



<b>Attendees:</b>	Andy Storer, Gill Lane, Alison Lillywhite, Steve Lillywhite, Robert Carvill, Ian Gaskell, Gary Rinaldi, Anne Marie Gane, Tom Fleming
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Knight, Nigel Roberts-Green, Sandy Byfield
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	<b>Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>
	<b>Date: Monday 7th October 2019</b> <b>Time: 19.30</b> <b>Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>

<b>Agenda</b>
Welcome and Apologies
Minutes of last Meeting
Matters/Actions arising from minutes
General Managers report
Director of Golf's Report (including course report)
Members Questions/Matters arising relevant to Management
Treasurer's Report
Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's report
Lady Captains Report
Senior Captains Report
Upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Captains Charity Day Saturday October 12th</li><li>○ Committee day out</li><li>○ Pro-am</li><li>○ Christmas party</li></ul>
Members Questions
A.O.B
Date of next meeting

<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain Rob Carvill
<b>Matters/Actions arising from minutes</b>
Drainage outside pro-shop More quotes required. Ongoing further quotes are required.
Potholes ongoing, one more pothole adjacent to the pink lodge.

<b>General Managers report</b>
NO Report Given

#### Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

#### Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

TF Reported

Firstly I wish to apologies for the catering at registration for the senior open, Many competitors had to purchase bacon rolls etc, an arrangement was made for these to be included in the catering cost for the day, it didn't portray a professional start to what is a great day.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Through the winter months we will be placing and using temporary tees (Matts) and possibly some of the lady's tees, also we will be roping off substantial areas in front and around greens and fringes, and possibly some areas of fairways to protect the course. There will also be hoops and sins to prevent(educate) members regarding walking and troling between bunkers and greens. The pound on the 11<sup>th</sup> is temporarily on hold.

Future projects; -

- Complete bunker sand change
- Overs seed the course
- Hollow tine 11<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**IC** Dave Lawson asked the feasibility of a divot party at this time of the year. **TF** Good idea will send an e-mail to the membership.

**GR** OB posts missing at the side of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 is once again up in relation to the previous year at this time, which is due to the increases in members playing. This currently stands at a total of £9315.00 which after provision for competition vouchers and provision for prize giving shows a nett total of £1795.25 Total expenditure for the year to date is £1005.95, which shows a total nett income of £789.30 to date.

The Captains Charity account currently stands at £3715.88.

**GL** Asked for Kim Richardson be mentioned in the minutes for her outstanding contribution for baking and selling cakes of £1300 over the last two years, growing the charity fund and many waistlines along the way. Thankyou Kim. Also the Senior section have contributed £1220.00 this year from their various raffles etc Thankyou Ladies and Gentlemen.

#### Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's Report

#### Competitions Report

### **Competitions Report –Oct 2019 Committee Meeting**

*September was the last 'main' month of the season, so it all slows down a bit from here.*

*The following board competitions were held in September. Congratulations to the winners.*

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Greensomes Cup	Rob Voase and Mel Coleman
Parasampia Cup Men	Anthony O'Brien
Parasampia Cup Ladies	Fay Unsworth

*The Tournament of Champions was held this weekend, with Craig Buchannan victorious on the day.*

*In addition, the summer knockouts were also completed. The winners / runners up are as follows.*

<b>Knockout Comp</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners Up</b>
Senior Singles	Simon Walker	Cliff Waller
Singles	Paul Slatter	David Aagaard
Doubles	Philip Caulfield / Brett O'Connor	Greg Humphries / Nigel Priest
Foursomes	Darren Boyce / Nick Monger	Andy Meredith / Sandy Byfield

*The Winter knockout entry forms are now available in the pro shop and online for downloading.*

*The first Winter Stableford was held this weekend – the start sheet was completely full, so people are still very keen to take part in the regular qualifying competitions. Although I'm not reporting on the results of the stableford, a mention has to go out to Aaron Henry, who managed to have birdies on 3 of the 4 par 3's.*

*We have the Captains Charity Day coming up on Saturday, with all 26 slots booked.*

#### **Matters/Actions arising Competitions Report**

**SL** Reported the Concorde team this year, had a fair year and finished in fourth place, however 2 more points would have seen them finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league.

