



Attendees:	Gill Lane, Alison Lillywhite, Steve Lillywhite, Robert Carvill, Ian Gaskell, Gary Rinaldi, Anne Marie Gane, Tom Fleming, Sandy Byfield
Apologies:	Dave Knight, Nigel Roberts-Green, Andy Storer
Minute Taker:	Donnington Grove Golf Club
	Date: Wednesday 6th November 2019 Time: 19.30 Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club

Agenda

- *Welcome and Apologies*
- *Minutes of last meeting*
- *Matters / Actions arising from minutes*
- *General Management Report*
- *Director of Golf's Report (inc. Course Report)*
- *Members Questions / Matters Arising relevant to Management*
- *Treasurer's Report*
- *Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report*
- *Lady Captain's Report*
- *Seniors Captain's Report*
- *Upcoming events*
 - *Christmas Turkey Trot*
 - *Christmas Party*
- *Members Questions*
- *A.O.B.*
- *Date for next meeting*

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain Rob Carvill

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

Drainage outside pro-shop More quotes required. Ongoing further quotes are required.

Potholes ongoing, one more pothole adjacent to the pink lodge. NG investigating

General Managers report

NO Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

TF Reported

Unfortunately, the course has been shut over the last couple of days due to the continued rain and an excess of leaves as Dave and his team have been unable to take some of the machinery on the course. Dave is hoping to use hand mowers as soon as possible.

The bunker on the 15th will be out of play over the winter months (until April) in order for work to be done to repair and level it. There will be no drop zone so standard rules will apply.

Temporary yellow Tees for the men will be in play on the 5th, 7th & 17th holes in order to protect them. Work to repair and level the 7th & 17th tees will be happening over the winter months.

The ladies Red tees will be moved forward on the 2nd, 10th, 6th & 13th holes.

The short par 3 course has now had a second cut and the aim is for this to be opened in the Spring.

Dave and I have started to have a monthly course walk, we hope to be able to react to problems and fix issues faster than before, especially with the onset of the winter months.

At the present we have some black patches on the greens, this is an algae which we have treated and should go with some hopefully dry weather. Dave and his team are clearing the ditch at the side of the 10th fairway to hopefully help with the drainage of the fairway, if we are not successful we may have to consider putting the ditch back across the fairway at the bunker, and more drainage pipes in at the tree.

There will also be hoops and signs to prevent(educate) members regarding walking and troling between bunkers and greens. The pound on the 11th is temporarily on hold.

It seems there has been a lot of confusion over the state of play whilst on the 11th hole and so after much consideration we have decided to remove this completely.

So whilst playing the 11th hole there is NO out of bounds to the right. The 12th fairway is now in play. This is now for all competitions. Normal courtesy applies and should you hit the ball to the right you MUST shout Fore!

There may be some cards that still have the rule printed on the back and you can disregard the part reference the 11th wherever it has not been crossed out.

Future projects; -

- Complete bunker sand change
- Overs seed the course March 2020
- Hollow tine 11th and 6th fairways
- New buggies (Blue)

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

IG Ann Lawson slipped on the main bridge over the river, can anything be put in place to prevent this. **TF** Anti-slip surface or dressings are being investigated at present as a matter of urgency.

IC Dave Lawson asked the feasibility of a divot party at this time of the year. **TF** to be done in the new year

GR OB posts missing at the side of the 14th green, nobody sure where the OB should be, (Path, hedge, course boundary). **TF** to investigate with **DK**

Treasurer's Report

GL Reported: - Income from competitions for 2019 has now overtaken 2018 showing the rise in members playing.

The Captains Charity account currently stands at £8290.

Ladies coffee morning raised £75

Alan Ravenhall donated £50

Charity day should raise £5200 once all monies are received

Ian congratulated Rob & Anne-Marie on the success of the day

Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's Report

Competitions Report

Competitions Report –Nov 2019 Committee Meeting

Now we are into winter there are no board comps to report on. The only competition of note was the Captains Charity Day. Hopefully great fun was had by everybody on the day. Congratulations to the winning team of Kevin Walker, Andy Woodley, Craig Buchanan and Bradley Bolwell.

The November Stableford was cancelled due to the course conditions and is being replaced by a roll-up stableford this coming Saturday (9th November).

Coming up in the next month we have the Winter Texas Scramble, with 22 of the available 24 slots currently booked.

