



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS) Sandy Byfield (SB) Andy Meredith (AM) Jazz Kang (JK) Tom Fleming (TF) Gill Lane (GL) Rob Hinson (RH) Toni Prince (TP)
Apologies:	Dave Knight (DK) Sarah Fowler (SF) Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG) Mike Pritchard (MP)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer(AS)
	Date;- Thursday 24th March 2022 Location: Avon Room Donnington Grove GC 19.00

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
 - a) Matters / Actions arising
 - i. New members reps' posters (AS)
 - ii. Any action on Shoe cleaning area (TF)
 - iii. Contact James Smith re media officer position (TF)
 - iv. Past Captains photos require bring up to date (AS)
 - v. Arrange a volunteer evening to help with attracting help for board comps
 - vi. 2021 presentation night – numbers & date required (AS)
 - b) Agreement of minutes
3. General Manager's Report
4. Director of Golf Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Competition Secretary's report / Sub Committee minutes
7. Lady Captain's Report
8. Seniors Captain's Report
9. Social Committee Report/mins
10. Members Questions
11. A.O.B
12. Date of Next Meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

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

Matters/Actions arising from February minutes

(TF) Will contact James Smith regarding his position of media officer.

James will not be continuing with the post of Media Secretary, (TF) Suggested Steve Lillywhite (SB) to contact Steve and ask if interested.

(AS) The shoe cleaning area is getting very messy in the current weather conditions, do we need to review the placement of the area for next winter.

(TF) We have a plan to move the area before next winter, this however will not take place any earlier than August .

(AS) To post flyers for the position of members reps for committee.

(AS) ,to add dates to the poster and post the flyers by the next meeting.

(GL) Past Captains photographs require bringing up to date.

(AS) Has spoken to Steve Lillywhite regarding the copying of the missing photographs, this will not be a problem, several suggestions discussed, (AS) to speak to Jeremy Wray (Ultimate Signs) to ascertain the feasibility of using a similar frame to the present Captains photo frame in the bar area.

(AM) Volunteers evening may be a great idea to attract new help when running board competitions (Starters, Spotters etc)

(AS) Suggested if volunteers are helping with the board competitions should we supply coffee and a bacon roll.

(NRG) Would it help with the above if the committee had a dedicated bar card to pay for the coffee etc.

General Managers Report

Ladies changing room – I'm pleased to let you know that the source of the rising water has been found and it won't be long before the floor is dry enough to repair, and we will reinstate the locker area. Thank you for your patience.

Storm damage to the halfway hut – update. Work to repair the roof has progressed sooner than expected, halfway hut remains open daily

22 April is reserved for Presentation night – update on numbers please from AS by 19 April

Quiz night – Quiz night can be accommodated in the downstairs bar for the 30 March

Remind all members that early bird full membership payment for APRIL has an incentive to be entered in the draw at the end of APRIL to win a year's membership back.

Matters arising for GM

(AS) Has had several requests regarding the availability of items in the halfway house, bottled beer, ice cream and the new hot dog type snack which is proving popular with the members. (Especially the President)

Director of Golf Report

Green staff

Verti draining will commence Monday 28th and continue into 1st March to allow oxygen to get to the roots before fertiliser goes down in a week or so this will boost the greens allowing for micro coring and dressing.

Bunkers will continue to settle over the next few weeks

10th tee and 1st tee are under way trying to smarten up the starting points

Clear up after Eunice will carry on for the next couple of days

The wind has helped dry up the course and I think maybe even shows that when it is not constantly raining that it can be ok, however work still needs to be done to find blocked systems and solutions to winter golf.

Club and shop

Comments book is working ok, and I have responded in the book to comments

Nigel Thorne has been employed and is proving valuable in helping organise and fixing things around the club whilst also marshalling

Memberships will begin going out in the next week or so and there will be an offer to all those that pay before April 1st of 7.5% on their bar card once again although they have until the first of May to pay

New Netting for the first tee has arrived and we will take it down and clean it all up before putting it all back up

Solutions for the shoe cleaning area are still ongoing

National Pro Am? Is it something the committee want to run?

Matters arising from the D O G report.

National Pro-am

(AM) Qualification will run during the May Medal, an additional cost for entry of £2 will be added for those wishing to enter.

Treasurers Report

Total Income from Competitions	
Less provision for prizes and prizegiving	£355.398
Total Expenditure	
(Entry fees into club and county completions/bank fees)	£460.00
Profit/Loss	<u>-£104.02</u>
General Fund Carried forward	<u>£7750.49</u>
Charity Account	<u>£1103.98</u>

Competitions Report

A suggestion that April medal will be played from the yellow tees (men) and will be preferred lies. This medal has in the past proved to be a slow play competition due to the possible poor weather and soft course conditions.

