November 11th 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:K.Bale(KB),J.Culley(JC),S.Lilleywhite(SL),P.Greening(PG),G.Bennet(GB) N.Thorne(NT),S.Vines(SV),J.Headland(JH),A.Furlong(AF),A.Maisey(AM).		
1	**Welcome and Apologies -** Kevin(KB) welcomed the committee members and thanked everyone for their efforts and help on Saturday (Drive In). Apologies were received from Andy Storer,Gill Lane,Tom Fleming,Steve Fulop (General Manager),and Lydia Rayne.	KB
2	**October Minutes-** The October minutes were approved.	All
3	**Matters Arising -** Press Officer - Richard Deal touched base to say he may be interested in doing this job. He asked if the committee could set out simple details of what the job entailed - to act as a conduit between captains, to cover local press etc, (JH) had tried but failed, he will discuss with (RD). Take information on the course to try to promote. (JH) will do the West Berks report. The committee were all in agreement to invite (RD) to next month's meeting. (GB) suggested a WhatsApp group for captains to note results. Committee Day - (GB) said it was almost too late for the previous captains to arrange but new captains should plan for next year. (AF) said there was negativity amongst staff at the weekend. (KB) said he had received compliments about everything for the Presentation Evening. Questions from (GL):- Do we still want to enter 2 mens teams and 2 ladies teams in the Kyocera Matchplay(now to be known as the Academia Classic) Total entry fee £240. All were in agreement. Did everyone agree that having a disco at Presentation night was a success and should be included in the budget for next year. Vote taken- all in agreement.	All
4	**General Manager's Report -** No report.	SF
5	**Director of Golf Report -** First Congratulations to Jules, John and Kev on becoming captains and welcome to all their vices should be a strong year It was great to see such a strong turnout at the AGM — it really highlights how much our members care about the club and its future. It was also a great opportunity for the new management team to see that level of commitment and enthusiasm first-hand. On the course, the main focus recently has been on managing the leaves, which as always at this time of year, has been a major task for the greenkeeping team. Their hard work in keeping the course playable and tidy during these challenging conditions is very much appreciated.	TF

Looking ahead, we will soon begin work on reinstating the ditch on the 10th hole. This project will help improve drainage and course definition in that area, and we'll aim to keep any disruption to a minimum while the work takes place.

The weather has turned unfortunately and in the winter conditions we must remind everyone to be careful on all slopes and steep areas especially 7th hole and 8th hole.

There will also be more parts of the course roped off as the winter continues. Please respect these areas as we try to protect them.

Thank you to all members for your continued support and understanding as we work to maintain and improve the course throughout the winter months.

Points for discussion -
Tee times for medals in 2026 -
(KB) How do we feel about players being drawn? Interaction introduces players to other players and opportunities.
(GB) Too many Board comps are drawn already. Some people want to play with friends. A discussion was held around this.
(KB) said he was against two names being put in and guests without the name of the guest being entered. Too many are reserved without names.

Spending committee funds on reinstating leaderboard in bar - laptop and new screen approx £700. Vote taken and all were in agreement.

6. Treasurers Report — GL

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Income & Expenditure Account

		Year to 31 October 2025	Budget to date		Year to 31 October 2024
Income					
Competitions Income		13,634.00			12,698.00
Card charges		(72.60)			(70.92)
Fines charged		-			-
Less: Vouchers	(8,000.00)			(7,235.00)	
Prizegiving	(4,007.85)			(3,660.00)	
		(12,007.85)			(10,895.00)
		1553.55	1,652.00		1732.08
Club Ties		2.76	-		3.42
Interest received		127.73	144.00		155.76
Total Income		1684.04	1796.00		1891.26
Expenditure					
Berkshire Ladies comps		238.00	215.00		200.00
England Golf Race to Woodhall Spa		115.00	80.00		75.00
BB&O Hillman/Foursomes/Champion Club		205.00	175.00		155.00
RDICL Scratch League		225.00	225.00		225.00
Kyocera/Annodata Matchplay Men and Ladies		160.00	160.00		230.00
Inter-club Challenge		256.00	300.00		256.00
Committee Golf Day		400.00	400.00		400.00
Competition expenses		0.00			35.90
Captains blazers/photoframes		0.00	100.00		19.74
Memorials			50.00		
Donnington Diners expenses		0.00			65.00
Funeral donation		50.00			50.00
Bank charges		50.00	60.00		60.00
Total Expenditure		1699.00	1765.00		1771.64
Profit/Loss		-14.96	31.00		119.62

