



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Nigel Thorne, Giles Bennet, Steve Warren, Andy Storer, Sarah Jolley, Steve Lillywhite, Paul Greening, Gill Lane, Kieran Watson, Juliet Culley.
Apologies:	Tom Fleming, Dan Bundy, Kevin Bale, John Headland
Minute Taker:	Kieran Watson (KW)
Venue /Date	Wednesday 20th November 2024

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Apologies.**
- 2. Minutes of last meeting.**
Items carried forward.
 - a. New measured tees.**
 - b. Club Committee positions.**
- Approval of minutes.**
- 3. Matters Arising**
 - a. Secretary to committee**
 - b. Playing mats**
- 4. General managers report.**
- 5. Director of Golf report.**
- 6. Treasurers report.**
- 7. Competition Secretary report.**
- 8. Lady Captain report.**
- 9. Senior Captain report.**
- 10. Members questions / Members reps.**
- 11. AOB**

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

- a) New measured tees: - No progress
- b) Club Committee positions: - Working party meeting to review and amend constitution, will bring updates to committee for discussion pending EGM in April.

Minutes of last meeting

October minutes approved and will be posted on the Club Website

Matters Arising

a. *Secretary to committee*

It was discussed that position should be implemented at the earliest possible opportunity. Role will not initially be an officer of the club therefore does not require constitutional change to bring role into action. Role should be advertised to the club for all members to have opportunity to apply. KW to write job description and circulate to committee for agreement before being generally circulated. It was also at this point aimed that the club requires a press/social media role fulfilling with the responsibility of raising the clubs profile through the updating of the clubs social media accounts and sending press releases regarding competition results and social events to the local news outlets. KW to write job description for this role and again circulate to committee to be agreed before circulating to members.

b. *Playing Mats*

It was asked by a member whether we should be considering the use of playing mats for all play from fairways through the winter months. This has been discussed at previous meetings with the cost involved with providing these to both members and general play not being practicable. The hope is that the works being carried out with the verti-draining of the fairways and ongoing works increasing the quality of the playing surfaces.

DB

- *New coffee machines are in the bars and in the hall outside the pro shop*
- *New beers are being introduced don't worry guiness isn't going anywhere*
- *New conference furniture has been purchased*
- *New menu has a soft launch tomorrow and an invitation to you all has been made for Sunday afternoon*
- *Please let Jen know if you are coming by emailing events@donnington-grove.com*
- *It would be great to see you all there if possible*
- *Also should anyone wish to have a cheap dinner we have a Xmas party on the 30th that the hotel are offering £20 for a 3 course meal to make numbers up so again should anyone wish to have a table for family and friends please email Jen*

Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

Director of Golf Report

Director of Golf Report Nov 24

Firstly apologies for my absence

- **Verti draining of the fairways will completed tomorrow and I would like to thank Dave and his team who have been doing this into the night for the last week.**
- **Some people have mentioned that the holes look elongated suggesting that the tract was going to fast. This was not the case however as machine was set to heave which means the tines lay down slightly and lift the turf making the longer holes**
- **We wont know how well this project has worked instantly but hopefully it will be well worth it and we are looking to make it part of spring maintenance where we will also be able to add sand and seed to areas**
- **Dave and his team will be continuing verti draining on the aprons now with our smaller machine also**
- **The green staff have also started re building the fence down on grove road to smarten the entrance up**
- **There will be a lot of spraying on the course for fertilisers and fungicides please keep an eye on 1st tee for signs and don't lick your balls**
- **There will be tree work continuing over the winter also**

- All quotes for the bridge are in to the owners and we are awaiting a decision

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

Treasurers Report

GL

As November is the 1st month of the year and is not yet complete , this month's report is the Budget for the coming year, showing how much we expect to make from Competitions and the Costs we expect to meet.

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Budget for the year November 2024 to October 2025

<u>Expected Annual Revenue</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Competitions , net of vouchers and prizegiving trophies	
From Medals/Stablefords	1200
12 Board Comps inc TOC	
Grove Foursomes	100
Japan Cup	150
Bogey	140
Mixed Greensomes	75
Anniversary Foursomes	100
Captains Rosebowl	150
Seniors Champs	200
Shotoku Cup	175
Midweek Champs	200
Greensomes Cup	100
Parasampia Cup	100
Tournament of Champions	75
Summer KO's	250
Winter KO's	132
Club Champs	200
Other 5 fun comps	200
<u>Costs associated with competitions</u>	
Trophy Engraving	400
Honours Boards Updating	700
	-1100
Total contribution from competitions	2447
card charges	0
Club Ties	0
Interest	144
Trophies not specifically relating to comps	
Captains Drive -In 50*3	150
Most Improved Players 30*3	90
Hole in Ones £50 each	300
Club Person of the Year	55
Order of Merit winners	100
Other	100
	-795
Total Expected Net Revenue	1796
<u>Expected Annual Costs</u>	
Ladies County Competitions (Duncan, I/C Shield, AU)	215
Race to Woodhall Spa	80
Mens BBO Comps (Hillman, Champ Club, Foursomes)	175
RDICL Scratch League	225
Kyocera (Men & Ladies, 2 teams each)	160
Newbury Interclub Challenge	300
Committee Golf Day	400
Captains Blazers	100
Memorials	50
Bank charges	60
Total expected costs	-1765
Net Profit/Loss	31

It was raised by AS about double paying for board and knockout competition winners. The committee discussed the practicalities of paying the board competition winners for their first place and then later offering them the keepsake trophy or voucher at presentation evening. Moving forwards on closing the board competition the competitions committee will contact the winner and ask whether they wish to have the keepsake trophy or equivalent voucher added to the competition prize money at that point. There was some concern whether this would diminish the prize giving nights relevance. The general feeling was that it wouldn't have a major knock on

effect as the evening is about receiving the trophies and having pictures taken with them and the boards etc. It was also discussed about increasing the size of prize giving night and making it a bigger celebration of the years golf with more members being able to attend. This will be discussed further in coming meetings.