New Members Cup

(SB) has emailed and contacted by phone all members who qualify for the Event. A total of 44 are eligible to play, only 2 have confirmed to play. (SB) will send another reminder, booking for the event needs to be confirmed.% day members may play without paying a green fee.

St Georges Day

As in past years Kevin Beasley is on top of all arrangements for the day. 09.00 shotgun start, registration from 07.30, Pairs better ball stableford format, £10 entry per player including full English breakfast.

Summer Knockouts

Entry forms are available

Next Board Competition

The Japan Cup

Tees booked through to 14.00.
Registration in the bar area, printed cards & starter to be in place on the day to make the board competitions special.

Matters arising from report

(GL) The lady's knockout for the trophy supplied in memory of Anne Marie-Gane by her brother.
Will the winning lady qualify for the champions trophy?

It was agreed the winner of the trophy will qualify.

(April Medal) It was agreed to run the Aril medal from the men's yellow tees.

Competitions Minutes Tuesday 8th March

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

1. Apologies - None

2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.

3. Items C/F

a. Comps email address - AM had some trouble setting up, however JK tested and is Working, AM to email details to all.

b. Competitions Manual Update - AM has made a list of proposed changes.
Am to check through list and email to all committee members for approval.

4. Board Comps Starters for 2022.

CW has updated starter guidance list and been discussing with Tom.

Still a little short on volunteers, will take comps as they come to allocate starters.

Tom has suggested sweaters and caps for starters, Bacon roll and coffee to be Provided by committee for starters on the day.

AM to send list of tee times for board comps to CW.

5. Handicaps update.

JK - Some players entering scores on EG App for DG competitions.

This will not process on ClubV1 competition, and we end up entering scores

Twice for handicap purposes. Reminder on start sheet emails and on desk sheets

The issue with Qualifying scores not processing through ClubV1 and the

England Golf problem with CDH courses Not appearing on ClubV1 has now been Sorted.

6. Bookable Comps procedures and Desk Sheets.

We need to send out an email on Wednesday before competition reminding players

They are booked into competition and to remove name before start sheet sent out

Midday the day before competition if they no longer wish to play.

The week leading up to the competition keep an eye on bookings so as to allow

Tee times to be released by Proshop if low take up.

Also be aware of any possible bad weather during competition so we can advise

Players of bad weather procedures.

After midday on day before Competition send out start sheet to competitors with

Any relevant information (bad weather, registration, etc)

Send desk sheet and start sheet to Proshop.

7. Upcoming Competitions.

a. 12th March - Grove Foursomes.

CW has arranged starters for competition.

Tees booked from 07.32 until 12.02 and agreed with Tom.

Sandy on Rota for setup and closing.

b. 2nd April - Medal

View only at present, set for booking from 12th on White tees. AM to check tees

With Tom as we approach date.

c. New Members Cup.

Now set up for 10th April. SB to send invites. Committee members to play in Amongst new members.

d. St Georges Day Cup.

SL to contact Kevin Beasley ref arrangements.

e. Japan Cup.

Set up and tee allocation now sorted on ClubV1.

f. Winter Knockouts.

Progressing to plan, one issue with inadequate communication of round deadline.

AM to contact players involved and apologise for oversight.

d. Summer Knockouts.

AM presented proofs of forms; a few minor alterations discussed.

Discussed White/Red tee shots adjustment and consensus to remain with Men receiving a 1 shot adjustment.

AM to alter all forms and send out to committee for approval ASAP.

All entries by form in envelope with cash to enter in Proshop.

SL to post forms on website for download when prepared, in addition to member Mailing.

8. A.O.B.

SB. Should no handicap on card be a DQ.

As an England Golf rule should remain as a DQ.

SB. The Jubilee weekend fun comp on Thursday 2nd June has been suggested as a Shotgun start.

All decided better to have a Fun Comp as enter on the day, as it gives more Options to players booking tee times.

JK. Two no shows from Monthly Stableford, both good reasons.

JK. Country membership query - to be raised with Main committee.

GL. Procedure when less than 6 entries in a stableford competition.

The competition needs to be checked and closed as any other,

However, no prize money will be awarded, players need to choose a refund

Of entry fees or have them credited to Proshop account.

Whoever closes comp needs to notify all players entered.

CW. Note volunteer starters all invited to observe on Saturday 12th Grove Foursomes, so there may be a crowd near the tee.

