

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tues 8th Aug 2023

Attendees : Rob Hinson, Toni Prince, Gill Lane, Sandy Byfield, Andy Meredith,
Bernie Martin, Tom Fleming .
Andy Storer, Clive Richards, Nigel Thorne.

1. Apologies - Helen Lake, Nigel Roberts Green.
2. Minutes of last meeting - Approved.

Items C/F

- a. Captains drive in date.
Confirmed as 11th November.
- b. Reflective Flag tops.
Still on order.
- c. Camera on 8th.
Ongoing.
- d. Leaderboard in Bar.
Now operative, Tom to show some committee members how to switch on and off.
- e. Tree markings on 13th Hole.
Canopies been raised and tree markings done, some have faded, may try different Paint next time.
- f. Divot Party.
To be run Wednesday 23rd August from 4pm. CR to send out email.
- g. Bridge Repairs.
Some done, ongoing, extent of repairs unknown until top stripped back.
- h. Bouncy Castle.
Ongoing.
- i. Scramble rules.
Rules for any scramble competition to be produced and made available to competitors on the day.

3. General Managers Report.

Sale of Donnington Grove - A lot more interest and Viewings ongoing.

Electricity repairs - Moving forward, generators should be gone soon.

4. Director of Golf Report.

Continuing with course consultant, good progress with available funds.
A lot of good comments coming from both members and visitors on course condition.

DP World Tour qualifier coming in September.

Work started on course set up for the event, changes will include lowered cutting heights of fairways and greens, raised cutting heights of first and second cuts lining fairways and some rough areas left to grow. Some bunkers require more sand and the greens are to be running at around 10.5 stimp. Tee boxes are requested to be cut in a diamond pattern. This will all enhance the presentation of the course as well as making playability suitable for the qualifier.

Water leaks on 9, 11 and 16 have now been fixed. Fairways have been fertilised.

Maintenance week starts on Monday 14th, and course will be closed on Wednesday 16th. Work will include weeding bunkers and coring tees.

Winter work planned for course includes enlarging the 1st tee, possible alteration of the cross bunker on the 4th and replacing of bunker on corner of 6th.

It is also planned to core and sand greens 6 times over the winter period, this should enable greens to be rolled more often, cut lower and lead to a truer flatter roll, thus increasing the speed.

Tree canopies will continue to be raised, and the cores from tees and greens will be saved and used to build some permanent winter Tees for ladies, for example on the 13th.

A few tees are not so level now and may be looked at in the future.

Upcoming club events include Pro Am on 1st September and Invitation day on 15th

TF requested committee members assist by keeping an eye out for small misdemeanours on the course and help to educate the members, for example, trollies being taken on tees and between bunkers and greens.

Many walkers on and around the course in the summer, many not sticking to the footpaths, signage may need updating in some areas. Dog mess still an issue on some parts of 13th and 14th.

5. Treasurers report. As Below :

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Balance Sheet

	31-Jul 2023	31-Oct 2022
Current Assets		
Bank: current account	2271.41	97.17
Bank: deposit account	9014.02	10140.88
Debtors - Club ties 7 remaining	133.56	152.64
Competitions money due	175.02	1087.00
Donnington Diners Float	299.25	
Total Current Assets	11893.26	11477.69
Current Liabilities		
Provision for Prize Giving 2023	3570.00	0.00
Provision for Prize Giving 2022	900.22	2567.07
Accrued costs	0.00	300.00
Memorial Fund	135.00	0.00
Outstanding Vouchers 2023	280.00	0.00
Outstanding Vouchers 2022	0.00	750.00
Total Liabilities	4885.22	3617.07
Total Net Current Assets	7008.04	7860.62
General Fund brought forward	7860.62	7854.51
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-852.58	6.11
General Fund carried forward	7008.04	7860.62

