



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Sandy Byfield (SB) Gill Lane (GL) Sarah Fowler (SF) Mike Pritchard (MP) Toni Prince (TP) Tom Fleming (TF)) Andy Meredith (AM) Rob Hinson (RH) Jazz Kang (JK)
Apologies:	Nigel Roberts-Green(NRG) Jazz Kang (JK)
Minute Taker:	Sandy Byfield (SB)
	Date:- Wednesday 14th September 2022 Location: Avon Room 18:00

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters / Actions arising
- C/f from last meeting not resolved
 - o Past captains photo boards (AS)
 - o Formal response regarding breakfast (AS), (NRG) will contact (AS)
 - o Locate Charity Box (NRG)
 - o Canvas seniors re Seniors Champs (MP)
 - o Past Captains Photos update (AS)
 - o Stroke allowance for Greensomes (JK) to investigate further
 - o Arrange etiquette training / approach (TF)
 - o Website Navigation – SB to discuss with SL
 - o Walk off at Seniors Club Champs – contact ‘culprit’ (AS)
 - o Ready Play policy – TF to advertise
 - o Arrange meeting to identify ideas for 30 th Anniversary (TF, TP, RH)
 - o Members Reps – decide on approach and contact applicants (AS)
- New actions
 - o Assess sprinklers and redirect as required (TF)
 - o Captains Charity Day. SB / SF to provide update
 - o Eligibility for Board Comps to be added to comp descriptions (AM)
 - o Remind Seniors of etiquette re pitch marks and raking bunkers (MP)
 - o Change of ladies team colours to be confirmed (TF)
 - o Arrange replacement plant for memorial garden

- Agreement of minutes
- General Manager’s Report (NRG)
- Incl Sale of DG update
- Director of Golf Report (TF)

- Treasurer’s Report (GL)
- Competition Secretary’s report / Sub Committee minutes (AM)
- Lady Captain’s Report & Social Committee Report/ Mins (SF)

- Seniors Captain's Report (MP)
- Charity Day 2022 (SB / SF)
- Presentation Evening 2022 (AS)
- Members Questions
- A.O.B
- Date of Next Meeting

Matters/Actions arising from August's minutes

- Past Captains photo boards (AS)
 - In progress by AS
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Formal Response regarding Breakfast issue (NRG)
 - NRG has contacted AS
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Locate Charity Box (NRG)
 - NRG has found the charity box
 - Handed over to committee
 - It contained 2p
 - SF to put charity details on box and put on the downstairs bar
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Canvas Seniors re Seniors Champs (MP)
 - MP has canvassed the seniors.
 - Relatively low response.
 - Discussed and voted on in committee – do not change the format. The additional cost is not justified.
 - Drop from o/s actions
- (JK) to investigate the allowance given in ClubV1 for Greensomes
 - ClubV1 is not clear, and appears to be incorrect but a workaround in place
 - When setting up a greensomes comp with multiple tees, put the Red Course as the course to use for Par and Sis
 - Drop from o/s actions
- (TF) to arrange etiquette training
 - Change of approach agreed.
 - Rather than inviting members to formal etiquette evening, there will be a formal membership pack issued for 2023 which will include the expectations required of members
- Discuss golf website navigation issues with Steve Lillywhite (SB)
 - There is now website option in ClubV1
 - TF has discussed with SL using this as the formal golf members website
 - TF will work with SL to get it structured
 - Bad weather policy needs adding
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Walk off at Seniors Club Champs – contact the culprit (AS)
 - Too much time has elapsed since the incident
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Ready Play policy advertising (TF)
 - Policy already agreed
 - TF will advertise it
 - c/f the action
- Arrange meeting to identify ideas for 30th anniversary year (RH/TP/TF)