The Winter Knockout draw has been made, with 32 pairs in the doubles and 32 entered in the singles. The first round is due to be played by 8th December.

I have trying to get a Handicap & Comps sub-committee organised, with the following people contacted

Paul Bailes – has expressed an interest but not yet responded to me

Fay Unsworth – has declined. I would like a lady to be part of the sub-committee so will invite another lady. (Gill Lane Volunteered her support)

Ewen Thompson – has agreed to take part

Steve Gridley (as H/C administrator)

Hopefully, by the next meeting this will be finalised, and a meeting held which I can report back on.

I have been in contact with Steve Gridley regarding the Annual Handicap Review, and will be organising a meeting for early/mid Jan. Attendees, as with previous years, to be

Handicap & Comp Sec, Handicap Administrator, 3 Captains, Gill, Vice Captain, Director of Golf.

Matters/Actions arising Competitions Report

GL tournament of champions monies for food needs sorting SB will check with AS

Lady Captains Report

Ladies Captain Report November 2019

At the beginning of October, we hosted a Ladies Coffee Morning – this was a super day despite only a small field of Ladies playing. I do hope that we are able to attract more visitors next year. The raffle and cakes raised £75 for the Rosemary Appeal.

Congratulations to Fay Unsworth and Sue Kingham who travelled to Temple GC to represent DG in the Angela Uzielli Competition (this is open to players from all the Berkshire Clubs). They were 1 point behind the winners Sonning but were placed 3rd on countback. This is a terrific result played against some very stiff opposition.

Newbury & Crookham held their Ladies Invitational Competition. Gill and Fay were invited by Alison Blackmore & Penny Cowley to join their team. This combination proved too strong for the

opposition as they cruised in as Winners. Katherine Hartwell was also invited to play at Newbury & Crookham, and her team came in 3rd.

Mixed matches – unfortunately the last two matches of the season were cancelled – one due to weather and one due to the opposition’s inability to raise a team. My thanks to all the DG volunteers during the past season. Out of 7 arranged matches we won 3, lost 1 and had 3 cancelled.

The Donnington Grove members turned out in force to play in the Captain’s Charity Day. As ever, the members proved they have warm hearts by generating over £5000 for our local charity “The Rosemary Appeal”. My thanks to all the Hole sponsors, Beat the Pro, the Ladies who donated cakes, the contributors to the Raffle and to all those who donated prizes for the auction. Lastly, a big thank you to the members who joined in all the activities with such enthusiasm and proved, yet again, what a supportive and super club we have.

DG hosted the penultimate High Silver League matches which meant that we did not play in this round. Our course had been prepared magnificently but unfortunately the weather decided to spoil the day for the players. My thanks to Fay for organising the day for the League. Despite the rain, the day passed very well, and all matches were completed. The results table showed that DG led by 3 points going into the last day’s matches at Sandford Springs. Very well played to Fay, Kim, Gill, Julie, Shey and Katherine who clinched the final match for us by beating Donnington Valley and to Maria, Jan, Jules, A-M and Lorraine who also contributed to wins in earlier matches. It was a fantastic effort by everyone concerned and has resulted in us becoming the

2019 High Silver League Winners - Donnington Grove

But the biggest thanks go to Fay, for organising us again this year. She has a great deal to do behind the scenes in organising and co ordinating the team and she is unfailingly efficient in all that she does.

The past 3 years of HSL competitions look like this and underlines the depth of talent in the Ladies Section: -

2017 Winners DG

2018 Runners up DG

2019 Winners DG

Basingstoke GC.

The presentation lunch is to be held tomorrow at

At a Monday Roll up, Fay Unsworth achieved a Hole-in-One on the 5th.

Matters/Actions arising Lady Captains Report

Senior Captains Report

Seniors DGCC Report – November

Summer Friendlies

We won our final match against Studley Wood leaving a final tally for the summer friendlies of 12 won, 9 lost and 6 halved. Thank you to all 43 players who took part in our summer matches throughout the season.

Winter Leagues

Unfortunately, the Jefferies League has not started as we would have wanted with two losses against The Wiltshire at home and Cumberwell Park away. Both were good games and hopefully a turn-around in results is around the corner. In the M4 league, we have won two and lost two and lie second in the division with West Berks far away in the lead.