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Income & Expenditure Account	9 months to 31 July 2023	Year to 31 October 2022
Income		
Competitions Income	10,558.00	15,839.00
Card charges	(57.64)	(64.71)
Fines charged	5.00	8.00
Less: Vouchers	(6,145.00)	(9,960.00)
Prizegiving	(3,570.00)	(4,685.00)
	<u>(9,715.00)</u>	<u>(14,645.00)</u>
	790.36	1137.29
Turkey Trot shortfall	0.00	(50.00)
Club Ties	0.92	1.84
Interest received	73.14	7.98
Total Income	864.42	1097.11
Expenditure		
Berkshire Ladies comps	119.00	151.00
England Golf Race to Woodhall Spa	70.00	30.00
BB&O Hillman/Foursomes/Champion Club/Lombard	155.00	120.00
RDICL Scratch League	-75.00	225.00
Annodata Matchplay Men and Ladies	210.00	195.00
Inter-club Challenge	240.00	0.00
Committee Golf Day	0.00	300.00
30th Anniversary sponsorship	900.00	
Captains blazers	0.00	0.00
Clocks for Club Champs etc	0.00	0.00
Memorial plaques	48.00	20.00
Bank charges	50.00	50.00
Sundry items*	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	1717.00	1091.00
Profit/Loss	-852.58	6.11

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Charity Account 01625225

Total Interest received		14.85
Captains Drive-in		
Guess the distances		185.00
Ladies Xmas lunch Secret Santa donations		50.00
Ladies Thursday rollups		15.00
Ladies Eclectic/Par & Birdie Trees		21.00
Quiz Nights		66.50
Race Night to date		59.25
Seniors Bowl		
Donation Mike & Viv Lewsey	100.00	
Beat the Pro	200.00	
Entries	840.00	
		1140.00
St Georges Day		265.00
Total collected to date		<u>£ 1,816.60</u>

6. Competitions Secretary Report.

Junior policy to be finalised, BM to research.

Confirmation of caddies roles to be inserted into Manual.

Report as below ;

**Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 27th July 2023**

Attendees: Jools Black, Rob Hinson, Sandy Byfield, Gill Lane, Simon Vines, Steve Lillywhite

- 1 **Apologies** - Bernie Martin, Steve Martin, Andy Meredith
- 2 **Minutes of Last Meeting** – Approved.
- 3 **Items Carried Forward**
 - a No Shows – NM has entered the Shotoku Cup but given that he has already received the 'you are booked into' reminder, it was decided to allow this to stand.
 - b Club Championships – feedback received.
Result – JC has been apologised to. Also felt that TP should receive an apology.
Action – highlight this to Andy Storer
Helpers – for next year we need to
 - Get a list to the bar in advance so they can get a bacon roll & coffee.
 - Provide a list of helpers for burgers.
- 4 **Rota** – the following changes were agreed 24th Sept – SB cannot do. SL OK
- 5 **Upcoming Competitions**
 - a Summer knockouts – up to date.
 - b Shotoku Cup - 29th July – all in hand
 - c Midweek Club Championships - 9th Aug – AM/SB to deal
Has been an issue with booking. It was set up with a Board Competition restriction. This does not allow 5 day members to enter. This has been changed to no restriction.
AM/SB to check entries for membership type as well as no of qualifying scores
Action to investigate the setup of a Midweek Board Comps filter (SB)
 - d Presidents Day - 12th Aug – Andy Storer is dealing with this
It will be an individual yellow/red tee stableford comp for the Presidents putter. There will also be a 'blind' team of 4
AS to arrange the prizes
Fee is £15 pp to include tea/coffee to start and a brunch afterwards.
9.00 shotgun start
Registration from 7.00
AS will require some help with registration and scoring. RH / GL volunteered to help with scores. RH will do registration.
 - e Greensomes Cup - 26th Aug – SB.
Nothing to report.
 - f Bank Holiday Stableford
RH to look into a more 'fun' format for the bank holiday comp.
 - g Captains Charity Day
RH reported back
Format will be Vegas scramble 9:00 shotgun start.
Action (identified post meeting) – confirm this, as RH described the Florida scramble but called it a Vegas Scramble (RH)
Food has been sorted. A number of 4 balls are available for auction
 - h Parasampia Cup – 26th Sept
Nothing to report