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Balance Sheet

		31-Oct 2025	31-Oct 2024
Current Assets			
Bank: current account		836.83	509.17
Bank: deposit account		6392.21	8214.48
Stock - Club ties	0 remaining	0.00	57.24
Competitions money due		207.30	0.00
Donnington Diners Float		300.00	300.00
Total Current Assets		**7736.34**	**9080.89**
Current Liabilities			
Provision for Prize Giving		0.00	1897.42
Memorial Fund		317.83	150.00
Accrued expenses		400.00	
Outstanding Vouchers 2025		0.00	
Total Liabilities		**717.83**	**2047.42**
Total Net Current Assets		**7018.51**	**7033.47**
General Fund brought forward		7033.47	6913.85
Profit/Loss for the year		-14.96	119.62
General Fund carried forward		**7018.51**	**7033.47**

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Charity Account

Captains Drive-In (in aid of Royal British Legion)

	Entries £5 * 124			620.00
	Cash collection (Captains drives & ball markers			414.10
Paid to RBL				1034.10

Funds raised for Captains Charity

Total Interest received			£	55.11
Ladies Christmas raffle			£	185.00
Ladies Eclectic & Birdie/Par Trees			£	70.00
Ladies Spring Meeting			£	95.00
Ladies Anne-Marie Gane Trophy competition			£	66.00
Champagne rollup cake raffle			£	86.10
Seniors Charity Bowl			£	1,215.00
Quiz Nights			£	880.00
4 Nations competition			£	80.00
St Georges Day			£	306.00
Other donations:				
D Lawson Eclectic	£	5.00		
Mr & Mrs Jolly donation	£	50.00		
Claire (Sarah sister) donation	£	100.00		
			£	155.00
Collection boxes			£	138.90
Presidents Day				
Beat the Pro 50%	£	175.00		
Cake auction 50%	£	37.83		
			£	212.83
Charity Day			£	6,544.10
Total			**£**	**10,089.04**

7.	**Competitions Secretary's Report**	SL

Mins From Nov2025 Comps Meeting
Competitions and Handicaps Sub Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12th Nov 2025
7.00pm Upstairs Bar - Donnington Grove

1 Apologies SB, GL

2 Approval of Minutes from Sept Meeting - OK

3 Items c/f

a	No Shows. - make sure PSI booking is turned of as you can book another player in - " no showes been emailed 1 had msg late sat and will pay entry fee, 1 no response yet
b	Winter Knockouts - first rounds in progress - on time
c	All comps committee check comp as per rota before comp - All
d	Presentation night - Feedback ? - Good repete for 2026
e	Playmore golf etc visabity to comps log in - Tom talking to clubv1
f	TOC format for 2026 Capt Choise 2026 stroke play yellows
g	Charity day Guests ? Only if spaces on last day
h	Theire are no rules set for most improved ie no requirement to play any comps Main Committee as board comps 6 inc 2 comps 18 months
I	Comps manuall needs 2 updates f & h above
j	

Previous comps

a	4th Oct October Stabelford - Winner Div 1 Rob Carvill, Div 2 Steve Berry
b	5th Oct Sunday Stableford - winner Ray Ford
c	8th Oct Midweek Stableford cancelled 3 players
d	16th Oct Midweek Stableford Cancelled
e	18th Oct Greenkeepers Revenge format 4 Ball, 2 to count 100% winners B black, J Black, A monger & J Bosley
f	20th Oct Midweek Stableford
f	25th Oct Saturday Stableford - Winner Brendon Beaven
g	26th Oct Sunday Stableford - Simon Neller
h	28th Oct Midweek Stableford - Winner Brendon Beaven
i	