Competitions Report

Mins from Oct Comps Meeting
Competitions and Handicaps Sub Committee Meeting
Wednesday 13th November 2024
7.00pm Upstairs Bar - Donnington Grove

- 1 Apologies , AM, KW
- 2 Approval of Minutes from 9th October Meeting - Approved
- 3 Items c/f
 - a No Shows. None
 - b Competitions Manual - SB. Send to SL update website - SL to complete
 - c Existing Committee to stay in place inc KW & PG
- 4 Events since last meeting - Review
 - a 16 Oct Midweek, Steve M
 - b 19 Oct Greenkeepers, Rob / Gill - Late cards / no scores makes results difficult
 - c 24 Oct Midweek, Steve M
 - d 26 Oct Sat Stab, Simon - Cards not in PSI
 - e 27 Oct Sun Stab, Andy
 - f 28 Oct Midweek, Simon
 - g 2 Nov Sat Stab, Rob
 - h 3 Nov Sun Stab, Gill - 3 Scores on one card 2 D/Q, also DNP entered so average score entered on PSI (can DNP be turned of on clubV1
 - i 5 Nov Midweek, Simon
 - j 9 Nov Captains Drive In. Steve L, Sandy, Kieron, Paul
- 4 Rota Agreed slight changes
- 5 Upcoming Competitions
 - a Winter Knockouts - Draw done (will review each month) - SL to review progress
 - b All Events on Club V1 need checking before they go live. - Rota assigned responsible
 - c 8th December Winter Warmer - £6 entry fee prizes 1st 2nd 3rd if numbers permit
 - d 27th December Winter Scramble - Shotgun start £5 each
 - e 7th Feb Friday Stableford ? - Who added them ? check dates
- 6 AOB
 - a SL / KW / TF to look at all comps zones and bokking
 - b Div splits 9 holes the same as 18 holes
 - c TOC review zones SL / KW & TF
 - d inview of oct comp issues email to be sent to all mebers reminding them of how to fill cards in
 - e proposal to revert back to 12 months qualifying criteria agreed vote 8-1
 - f proposal to change qualifying # scores to 3 agreed vote 7-2
 - g review summer x out dates to get finished end sept.
- 7 Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 11th December 7pm in the upstairs bar.

Matters/Actions Arising from Report.

SL brought the sub-committees motion to change the qualifying criteria for board and knockout competition. AS reminded that the original qualifying criteria was brought in at a time where golfers with dubious handicaps were joining clubs winning the major championships then leaving. At the current time where competition entry is dropping putting in more stringent entry requirements was felt to be putting up barriers towards competing. GB proposed a counter motion of reverting to 12 months with 6 qualify rounds and no competition rounds in the period. It was agreed that the current criteria should be kept. An email should be sent to all members making them aware it is their responsibility to ensure they have the requisite competition and qualifying rounds in place to compete and the comps committee would only check the winners to ensure criteria is met.

Lady Captains Report

SJ
With the winter season upon us there is nothing to report regarding matches etc.

The ladies section will be looking hold ongoing social events and raise the profile of the ladies section within the club

The ladies will be carrying out an eclectic – more details to follow

Matter/Actions arising from report.

No Questions or actions

Senior Captains Report

SW
With the funds that are involved within the senior section a bank account is being opened to manage the finances. Iain Cottingham is going to act as seniors treasurer.

There is going to be a winter eclectic ran from. The red tees for the seniors December through March. This is to encourage seniors to continue to enter qualifying scores to keep handicaps relevant. Being administered between seniors and TF.

The league teams are doing well.

With the seniors also using the red tees it wold be beneficial if these were moved more frequently. This also highlighted the importance of moving forward with the blue course.

Seniors keen to use the new patio area for bbq's etc when the summer season returns.

Matters/Actions arising from report.

No questions or actions

Questions from Members Reps

No questions submitted

AOB

GB – raised the issue of one of the photo's on the new website being of the old putting green and therefore inaccurate.

PG – OOB on 11 runs too long, can be punished for slightly errant shots during summer conditions with balls kicking off the side of the green and running OOB. Can consideration again be given to this area.

With the club pushing the practice facilities and being used in the evenings during the winter months the lack of lighting to both the route from the car park to the range and from the ball machine to the range. Can something be done about this as potentially dangerous.

Can a swisher be put on the putting green? When warming up and practicing before playing in the mornings the green is often covered with leaves and general detritus meaning the area cannot be used for its intended purpose.

GL – Ratification of accounts. As this was raised and voted on at the AGM GL will speak with Iain Cottingham and ask him as agreed to check and ratify/audit the accounts. NT will speak to his son regarding this process the following year. Time is tight to get these audited between the date of the last competition and AGM. This will be bridged closer to the time.

The Captain Closed the Meeting :- 20.34

Next Meetings –

Dates – Tuesday 17th December

Tuesday 14th January

Tuesday 11th February

Tuesday 11th March

Tuesday 15th April

Time – 19.00

Location-- Avon Room Donnington Grove GC