- i Midweek stableford on 21st Sept is cancelled due to clash with DP World Tour qualifying
- j Tournament of Champions 24th Sept
Nothing to report

6 **AOB**

- a Shotgun Starts – Can we book in a team on Club V1 without allocating the hole, so we can have the starting holes drawn?
Action – SL to try and set up a competition to see if it is possible.
- b General Play Cards
 - How can we stop people not registering a round but then putting in a General Play Card later in the day. The MyEG app enforces this, but ClubV1 / HDID does not
 - Action – SB to investigate.*
- c Should we be allowing people to put in a GP card when playing in a 4BBB comp or any other format.
SB has investigated with EG and R&A
R&A Interpretation of Rules and Official Guide to the Rules of Golf do not exclude you playing multiple formats at one time.
SB to seek further clarification re handicaps.
Post meeting activity
 - *The key phrase is that it must be an Authorised Format of Play for handicap purposes.*
 - *The only rounds classified as Authorised Formats of Play for handicap purposes are Individual Strokeplay formats. Therefore a GP card cannot be put in while playing in a non-authorised format.**SB will draft an eMail to send to the membership confirming this*
- d Junior Policy for Competitions
Clarification should be added to the Competitions Manual
Suggest that 1 junior & 2 adults acceptable.
Not 2 juniors & 1 adult.
1 junior and parent acceptable
Need to consider if juniors only can play
Action – take to main committee for agreement of wording.
- e GL – were prizes given at the 30th Anniversary midweek competition.
Yes, they were, no action required by GL
- f GL – has not received information re the Club Champs (how much is being claimed for helper rolls / coffee etc). No prizes awarded yet.
- g JB – has been asked about the prize money awarded to Men & Ladies where there are separate comps. How does the prize awarded relate to the fees received?
GL answer
 - The budget for the prize evening is the same for both Men & Ladies
 - Once this is removed, the remaining money is apportioned depending on entries. Men do receive more, either in terms of the number of positions awarded and/or in terms of value. It is accepted that this is not totally proportional to the entry fees received.

- h SL – can we confirm the role of caddies in golf competitions.
This needs clarification as there has been recent 'accusations' of coaching on the course.
- Need to clarify what constitutes coaching.
Action – take to main committee.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th August 2023, 7.30pm in the upstairs bar.

7. Lady Captain Report.

Florida scramble for Charity day, hole sponsors requested.

Captains charity car parking space draw tickets on sale.

Report as follows :

Lady Captain Report August 2023

What can I say about this horrid weather we have endured, hopefully we will now have some summer sunshine!

Duncan Trophy

I am pleased to say Donnington Grove Ladies are through to the Semi-Finals in the Duncan Trophy, and I'm sure I'm not alone in wishing the team well on Sunday 13th August playing at Maidenhead.

Angela Uzielli Qualifier

The Angela Uzielli Qualifier will be held on Saturday 12th August – (President's Day). The best Ladies score for handicap 0-20 and best Ladies score for handicap 20.1-36, will qualify to play a foursomes pair at Mill Ride on 12th October 2023. There are still places available in the President's Day, so please do enter...

Ladies Club Championships

Many Congratulations to Bernie Martin for an outstanding couple of days and winning both the Gross & Nett Club Championships with Jules Culley sweeping in very closely. Many thanks to all the ladies who helped out over the weekend, your support is very much appreciated.

Ladies & Mixed Matches

We have played many matches, both mixed & ladies, of which I would like to thank everyone who has participated in supporting the Ladies Section.