- Process has started
- Will continue over the coming months
- Drop from o/s actions
- Get members reps for the committee (AS)
 - Agreed at previous meeting that we should allow all who volunteered to be involved rather than have a club vote to select 2
 - AS confirmed there is no constitution issue with this
 - AS to contact all involved to arrange how they will manage themselves as a group
 - c/f the action to formalise with members reps the process
- Assess sprinklers and re-direct as necessary (TF)
 - This is ongoing as part of course maintenance
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Captains Charity day update (SB/SF)
 - All in place for the charity day
 - Volunteers in place for registration, course setup, raffle, cake stand
 - Catering numbers finalised
 - Hole in One and MacMillan charity notices arrived and ready to go out
 - TF to send SF a template for spot prize sheet
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Add eligibility for board comps to the comp descriptions (AM)
 - AM confirmed that this is now in place for board comp setup
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Remind seniors of etiquette re bunkers and pitch mark repairs (MP)
 - MP confirmed that this is a regular message that goes out to seniors in seniors newsletters
 - Drop as o/s action.
- Change of ladies team colours to be confirmed (TP)
 - This is in progress
 - Drop from o/s actions
- Arrange replacement plant for the memorial garden
 - The 'dead' bush now appears to be sprouting shoots
 - Drop from o/s actions

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were approved by committee and signed by the captain. Sandy Byfield

General Managers Report

- Arrangements in place for the day of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
 - Morning operations: Normal hotel service in the restaurant, bar, reception, pro-shop and golf course.
 - From 1100 until 1300 bar and restaurant service suspended out of respect and for staff members that may wish to watch the televised event in the Beau's Bar. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available for members and residents. An additional television will be in the upstairs bar offering an alternative area to view the service.

- National two-minute silence held at midday.
- There is a planned wake at Donnington Grove due to commence at 1500 this will still take place.
- May I personally thank all staff members, in advance, rostered to work on Monday for their efforts and loyalty upon this sad occasion.
- New card payment terminals are installed that give us better connectivity on wifi and 4g. Please note that we will no longer be providing a cash back service on credit or debit cards at the halfway hut, bar or restaurant.
- Final numbers for catering for Captains Charity Day reqd

Matters arising for GM

SF confirmed that we should cater for 120 at the charity day
No other questions

Director of Golf Report

- A shed is being constructed at the end of the halfway house.
 - This is to house the ball machine and air compressor for shoe cleaning
- Dave and his team are in the process of cutting the fairways. There are some irrigation issues which will mean the grass does not get cut e.g. the 11th in front of the green to the right
- The 13th fairway is being prepared ready for the winter. Hopefully this will prevent the issues we had last year
- We are looking at replacing the course furniture, but this will be put on hold until the sale goes through
- Thanks go to Dave Warwick who has been refreshing the fairway markers
- A new green mower is arriving next week

Matters arising for DOG

(MP) There are lots of divots on the fairways. Can we have winter rules?

- (TF) Winter rules come into effect on 1st October so no point requesting this at the moment
- Any non qualifier can be played with pick and place in effect.

(SF) will winter tees be measured?

- TF to re-apply for the temp rating

Treasurers Report

Accounts as follows

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Balance Sheet

	31-Oct 2022	31-Oct 2021
Current Assets		
Bank: current account	1618.75	306.88
Bank: deposit account	11537.56	13632.90
Debtors - Club ties 9 remaining	171.72	190.80
Competitions money due		582.00
Total Current Assets	13328.03	14712.58
Current Liabilities		
Provision for Prize Giving 2019 comps	0.00	208.00
Provision for Prize Giving 2020 comps	0.00	550.00
Provision for Prize Giving 2021	484.07	5285.00
Provision for Prize Giving 2022	4162.50	
Memorial Fund	0.00	330.07
Outstanding Vouchers 2021	0.00	485.00
Outstanding Vouchers 2022	405.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	5051.57	6858.07
Total Net Current Assets	8276.46	7854.51
General Fund brought forward	7854.51	8203.55
Profit/(Loss) for the year	421.95	-349.04
General Fund carried forward	8276.46	7854.51

