it be possible to run a plate competition on day two of the club championship to encourage members to take part in day two rather than not play at all.

**(AM)** Will take the suggestion to the competitions committee for discussion.

**(SB)** Recently played at a course which had a ready play policy, which was intended to speed up lay. This would be a great addition to the notice boards and to the information boards on the tees.

**(TF)** to source.

**(SB)** Has a date been set for the Pro-am this year

**(TF)** To confirm date.

**(TF)** We have had many occasions when holding team events, of what do we do when a team is short of a player, can we put something in place for the Pro-shop team to reference on the day.

**(AM)** To take to the competitions committee for discussion.

**(TF)** I have witnessed and spoken to members of committee, regarding their etiquette on course. Please may I ask that as a committee we set the example to all members, and be seen to be doing the right thing.

**(ALL)** All in agreement with this.

**Meeting Closed**

**The captain closed the meeting @ 21.30**

**Next Meeting –**

**Date – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Time – 19.00**

**Location – Donnington Grove Golf Club**