Recent results for the **mixed** are:

- July 2nd - Hennerton (Home) a loss of
- July 23rd - Meyrick Park (away) – POSTPONED
- August 6th - Meyrick Park (Home) – a tremendous win of 5.5 to 0.5

The following **mixed** matches are due:

- August 13th – Sandford Springs (Home) – Can you please update V1 as I require 1 more willing lady to play please and at least 1 lady as a reserve. Ann Maisey has kindly agreed to Captain the day. Thank you Ann
- September 3rd – Marlborough (Away) please do update V1 of your availability
- October 15th – Weybrook Park (Home) again, please do update V1 of your availability (Final Match of 2023)

There have also been many Ladies matches held during the week, results will be shared in due course. Thank you Sarah for organising.

The following Ladies matches are due:

- August 10th – Sandford Springs (Away)
- August 24th – Studley Wood (Home)
- August 31st – Hennerton (Away)
- September 21st – Drayton Park (Away)

Bronze / Silver / High Silver & Gold Leagues

The new season for the Bronze, Silver, High Silver & Gold Leagues is imminent. Please see attached spreadsheet for further information on dates. Please do update Club V1 of your availability as soon as possible. Many thanks to Debbie Goodsell; Gill Lane; Jules Culley & Sarah Fowler for organising.

Lady Captains Away Day

I am hoping to organise my away day sometime in September at Hamptworth Gold Club. I will email out as soon as I have the dates confirmed.

Captains Away Day/Night

Both Rob & I have been trying to organise an away trip (Play Sunday / stay Sunday Night & Play Monday) at Old Thornes – Liphook). This is becoming somewhat of a try, but we are still hopeful and will let you know of the dates in due course.

Captains Charity Day

The Captains Charity Day will be held on 9th September, format will be “Florida Scramble” (Each drive and then whoever’s ball is used they do not get to play the next shot, only 3 play and so forth). We would welcome anyone wishing to Sponsor a hole, all proceeds go to our chosen charity which is Newbury Cancer Care.

BCLGA

Many thanks to Debbie Goodsell for forwarding the following information from the BCLGA:

Based on feedback from a survey of county ladies last year which suggested a team competition would be more popular, the format has been changed to a pairs BB competition. Your ladies may not have noticed this yet.

Team Competition - Sunday 10th September 2023 at Donnington Grove GC – Team of 3, Stableford competition for players with HI + to 45.0. Each team member from a different handicap division. Entry closes 25th August.

Autumn Meeting 1st Division - Thursday 14th September 2023 at Castle Royle GC – Individual Medal competition for players with HI + to 20.0. Scratch and nett prizes. Entry closes August 31st.

Autumn Meeting 2nd & 3rd Divisions – Friday 29th September 2023 at Royal Ascot GC – 4BBB competition for players with HI 20.1 – 45.0. Entry closes 15th September.

Sign-up is on the website: www.bclga.co.uk, but also attached the competition details for info.

8. Senior Captains Report.

No official report to committee, Seniors newsletter sent out to all on mailing list.

Excellent midweek 30th Anniversary event day.

9. Members Questions / Members Reps.

NT - Can we consider more scramble competitions, and change the format.
Perhaps a two man scramble for August BH comp.

9. AOB

BM. When proshop enter casual card scores for members when PSI is not working, a penalty score is also recorded in some instances. TF explained that proshop need to delete original intent on ClubV1 when entering the score.

TP. Recently played at Hamptworth Golf Club and reported back on some innovative membership ideas. Perhaps worth discussing in future. TF depends entirely on any new owner.

GL. Can preferred lies be agreed for KO match between teams. TF yes, players can agree On Match conditions between themselves as long as they do not break the rules of golf.

Permission obtained for Midweek Champs to be preferred lies, due to ball picking up mud on fairways.

GL. Trees in tennis courts need cutting back. TF noted.

GL. Do we have a date for presentation night. AS not yet, been in touch with engraver who is on vacation for a month !!

TF. Request, please do not use White tees for Men in friendly matches in future.

AS. Has requested that hotel handyman hangs pictures supplied. Not done yet.

AS. Committee any day for 2023 needs sorting, perhaps end Sept, Hamptworth of Bowood suggested.

AS. As we approach the end of another playing year do we need to consider changes of personal in committee posts and put some up for nominations.

11. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 12th September 7.30pm.