**TF** To send out an e-mail to the members to push entries into this year's winter knockouts.

#### **Lady Captains Report**

##### **Lady Captain's Report October 2019**

*Donnington Grove Ladies continue to make their mark in the County.*

*Congratulations to Kim Richardson for winning the Coronation Medal in the BCLGA Autumn Meeting held at Donnington Grove on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We hosted 30 of the top Lady golfers in the Area and they were very impressed with the club and the course.*

*Jan King partnered Gill Lane in the Burnham Beeches Ladies Open and this successful duo were placed third overall.*

*Fay Unsworth and Gill Lane were placed in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Batchworth GC Ladies Open.*

*Kim Richardson, Gill Lane, Jan King and Katherine Hartwell played at Goring and Streatley on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Past Captain's Autumn Meeting and won the Best Team prize.*

*Individually in Division 1, Katherine was awarded second and Kim third place. Jan won Division 2 with 32 points.*

**Ladies Matches** *We welcomed the Ladies from Hennerton to play us at home resulting in a 2-2 draw. A thank you to Kim, Fay, Gill, Sue F, Deb, Maggie, Sally and Sandy for representing DG.*

*Our last match of the season was against Drayton Park who won the match 2 ½ - 1 ½. My thanks to Fay, Kim, Gill, Ann L, Deb, Sue F, Julie and Shelagh.*

**The High Silver League Team** *travelled to Marlborough GC on Thursday to play against Newbury & Crookham and came away with a healthy 5 points which has continued our campaign in good style. We are currently holding our heads up high in first place! Many thanks to Fay for all her organisation.*

**Internal competitions** *have continued to receive good entries from the Ladies. Fay Unsworth won the Parasampia Cup and Mel Coleman and her partner Rob Voase won The Greensomes Cup. Congratulations also goes to **Sue Kingham** who as the most successful Bronze section player in the Parasampia Cup, goes with Fay to represent Donnington Grove in the Angela Uzielli Competition which is to be held at Temple GC on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Regretfully we have decided to withdraw from the **Bronze League** for this year, so all matches are cancelled. It was proving impossible to field full teams for each match; therefore, we would not have been fulfilling our match obligations correctly and the scores would have resulted in an unbalanced League.*

**Ladies v The Seniors** – *My thanks to **Fay, Sue F, Deb, Shelagh, Krishna, Ann L and Annie Mac** for their valiant efforts on Thursday in the match against the Seniors. Despite the closeness of the matches we came in second by 1 ½ - 2 ½. We shall look forward to next year when I hope that more Ladies will be able to participate. We are going to look at changing the date to try and avoid the potential clash with other Competitions and holidays.*

#### **Matters/Actions arising Lady Captains Report**

**TF** Informed committee, we have two new lady members **Crystal Garcia**, and **Gin Ling**.

#### **Senior Captains Report**

#### **Seniors DGCC Report – October**

##### Three Counties Seniors Summer League

*Unfortunately, we lost our last league match away to Wokefield by 4-2 and Caversham Heath won their remaining two matches against Springs. This meant that Caversham and Donnington are tied at the top with 10 points each with Caversham pipping us to the title having won one more individual pairs match during the season than us. A tough call!*

##### Summer Friendlies

*We beat Freshwater at home and drew with Sherfield Oaks away. In the latter match Sherfield put out two players with handicaps higher than 28 with one being 36. This is the first example of this happening and created a significant disparity in the standard of golf being played. If this should continue, it may prove difficult to persuade lower and medium handicap players to make themselves available as they*

*expect a reasonable standard of golf being executed in a competitive match. Would the Committee have a problem with the Seniors contacting all our friendly opponents to ask if they will support a maximum handicap of 28 for future matches. Maximum handicaps for the Winter Jefferies League (18); M4 Winter League (25) and Three Counties Summer League (28) already apply.*

*We have a new Summer friendly fixture against Wragbarn and have dropped Sheffield Oaks in order to make room.*

### TOGS

*The September TOGS was cancelled due to a forecast of inclement weather. Thank goodness we did!*

### Men's Senior Pairs Open (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September)

*We had 100 entrants with 60 being guests and 40 being members. The overall winners on 47 points (better ball) were Patrick Griffin and his guest Ian Vickerage. It was a very successful day with great weather, superbly presented course and good food. A massive thank you to the Ladies who organised registration and the raffle; collected cards; managed the leaderboard; and provided on course spotting and refreshment. A big thank you to the Lewseys for funding the raffle. All told £900 was made for the Captain's Charity. Lastly a very big thank you to Tom Fleming for all the hard work he invested both before the event and on the day.*