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Income & Expenditure Account

	Year to 31 October 2022	10 months to 31 October 2021
Income		
Competitions Income	13,844.00	12,918.00
Card charges	(60.13)	(50.07)
Fines charged	-	-
Less: Vouchers	(8,505.00)	(7,585.00)
Prizegiving	(4,162.50)	(5,285.00)
	<u>(12,667.50)</u>	<u>(12,870.00)</u>
	1116.37	-2.07
Turkey Trot shortfall	-50.00	-
Club Ties	0.92	0.92
Interest received	4.66	1.11
Total Income	1071.95	-0.04
Expenditure		
Berkshire Ladies comps	85.00	55.00
England Golf Ladies Medal	30.00	30.00
BB&O Hillman/ Foursomes/ Champion Club/ Lombard	50.00	0.00
RDICL Scratch League	225.00	0.00
Annodata Matchplay Men and Ladies	195.00	0.00
Inter-club Challenge	0.00	0.00
Committee Golf Day	0.00	0.00
Captains blazers	0.00	0.00
Clocks for Club Champs etc	0.00	45.00
Sponsorship	0.00	219.00
Memorial plaques	20.00	0.00
Bank charges	45.00	
Sundry items*	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	650.00	349.00
Profit/Loss	421.95	-349.04

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Charity Account 01625225

Total Interest received		6.01
Captains Drive-In		
Entry fees	1190.00	
Food	-920.00	
Proshop vouchers	-240.00	
	<u>30.00</u>	
Guess the distances	175	
Coffee collection	<u>45.40</u>	
		250.40
Garmin donation		50.00
Ladies Christmas Social		150.00
Ladies Xmas Raffle		209.00
Ladies Xmas decorations		10.00
Ladies Talents - Maureen		115.00
Ladies Talents - Brenda		185.00
Ladies Eclectic/Par & Birdie Trees		112.00
Sale of Fay's team jumper		20.00
Jan T logo shirt		20.00
Christmas Party Heads & Tails		323.00
Magoos Christmas lunch donation		65.00
Quiz January 26th		46.00
Quiz May 18th		87.00
Champagne rollup cake raffles		198.00
St Georges Day including donation		287.50
Seniors Charity Bowl		637.00
Jubilee Scramble		120.00
Charity Duck Race		535.00
Champagne Rollup Eclectic		130.00
Captain Green Fees donation		50.00
Liverpool beat Chelsea donation		10.00
Anon		5.00
Charity Day to date		600.00
Charity Boxes		123.00
Total collected to date		<u>£4,343.91</u>

Competitions Report

- Comps manual update – 1 final update to be done before issue. Issue will be updated after final board comp of the year
- Winter Knockout forms are ready to be issued
- The comps committee are looking into a 'player short' policy for each type of team competition

Competition Committee minutes as follows

Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Tue 6th September 2022

Attendees : Andy Meredith, Sandy Byfield, Gill Lane, Steve Lillywhite,
Jazz Kang, Bernie Martin.

1. Apologies - Rob Hinson, Chris Webb and Steve Martin.

2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.

3. Items C/F

a. Competitions Manual Update - Just qualifying criteria for board competitions
To be updated to 6 qualifying cards in previous 12 months to include 2 DG
Qualifying competitions. JK to complete.
Then new manual will be published and membership advised.

b. Team Competitions - player short policy.
SM investigated and there is no guidance available from Congu or England Golf.

It was discovered that CONGU have been contacted by others and are looking at it.

Committee decided that at present we would not introduce any adjustments for
teams without a full compliment of players. Therefore scramble teams would for
Example play with just 3 players if one missing, they would be disadvantaged on
Number of attempts at each shot, but advantaged on tee shots as still just 4 per
Player required if that is the criteria.

SB advised that any team competitions that require for example all 4 scores on par
3s might present a problem. Will have to look at team comps as they arise.