SL. Approve Grove Foursomes trophy having gold coloured base.

AM. Anomaly noted on division split when over 60 players.

Pointed out this was altered after second division became too large.

The division splits will be as follows:

Up to 40 players. 1 division. -10 to 54

41 to 60 players. 2 divisions. -10 to 14 and 15 To 54

Over 60 players. 3 divisions. -10 to 12 then 13 To 18 and 19 to 54

9. Date for Next Meeting.

Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

Lady Captains and Social committee report. Report

Very little to report again this month.

There was a narrow 2/1 loss for the bronze league team in the match played at Goring & Streatley on 15th March against Maidenhead 2. There are matches for both the High Silver League & Bronze league on Thursday 24th.

Simon is preparing match day menus with costings (as requested for ladies and mixed teams) – they were expected week of 14th

DG Social Committee

Please see attached minutes of meeting held on 7th March

SF
16.3.22

Social Committee meeting minutes 7th March

Present: Sarah Fowler (SF); Ann Maisey (AM); Mike Pritchard (MP); Ali Lillywhite (AL) Apologies: Sandy Byfield (SB); Emma Davies (ED); Clive Richards (CR); Toni Prince (TP)

Past members – Sarah confirmed that she had heard nothing from the 3 previous members who were still on the WhatsApp group despite asking them to confirm whether they wished to continue so would remove them from the group.

Upcoming events

Donnington Diners – 17th March at the DewPond –(AM) had received the menus last week and sent them out to all she knew about. During the meeting an additional 6 people were identified (e-mails had gone to social@ junk mail inbox) and have subsequently been provided with menus. 22 people are expected to attend. AL to assist AM with place cards and would also send her the spreadsheet she had used for previous events to collate menu choices. AM would also ask the restaurant if they would be prepared to donate a meal / voucher for our charity day auction in September. Next meal would be planned for May. Action AM; AL

Quiz night –March 30th. Unfortunately, we are not able to book either the bar or the restaurant for this event as hotel guests are being prioritised over golf members. If we must use Kennet room and upstairs bar cost will be £10 per head. Nigel has, however, negotiated some donations from the brewery that can be used as prizes as I have said I will not charge more than £10/head. At main committee meeting Nigel said that the bar/restaurant issue would not necessarily occur the next time we wish to run a quiz. 5 teams so far confirmed. SF to try to get a couple more – has asked pro shop to enter a team. Ali said she'd be happy to provide a poster as she had templates from last year. Action SF; AL: Post meeting note – Poster received by SF and copies displayed on noticeboards & 1 more team entered.

Direction for Social events – Vision / Mission – SF meeting with Tom SF reported that she had had a long discussion with Tom regarding social events. His marketing people had alerted him to the fact that he should have a vision and a mission for everything that he was trying to achieve for the golf club, and he wanted each sub-committee to think carefully about what they wanted to achieve. It was agreed that the last 2 years had made things very difficult but now was the time for a strategic rethink. Tom felt that the pro-shop could and should be used more to help publicise events – which makes enormous sense since they have contact with all members. Instead of trying to run big events that required a lot of organisations from volunteers and were made more difficult by hotel bookings taking precedence we should perhaps try to get small wins. He would like to get more of a family feel to the club and suggested that several simple things like an easter egg hunt, something combined with junior clinics maybe where we wouldn't mind if very few people attend and would take v little organisation. (post meeting note: SF has had a subsequent discussion with Chris Devonshire re little events he has done in the past – crazy golf, putting & pitching comps etc – full report at next meeting) As regards bigger events we discussed the fact that one big event a year (apart from the Xmas Ball)– around the 1st October would be good – it could also act as a final event for outgoing captains and be sufficient time after the Charity Day. Alternating a Vegas night with a Race Night was put forward and Tom is keen to organise the former this year. Said he would investigate it further and get an idea of costs. Action SF to liaise with Tom and report back Update on Future events previously discussed