*There were a couple of blemishes which could have been avoided. First we advertised that bacon rolls would be provided on arrival and through some mix-up between the kitchen and front of house this became biscuits which understandably did not go down well with some. We also published the pins location at registration as "B" which was incorrect as the board had not been updated in time by the green staff. Lastly a key lesson learnt was that we needed to have a Marshall encouraging a consistent pace of play as there was a difference of almost one hour between groups taking 4.5 hours and those taking close to 5.5 hours. A Marshall had been organised but he was needed to mark the card of a singleton pair because their playing partners did not turn up.*

### Senior Pairs Charity Bowl

*This was won by Peter Darwin and Andy Madeley and £320 was raised for the Captain's Charity. There were 24 contestants which was not a bad turnout but next year we hope to make it a more successful and fun event by joining with Senior Ladies and moving the event away from the Men's Senior Open which of course is also a pairs event.*

### Seniors v Ladies Match

*As ever we had a very enjoyable afternoon with the Seniors just squeezing a victory by 2.5 to 1.5. There was some difficulty getting out full squads and the match might be better organised for earlier in the year because there are so many clashes with other commitments during September.*

*Ian  
Gaskell  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2019*

## **Matters arising Senior Captains Report**

### *Upcoming events*

#### **Captains Charity Day**

- **RC** reported 14-hole sponsors have been confirmed, along with the hole in one prize on all of the par 3's.
- Many auction items have been pledged; it was agreed that we should not auction anything that we do not have vouchers etc in our possession on the day of the auction.
- **AS** Club President will conduct the auction.
- **RC** to confirm with TC fourball vouchers.
- Food is confirmed as jacket potatoes and a selection of fillings.
- **AMG** to host the drinks buggy
- Prizes from the pro-shop

#### **Committee Day out**

Many thanks to Tom for his organisation, this year we will be visiting Remedy Oak, along with many members who have given up their time to help around the club.

#### **Pro-Am**

Looking like it will once again be a great day, 27 teams are now confirmed, many thanks in advance for our helpers on the day. A massive thankyou to our main sponsor of the day Nigel Priest and Mike Garner for their generosity once again this year.

#### **Christmas Party**

Confirmed date Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *Members Questions*

*NO Questions Asked*

*A.O.B September Brought Forward.*

**GL** Would the ladies be able to play in handicap order during future Club Championships.

- *Shouldn't be a problem **SB** to investigate and report back.*

**GL** Prize money in some ladies' competitions is lower than in the equivalent men's competitions.

- After discussion the committee it was decided to address this item in the new year, with more information from the competition's secretary.

**TF** When were the rules, etc of the club last reviewed, are they due for review?

- **AS** to investigate

**SL** Minutes folder, do we still require a folder for committee minutes as they are now on-line.

- *All minutes will be available on-line, if any member wishes to have a hard copy they may request from **AS***

**SL** Notice board in the men's locker room.

- **NRG** to action

**IG** Raised concern regarding the use of buggies in competitions.

- *A discussion for next year's competitions, possibly only board competitions and club Championships, Deferred to Jan/Feb next year, Possible action for A.G.M*

**SL** Raised concern regarding the ongoing situation with the club honours boards

- Club captains/presidents Pictures
- Presidents putter?
- Summer match play
- Anniversary Foursomes
- Robert Burnes?
- Parasampia Cup
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**GL** has received an invoice for the Honours boards; however, it is unclear if the invoice includes the new board.

**NRG** has been in contact with Jeremy Ray, regarding the completion of the Honours Boards and will report back to committee.

**AS** has the Presidents putter in his possession and once complete with winners' plaques will bring into the club.

**GL** reminded the committee, agreement was made regarding a new honours board for the Summer foursomes.

**SB** Next year the May Bank Holiday is being moved to celebrate VE Day. We should maybe consider having a VE day themed event to join in the celebrations.

#### **A.O.B October/ Members Questions**

**GL** Raised concern regarding the quality of the food for the greenkeepers revenge, it appeared to be all processed items, and some of the quiches were still frozen in the middle, and all the remaining food was cleared during the presentation, what is done with the remaining food.

**AS** to pick up with **NRG (Ongoing)**

**GR** asked: - Is there an official dog policy for the golf course for members wishing to walk their dogs while playing a few holes.

**TF** This is available from Tom in the pro-shop.

**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)**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> hole, would a sign on the tee help with the issue. **TF** to place notice on the tees and on the whiteboard outside the pro-shop until new scorecards are ordered.

**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.

**GL** Informed committee of the sad passing of a DG member Mr Ray Lettmen. **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.
- **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.
- All sub committees will report back to the general DG committee at monthly meetings before any actions are taken.

*The Captain Closed The Meeting 22.30*

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

**Next Meeting –**

**Date – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time – 19.30**

**Location – Donnington Grove GC**