4 Rota

5 Upcoming Competitions

a	1st Nov November Stableford - Winner Div1 V Hannifin, Div 2 Adrian [illegible]
b	2nd Nov Sunday Stableford - Winner Joe Smith
c	5th Nov Midweek Stableford cancelled 3 players
d	6th Nov AGM for info
e	8th Nov Capt Drive in pairs better ball 85% Winners Paul Doney & Dave Picton
f	13th Nov Midweek Stableford
g	17th Nov Midweek Stableford
h	25h Nov Midweek Stableford
i	29th Nov Saturday Stableford
j	30 th Nov Sunday Stableford

3rd Dec	Midweek Stableford
6th Dec	December Stableford
7th Dec	Winter Warmer Format Pairs, tee times £5 per player
11th Dec	Midweek Stableford
15th Dec	Midweek Stableford
20th Dec	Xmas scramble team 4 meat vouchers shotgun
23rd Dec	Midweek Stableford
27th Dec	Saturday Stableford
28th Dec	Sunday Stableford

6 AOB

a Handicap Review PG to present in Dec
b Add Xmas scramble check with Tom 20th Dec
c
d

7 Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 3rd Dec 7pm in the upstairs bar.

Clarification still needed for most improved player for next year.

(KB)Could we have a Texas Scramble on 20th December? Prizes to be meat vouchers and wine. (JC) The Pro shop puts on a day with mince pies etc. Teams of four. (AF) could be held the following week if it rained.(SV) If vouchers are used as prizes, can they be returned?

8. **Upcoming Competitions**

SL

Rota 2025

		Prep	Scores	Decision
1st Nov	November Stableford	Rob	Rob	Steve L/Keiran
2nd Nov	Sunday Stableford	Steve	Steve	Steve L/Keiran
5th Nov	Midweek Stableford	Simon	Simon	Steve L/Keiran
6th Nov	AGM			
8th Nov	Capt Drive in	Kev / Steve	Steve / Andy	Steve L/Kevin
13th Nov	Midweek Stableford	Bernie	Bernie	Steve L/Kevin
17th Nov	Midweek Stableford	Jools	Jools	Steve L/Kevin
25h Nov	Midweek Stableford	Steve M	Steve M	Steve L/Kevin
29th Nov	Saturday Stableford	Paul	Paul	Steve L/Kevin
30 th Nov	Sunday Stableford	Gill	Gill	Steve L/Kevin
3rd Dec	Midweek Stableford	Simon	Simon	Steve L/Kevin
6th Dec	December Stableford	Rob / Dan	Rob / Dan	Steve L/Kevin
7th Dec	Winter Warmer Format Pairs, tee times	Andy / Steve L	Andy / Steve L	Steve L/Kevin
11th Dec	Midweek Stableford	Jools	Jools	Steve L/Kevin
15th Dec	Midweek Stableford	Gill	Gill	Steve L/Kevin
20th Dec	Xmas Scramble	Steve / Kev	Steve / Kev	Steve L/Kevin
23rd Dec	Midweek Stableford	Berni M	Berni M	Steve L/Kevin
27th Dec	Saturday Stableford	Paul	Paul	Steve L/Kevin
28th Dec	Sunday Stableford	Steve M	Steve M	Steve L/Kevin
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				Steve L/Kevin
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				Steve L/Kevin

9. **Social Committee Report**

(JH) Friday 14th is the next Comedy evening - ticket sales are better than last time.

(KB) The committee needs to support these evenings more. Should aim to have one function every month. Send to Steve Lilleywhite for advertising.