One solution is to not allow anything other than full teams ?

4. Rota.

A few alterations required. AM to update and re-circulate to committee members.

5. Order of Merit Competitions.

AM updated leaderboards to include September Medal and posted on Notice Board.

Only one competition left to count, The Parasampia Cup on 11th September.

Ladies winner already decided, AM to contact Men still in the running and advise.

Matters arising from report

None

Lady Captains and Social committee report. Report

DG Ladies section report – 14th September 2022

- **Midweek Club Championships – 10th August** - This was won by Sarah Fowler with 70 with Katherine Hartwell in 2nd & Gill Lane in 3rd on countback both with 75.
- Jules Culley & Julian Black won the Greensomes cup on 20th August with a net 64, 3 shots ahead of second place.
- The Ladies inter-club friendly team have completed their last 4 matches of the season – a 2.5 – 1.5 win against Sandford Springs at home; a 3/1 loss away at Studley Wood (although all 4 games ended 2 & 1) ; a 2.5 – 1.5 win against Hennerton at home and a thunderstorm aborted match against Drayton Park at home last Thursday that ended after 9 holes with the visiting team unfortunately 3/1 up. (Our team were confident they would have turned this around after 18!) Many thanks go to Ann McMahon for being the team manager for the 2nd year running and for ensuring all the fixtures for 2023 are already confirmed.
- **Winter Leagues –** We have entered all the county scratch winter leagues – Gold, Silver (HI 12 & above) & Bronze (HI 20.1 & above) in addition to the High Silver League. The first Silver match was on 12th September at Goring & Streatley and resulted in a narrow 2/1 loss. (As none of the matches resulted in 3/0 wins we are not unduly worried although the fixtures come in quick succession and we may be stretched for sufficient players to compete.)
- The club stablefords on Sunday 4th & Monday 5th September were used as qualifiers for the Angela Uzielli 2022 competition. Currently Helen Lake & Gemma Chandler will be going forward to represent DG in the finals at East Berkshire on Thursday 13th October (foursomes).
- Congratulations should go to Ann McMahon & Helen Lake for coming 4th at the Burford Open on 30th August despite spending 2 hours stationary in traffic on the A34 on the way there after a lorry overturned causing the road to be closed!
- 18 ladies attended a very enjoyable away day at Oxford Golf Club on 13th September playing in teams of 3 (waltz format). Oxford's hospitality and welcome could not be faulted.
- The Mixed inter-club friendly team lost away at Sandford Springs 3.5 to 1.5. The final 2 matches are at Home to The Springs on 26th August and away at Weybrook Park on 16th October. The match with Marlborough has been postponed to 2023.

SF – 14.9.22

Social Committee Report – 14.9.22

1. Charity day – Saturday 17th September

- All energies currently focussed on this event. All planning is under control / up to date. We have some 36 items to auction. Raffle prizes & cakes are being donated. Helpers organised for Cake stall. 3 buggies plus Nigel's 4 seater reserved for helpers on the day
- Tom / Dave have details as necessary for course set-up. All 18 holes have been kindly sponsored and laminated 'sponsor notices', including any additional prizes, have been created. Tom's team will kindly attach those to the 'stakes' on Friday night. Nearest the pin markers will need to go out on Saturday. (again all details are with Tom).
- A list of all auction items (at that stage) was sent out on Sunday inviting pre-bids. These are being annotated on a spreadsheet for easy reference on the day. Spreadsheet ready to enter details of winning bids etc for Gill to refer to when payments are received & BACS payment slips will be available to give to those winning bidders who wish to pay online.
- Outstanding – allocate ball spotting duties to a volunteer on the 8th & finalise food numbers with Nigel by e-mail on Thursday 15th
- Timing of event:

Using Kennet & marquee.