1. Possible meal / BBQ over Platinum jubilee weekend to coincide with fun competition on 2nd June. SF reported that despite much discussion there had been no clarity yet from the hotel as to whether they were going to run an event themselves and if not whether we would be able to use the restaurant facilities should we wish to pursue our original suggestion. (Their last communication

had stated that they wouldn't be able to confirm about using the restaurant until closer to the time as it would depend on how busy the hotel is, but they would keep me posted.). General discussion of possibilities followed, and all agreed we'd like to pursue the idea of a shotgun start with a BBQ/picnic. SF suggested a duck race for charity afterwards (which might draw in non- golfing family & friends) AL said that Andy Storer already had these in his loft as had been planning it before. Action: SF to ask competitions committee / Tom if they'd be prepared to make it a shotgun start and to contact Andy Storer re ducks Post meeting note: SF discussed this with Tom. Agreed that we would have a shotgun start, set up the area of hard standing by the half-way hut with a bbq, tables, gazebos, lots of bunting, a TV so that people could watch any jubilee events taking place. Possibly run registration and results there as well. He had a discussion with the events and restaurant team and subject to speaking to Simon as regards who could run the BBQ etc, this has been agreed. We will need to decide if competition entry includes food, would want to allow non golfers to attend and buy food and drink. Plan to hold charity duck race after golf has finished at around 2:30 / 3

2. Theatre trips – As previously reported Debbie Goodsell will start to explore these in April.

3. Murder mystery evening – MP had completed a pros and cons analysis and concluded that this is a non-starter

4. Wine tasting – Nigel (General Manager) had suggested he could try to get costs for Wine/Gin/Chocolate tasting evening. – SF reported that she had yet to discuss this any further with Nigel

5. Golf Trips – since TP had sent apologies this was held over for discussion at the next meeting. 6Card night–SF has discussed this with Steve & Bernie Martin. Due to their current commitments, it was decided to try to do this sometime in late August / September – possibly instead of one of the quizzes.

Date of Next meeting in view of the progress made with the jubilee event post this meeting and the need to discuss this further the next meeting will be held on Monday 11th April – 7pm – room to be confirmed (as opposed to in 2 months as suggested during the meeting).

Meeting closed 8:40

SF – 9.3.2022

Senior Captains report

1. First Summer League Match: Seniors v Wokefield (H) Tuesday 22nd March

The new summer season kicked off in excellent spring weather with a hard-fought draw against the 2021 league champions, Wokefield. This was a first outing for the new League skipper, Iain Cottingham, and new team members Robin Hawkins and Andy Bagnall, each of whom won their respective matches which maybe suggests a changing of the guard. The old, trusted pairings didn't do quite so well! It was good to see old friends from Wokefield and a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all

2. DG Senior's Spring Tour to The Forest of Arden – 14th and 15th March 2022

22 Seniors arrived at the Forest of Arden on Monday 14th March to be greeted by glorious weather which continued until we left at the end of the following day. It was enough to drive Iain Cottingham and Rob Leeson into shorts!! I put it down to great organisation, but most would say luck played a big part.

We met on Monday at 10 am for coffee and bacon rolls, all on time and nobody getting lost, that was a first. I just got the feeling this could go well.

We played the Arden Championship course with a slope index of 136 which was a battle for most of us, with Stableford points ranging between 16 and 33. Keith Astill was the tour champion on the first day with Jonathon Williams his runner up. Jonathon proceeded to get a nearest the pin and longest drive award with Rob Martin also getting a nearest the pin award.

It was clear at this stage that the tour chump award was going to be fiercely contested! These tours are always a little intense and so having staggered off the course by 5pm we were back in the Zest bar, refreshments in hand, at 6.30 for the quiz. Two of Ted Shaw's

team had clearly fallen asleep in their rooms, so they were at a slight disadvantage. All efforts to get a couple of ladies from the bar to take their place failed. Just as well because the Dingbat question was BOOB.

The team comprising Dave Lawson, Iain Cottingham, Jonathan Williams and Neil Leah were victorious, winning bottles of wine each.

There was quite a buzz about the restaurant where we enjoyed a nice meal and for some, copious amounts of refreshment.

Day two and after a very pleasant breakfast, we played The Arden Course with a slope index of 125. For most of us this offered a more relaxing game of golf with Stableford scores ranging from 20 to 36 points. Iain Cottingham was the day's champion with Steve Martin runner up. Steve also won longest drive with Alan Cairns and David Bendle getting nearest the pin.

The overall tour champion was Keith Astill with 67 points and Simon Vines came second with 64 points.

A bottle of wine was awarded to John Headland for being the "victim of countback", narrowly missing second place on two occasions.

And so, it came to the Chump Trophy, with quite a number of close contenders nervously trying to get a glimpse of the score sheet. In the end the chump trophy, which has become synonymous with seniors' fun, went to Dave Lawson who accepted it with his usual spirit of humour and fine sportsmanship.

The venue, weather, and most of all the company was great. Many thanks to all who made it a success.

Till the next time Alan R.

3. Seniors Winter KO 2021/22

Congratulations to Michael Margetts who overcame John Headland in the final of the Singles KO to secure victory!