10.	**Lady Captains Report** **I am very honoured to become Donnington Grove's Ladies Captain 2025/26. We have a wonderful section which has grown in recent years to around 64 members. I look forward to an enjoyable year both on and off the golf course.** **I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Jolly for all her hard work behind the scenes over the last year and asking me to be her vice-captain, her guidance has been invaluable and a pleasure to work alongside her.** **For any of you who don't know, I am pleased to announce that Lydia Rayne has agreed to be my vice-captain, thank you Lydia and good luck.** **On Saturday it was the captains drive in, this was attended by 124 golfers who stayed for the presentation after lunch. Thank you to all who supported us, it is very much appreciated.** **Our chosen charity this year is called New life, this is run by Trevor Goodhall, he is a local man that both Kevin and I have known for many years. He set up the charity around 30 years ago when his twin boys were born very prematurely and still born. So far, he has raised over £2 million pounds, which has provided equipment for specialist baby units in local hospitals, a very worthy charity.** **There are a couple of dates for your diary coming up, firstly dig out those sparkly dresses for the Christmas Ball on the 6th December, there will be a Casino [not real money!] dinner and disco, it would be great to see lots of you there for a fun filled evening. For ticket information, please contact either Kevin Bale or me. Kindly note that the deadline for this is 22nd November.** **Also, on Monday 8th December there will be the Ladies Christmas golf, 9 holes followed by a light lunch. I have booked some tee times from 10-56, this will be on clubv1 for booking, I will send out more information as soon as I have finalised everything this week.**	

11	**Senior Captain's Report** **Seniors Captain's report for DG Committee: November 11th 2025** **Thanks** Thanks to Steve Warren for a fantastic contribution to the seniors section over the past 12 months. His enthusiasm, innovation and support for all has been excellent. **October** The **Seniors' AGM** was successfully held on Tuesday 28th October. Some key highlights: • Starting the Seniors' Bank Account was an agreed success; enabling more secure organisation of events. Indeed, £17,500 went through the account to 30th September year end, • Seniors Captain's Charity Day raised £1100 • Simon Vines was welcomed as the new Vice-Captain, and • Plans for the 12 months ahead were shared. **Plan** • 40+ matches (friendly, league and cup) • Weekly roll-ups (Tuesday and Friday slots) • Winter singles and doubles comps. (7 clubs only) • Summer Golf Master (April to November) • Charity Bowl • Summer singles and doubles comps. • Seniors' Champs. • Tours and Away days (Isle of White, The Oxford, Salisbury and South Wilts) • Seniors' Texas Scrambles x2 (Captain's Swansong + 1) • 'Mission' - Provide opportunity for seniors to have a fun year and enjoy their golf. **November** This month has seen the start of our **Winter Eclectic** (WE) competition which runs until the end of March. The inaugural WE saw a large field enjoy their golf from the red tees. Thanks to Wilson Carlisle, who has kindly agreed to be this year's organiser. And also Tom Reseigh, who took on the role in the first year and did such a splendid job for us all. **Graham Jeffries** (GJ) winter league match program has got underway successfully. Our opponents for this year are: North Wilts, Cumberwell Park, Weybrook Park and Wrag Barn. There are two groups and winners of each group face a play off at the end of the season. Simon Vines, our new Vice-Captain is the organiser for 2025/26. Many thanks, Simon. **M4 League** winter matches have, similarly, gotten underway with some good results so far. Stalwart Cliff Waller, and his team of helpers, continue to organise the fabulous **TOGS** golf challenges every month. Which, as usual, are open to all. Many thanks, Cliff et al. Saturday saw a very well supported **Captains' Drive In** provide excellent fun and camaraderie throughout the day. This year's DG charity organisation will be 'New Babies.' It's well known and supported by the incoming Mens' Captain already, and now the rest of us look to help out as much as we can for this deserving cause.	
12	**Members Questions -** Some seniors didn't get an invite to the senior's AGM (SV) to check dates of birth. (GB) New Members competition every year mid to late June. Captains usually deal with this. (NT) single figure handicaps would like medals at weekends to be on both days. Only 96 with h/c below 10. (KB) asked if comps had to be closed over the weekend (SL) Can't run a comp over 2 days.(KB) how many have asked for this? (NT) two people only.(GB) Why not make it alternate days? (AF)Why not alternate months?.	
13	**A.O.B.** (KB)Captains slot from February to October at 9 am. (SL) Captains, VC's and Committee could represent. (SL) the walk down to the driving range is pitch dark and something needs to be done . (AF) Could the Captains' parking signs be moved? (JH) would like to thank the green keeping staff for repairing the small bridge. (KB) Has a feeling that the senior's section is becoming a separate group, and suggests that all 3 captains contribute to the same newsletter. Also include management and greenkeepers and reports from monthly competitions.	
	Meeting closed - 8.30pm	
	Next Meeting - Tuesday 9th December at 7pm.	