Registration from 7:00

Breakfast – bacon rolls / coffee from 7:30

Shotgun start 9:00

Lunch from 2:00pm (will advise restaurant if need to defer to 2:30 on the day once hole 1 starters are through hole 9)

Results & auction 3pm onwards

2. Captains' Charity Parking space

- Raffle tickets on sale at £10 via pro shop since last weekend – usual choose a square format. Will assess sales and draw to a close accordingly.

3. Casino night – Saturday 15th October – 7:30

- Tickets sales (available via Pro-shop) currently slow – but will push advertising on this from Tuesday 20th – hopeful that they will pick up.

4. Quiz night

- Planned for 28th September– only 3 teams so far entered despite change of menu. Will sent e-mail early next week to all members but if no further response then will cancel

5. X-Ball – 10th December – advertising / organisation etc to commence after Casino night on 15th August

SF – 14.9.22

Matters arising from report

None

Senior Captains report

Seniors Captain's Report August 2022

Seniors Captain's Report – August 2022

Newsflash

Seniors' AGM

The Seniors' AGM is scheduled to be held in the Kennet Room at 19:00 on Wednesday 26th October.

Here is the link for the notice of meeting. [Seniors' AGM 2022](#)

Consultation on the Mixed Seniors' Championship

As requested, I sought the senior's views on whether there should be a nett as well as a gross competition.

I reported the results to the competition Committee.

Seniors News

August TOGS – Tuesday 23rd August – What a Shambles

The winning team was Isabel Gowers, Mike Coxhead and Tim Brunsden who came in with a magnificent 118 points, beating the rest of the field by a clear 9 points!

The full results can be found here: [TOGS Tuesday 23rd August](#).

Thanks again to Cliff Waller for organising the event.

September TOGS is on Tuesday 20th September and will be the Jolly Jokers competition.

Here is the link. [September TOGS – Tuesday 20th](#)

Seniors Summer Pairs KO 2022

This competition has progressed to the final stage which needs to be completed by 30th September.

In the final, Cliff Waller and Peter Darwin will be battling with Nick Wood and Mike Margetts for the honours.

The results so far can be viewed here: [Seniors Summer Pairs Knockout 2022](#)

The Golf Father Trophy 2022

The Golf Father Trophy 2022 has now completed 12 rounds and the next qualifying round is the mid-week stableford competition on Thursday 15th September.

Here is a link to the Golf Father page of the Seniors website [the-golf-father-trophy-2022/](#)

Matters arising from report

None

Charity Day 2022

See section in c/f actions

Presentation Evening 2022

- Date confirmed as 21st October
- AS brought example of newly sourced trophies
- Cost of the new trophies is below the budgeted cost
- All agreed that the new trophies should be used
- Presentation evening will be in a sit down meal format
- AS to invite winners to the evening
- TF to investigate food options

Matters Arising

(TP) can the presentation evening be a bigger event e.g. with a disco

It was agreed that for this year we would limit the event to a meal, as it used to be before the 'covid years'

Members Questions

What is happening to the fountain on the 14th

(TF) the fountain cannot be fixed. Replacement cost is in the region of 5-6k, so for now there will be no movement on it

A.O.B

The AGM will be held on Wed 2nd Nov. AS to send out notification.

Extra committee parking spaces – this will be addressed over the winter

Committee day out – It was suggested that we use a reciprocal course followed by a meal. Date initially set as 25th October. TF to see if Studley Wood can accommodate.

Captains Drive In (5th November) – need to start organising ASAP. Format to be set by incoming Captains, so the Comps committee can set up the comp ready for entries. Catering needs to be arranged by the incoming captains (liaise with events).

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wed October 19th at 18:30

Actions Carried forward to Next Meeting

- Advertise the Ready Play policy (TF)
- Discuss Members Rep process with Members rep volunteers (AS)
- Apply for Temp Rating for Winter tees (TF)
- Send out AGM notification and organise food (AS/TF)
- Book tee times at Studley Wood (TF)
- Start Organisation for Captains Drive In (RH / TP)