Golf-Father Goblet

Andrew Madeley won the re-scheduled Golf-Father final with his combined stableford score of 67 narrowly beating Andrew Buchanan (65). Ian Flack (62) beat Peter Smalley on countback for third. Commiserations to Kevin Walker who once again was leading after the qualifiers but had to withdraw on the day part way round due to injury. Thank you to the 24 players who completed the minimum 3 qualification entries for the competition.

TOGS

One lady and seventeen men ventured forth despite a dreadful weather forecast. The format was 4 Clubs and a Putter in pairs with a Greensome twist. The winners were Ian Flack and Alan Ravenhall with John Headland and Joe Richardson coming second.

Captain v Crew

The Seniors End of Summer Season Bash was held on 17th October with the Captain's side overcoming a spirited Crew led by Dave Lawson. Thank you to all 24 players who took part. The key trophies to be presented were to Simon Walker (Top Gun – highest percentage of match wins); Chris Tobin (Stalwart – most matches played) and the Senior Pairs Charity Bowl to the winners, Andy Madeley and Peter Darwin.

Ian Gaskell

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

Upcoming events

Christmas Turkey Trot

- *It was agreed to leave the date and timing as is*
- *Loraine is liaising with Simon to order the prizes once we have an idea of numbers*

Christmas Party

- *Confirmed date Saturday 14th December, 19.00 £40/person, dine and disco in the marquee, this work well for the atmosphere last year. Booking and payment through reception. Many tables already confirmed.*
- *Payments to be made ASAP in November*
- *Menu selections to be made in November*

Members Questions

NO Questions Asked

A.O.B October Brought Forward.

SL Raised: - What is the policy regarding the past captains' pictures, last year's captains have not received their pictures and the small pictures are not up in the gallery.

AS Has spoken to TC he believes there are several of the small photo frames in the possession of **NRG**, **AS** confirm with **NRG (Ongoing)** **An invoice has been paid for £66 for the provision of picture frames for upcoming years.**

SL asked: - In addition to the ladies playing together in handicap order in the club Championships, do they wish to play as a group within the competition during board Competitions.

After discussion it was suggested the ladies' section be polled regarding the question. **SB** to investigate moving two balls to the front of zones in the drawn competitions.

SL There is still confusion regarding the out of bounds on the 11th hole, would a sign on the tee help with the issue. **TF** the out of bounds has been removed.

SL Paul Bailes has agreed to Captain a scratch league team next year, it was asked if the Committee will support a Scratch team from Donnington Grove. A vote was conducted. **Result Unanimous Yes.**

SL To liaise with Paul. We have officially applied to join the RDICL and followed up by email no response so far, we will chase again.

GL Informed committee of the sad passing of a DG member Mr Roy Letmen. **AS** to source a name plaque for the memorial hut on the first tee.

AS Asked for feedback regarding structure of the committee, after discussion, it was suggested; -

- **SB** Will be asked to form a competitions and Handicap committee, which will hold regular meetings and report back to the general committee. **H'cap and Comps committee now in place**
- **GR** Would be asked to canvass the membership with the intention of have a total of two members reps.
- **AS** Will ask for any members who would be willing to sit on a Social and Press committee Nick Mitchell has put himself forward to fulfil this roll and accepted by the committee.
- All sub committees will report back to the general DG committee at monthly meetings before any actions are taken.

A.O.B October/ Members Questions

- *AL commented on the potholes on the buggy path along the 1st and 9th holes. TF to speak to Dave and Damian to see if they can be filled.*
- *TF It has been raised if new members can play with non-committee members in order to submit a card for handicap. **As this is in the rules it must stand.***
- *SB are we able to run a 9-hole comp as a qualifier.ie; - champagne roll up. TF to determine if the course has been measured for 9-hole comps.*
- *GL who will be organising the presentation evening next year. AS, SL, SB & AL*
- *SL asked if we now know where the committee email goes, TF will discuss with **NRG***
- *RC asked if reseeding will still take place. TF confirmed the greens & approaches will be seeded in March next year. RC also asked if the issue of worms was being addressed with chemicals.*
RC also asked about the new buggies and whether restrictions will be in place. TF said they will be able to go anywhere but will have a system on them to stop them being taken off the property or being used after a certain time at night. There will be no Marshall mode.

The Captain Closed The Meeting 21.30

Minutes approved by Donnington Grove Committee and signed by Rob Carvill Club Captain

Next Meeting –

Date – Wednesday 11th December

Time – 19.30

Location – Donnington Grove GC