And the finalists of the Pairs KO have now been decided with Michael Margetts in line for the double when he and his partner, Nick Woods, face off against John Headland and Steve Warren. Time for John to wreak revenge? Watch this space.

4. March TOGS – Tuesday 8th March

A chilly start but clear blue skies awaited our Togs folk as they approached the first tee. With the course beginning to dry out and the fairways starting to suggest they might run, hearts were full of hope and expectation, negating the nagging doubts supplied by the brain and based on weeks of exasperating experience.

The Jolly Jokers format proved to be enjoyable and thought provoking and could well form the basis of some future competitions.

It was difficult to judge the success of the team scoring, so much so that the eventual winners left the ninth green convinced they were serious contenders for the booby prize! TOGSY had taken a well-deserved day off leaving a humble apprentice in charge of proceedings. Sadly, the issue of prizes hadn't been much discussed between the two of them, so no one knew how many prizes were being awarded nor what the prizes were, all of which made the awards presentation rather interesting!

That issue has now been resolved and the prize winners and their prizes can be seen below.

March TOGS – Tuesday 8th March – Donnington Grove Seniors Section ([wordpress.com](https://www.wordpress.com))

5. Senior Summer friendly matches

The first Summer friendly match is Mill Ride (A) on 13th April, but the captain will be in Turkey playing golf on a twice COVID postponed trip, so Cliff Waller has kindly agreed to organise this one. Thank you, Cliff!

Mike Pritchard
2022 DG Seniors Captain

Presentaion evening 2021

The evening is planned for Friday 22nd April, Refreshments for the evening will be a Cheese and wine cost £15/person. , (AS) will confirm numbers prior to the evening and will provide a list of those who have ordered the refreshment for payment at the hotel reception on the night. Steve and Alison Lillywhite will present the trophies, and hopefully a representative from their chosen charity will join us on the night to collect a cheque for the monies collected over their Captaincy period.

Members Questions

(TP) Is there a possibility to have some steps at the side of the 7th green to enable a safer route from the green instead of climbing the slope.

(TF) I will ask (DK) to investigate the possibility ; it is more a problem in the winter wet months.

(RH) The rail on the first tee, would it be practical to have a matching rail o the other side of the tee box.

(TF) I would like to enhance the look of the two starting tee boxes on both nines, we do need to be practical with fencing/planting, we need to think how the greenkeepers will cut and maintain areas which may be too tight for their present machinery.

(SB) Will there be a divot party arranged soon as we are starting to see some wear in the usual areas

(TF) Yes, I will liaise with (DK) and sort out a date.

(SB) I have been asked if it would be possible to have some coloured discs on the trees on the left of the 13th fairway to help locate balls and speed up play.

(TF) I will again liaise with (DK) and investigate the feasibility of the request

A.O.B

(GL) We have had some questions regarding the eligibility to play in the Board Competitions, do we need to verify which categories are eligible.

(AM) I believe this is set out in the competition's manual. If it is not then I believe this will be the ideal time to add the eligible categories into the relevant section of the manual.

(TF) We are looking into a system for the 8th tee which will see a QAR code on the tee, which when scanned with a phone will activate a camara which will enable you to check if the fairway is clear for play, what are the thoughts of the committee.

(ALL) Great idea, we shouldn't be promoting the use of mobile devices on course, however with the introduction of the EG app etc for scoring, use of this kind should not be a problem.

(SB) Just a reminder Champagne roll up starts this coming Friday. Many thanks to Graham Attridge and Geoff Kells for running the events this year.

(GL) Who is the Anodonta contact for the men's teams this year? (SB) to confirm.

(GL) The euro-pro event is not in the club diary on V1 (Hub) should we ensure it is available for members to plan their golf around the course closure(TF) Yes, I will sort it.

(TP) The V1 hub is giving some problems with available competitions to book.

(AM & TF) To try and sort out the problems.

(TP) Is there any possibility for the Lady Vice Captain to have a parking space.

(TF) I will speak with (NRG & DK)

(RH) Will we be carrying out any work on the buggy Paths and the paths from the 8th green to the 9th tee.

(TF) We have had quotes for the work to be carried out, we are waiting approval.

(RH) The Captains Plate competition and dinner has been set for 23rd July.

(SB) Do we think it would be a asset to have a mobile card reader for use for competition payments on registration. (SB) to Appraise and report back.

The Captain Closed the meeting 21.20

Next Meeting –

Date – Thursday 28th April 2022 Avon Room 19.30

