



<b>Donnington Grove Golf Club</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Andy storer(AS), Sandy Byfield(SB), Rob Hinson(RH), Sarah Fowler(SF), Toni Prince(TP) Tom Fleming(TF), Andy Meredith (AM), Jazz Kang(JK), Nigel Roberts Green(NRG), Gill Lane(GL) Mike Pritchard (MP)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Knight (DK)
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Andy Storer(AS)
	<b>Date</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Febuary 2022 <b>Location:</b> Avon Room Donnington Grove GC 19.00

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
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. Memorial Garden – to formally remove from the agenda
11. 2021 Presentation evening
12. Members Questions
13. A.O.B
14. Date of Next Meeting

#### **Matters/Actions arising from January minutes**

(AM) All competition titles to be updated to show when they are available to book, and competitions to be shown up to 3 months in advance.

**Bookable from date to br included within the title of the competition. V1 Hub now shows this date.**

(TF) To speak with Senior's competition/match organiser to ask if all senior matches can be displayed with the wording (Senior Match) in the title.

**Completed**

(AS) Special competition food in the bar area e.g., Robert Burns trophy food not publicised /promoted sufficiently, to encourage members to purchase.

**(NRG) to speak to the front of house team**

(AS) Received several comments before, after and on the night of the Christmas ball regarding the wording on the tickets/posters regarding the dress code. **“Smart Casual”** will be dropped in the future.

**“Smart Casual” will be dropped from any promotional posters, literature for the Christmas ball 2022**

(TF) The frequency of members releasing unrequired booked tee times is getting better, which is helping the pro-shop team to get more members on course at peak times.

**(TF) Improving all the time**

(SB) To contact Gary Rinaldi regarding committee membership.

**(SB) Has contacted Cliff Westley, no response from Gary Rinaldi.**

(AS) Post flyers etc asking for two new members reps for the committee.

**Posters up ASAP**

(TF) To speak with (DK) to request all tee markers are not placed more than 10 yards in front of course markers.

**Complete, the measured course must not be +/-100yds for WHS scoring for casual rounds. Temporary tees will be left in place for those who wish to use them.**

(AM) The bad weather protocol document is at the final tweaking stage, and we should be able to present the document at the next meeting.

**Accepted and put in place, copies to be displayed on the notice board and will be included within the competition’s manual.**

#### Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the January 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.

(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.

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

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

(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

Storm damage to the halfway hut.

Tree works are scheduled for the evening on 22 February to remove the

remaining tree that fell on the hut.

Scaffolding will be erected on Wednesday so that the damaged roof is removed; a cover will be applied making the hut operational again for the weekend and onwards. Expecting that the roof structure and replacement will commence at the end of April.

The tree also damaged the ball washer and we have had authorisation to progress with a replacement.

12 March Presentation night – update on numbers please from AS

Quiz night – discuss location options, if necessary, with SF and donation of complimentary prizes from DG if there is a necessity to increase the price per person when the bar is not available

Remind all members that early bird payment for March has an incentive of 7% that DG will add to the members bar card. All top up transactions for February up until the 19 Feb have now had their incentive rewards applied.

### Director of Golf Report

#### Green staff

Verti draining will commence Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and continue into 1<sup>st</sup> 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

10<sup>th</sup> tee and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Treasurers Report

Total Income from Competitions	
Less provision for prizes and prizegiving	£268.53
Total Expenditure	
(Entry fees into club and county completions/bank fees)	£455.00
Profit/Loss	<u>-£186.47</u>
General Fund Carried forward	<u>£7668.04</u>
Charity Account	<u>£1103.79</u>

### Competitions Report

1. Bad Weather Protocol document attached for approval.
2. All timings for bookable competitions throughout the year currently being agreed with Tom.

3. After the recent ClubV1 upsets, and discussion with Tom, I will go through all Competition set ups and ensure they are as required.
4. The Winter knockouts are progressing on time.
5. The summer knockout preparation is under way, looking to have entries from mid-March to mid-April.
6. Draws mid-April, Matches played May to September.
7. We are having some challenges getting volunteers for Starter duties for the Board Competitions. Working with Chris Webb at present.

**ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHEN INCLEMENT WEATHER  
CONDITIONS EXIST BEFORE AND/OR DURING PLAY.**

*The following bullet points are for determining whether or not PLAY can commence or continue in a safe manner*

1. *INCLEMENT WEATHER is defined as any one or more of the following*

*THUNDER & LIGHTNING - FOG - HEAVY RAIN - LAYING SNOW or ICE - STORM FORCE WINDS*

*Play **SHALL STOP** when a siren or klaxon is sounded for one prolonged note during in play immediately and Player(s) shall make their way to a safe place e.g., shelter at 6<sup>th</sup>, Clubhouse by the safest and shortest route possible*

3. *Play **SHALL ONLY** resume when the siren or klaxon is sounded for two short notes.*

*if a Player(s) considers there is a danger due to inclement weather but has not heard the prolonged klaxon or siren alarms, they may leave the course and if playing in a competition the Player(s) **MUST** report to the pro-shop*

***NB** if playing in a competition Players may not assume the competition has been abandoned and/or suspended until the Players have been notified by the person responsible for monitoring weather conditions. Such notification shall be issued in the pro-shop*

*a Player(s) playing in a competition stops play for any reason not allowed under R&A Rule 5.7 or fails to report to the Pro-Shop in accord with 3 above the Player(s) will be **DISQUALIFIED**.*

*if a Player(s) has entered a competition and prior to the competition being played has heard of impending inclement weather the Player(s) may not make the decision not to play in the entered competition after the draw and start sheet have been processed. **If** they do, they may be subject to sanctions.*

*the Pro-Shop/Committee may inform all competitors at the earliest opportunity of a cancelled competition*

*in the event of impending or existing inclement weather any suspension or cancellation of a competition will not be delayed longer than three (3) hours in summertime (BST) and two (2) hours in wintertime (GMT) daylight permitting. If a player cannot remain to complete their round it will result in a Disqualification.*

*A Player(s) involved in a 'casual' round of golf shall, on hearing a siren or klaxon, respond by following the items 2 & 3 above*

*Donnington Grove Golf Club*

*Inclement Weather*

## *Competitions Minutes Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February*

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

*1. Apologies - Rob Hinson*

*2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.*

*3. Items C/F*

*a. Mixed tee comps - JK set up test comp, all seems to work with exception of allowing tee selection when entering score on ClubV1 app.*

*Sort issues before next winter when mixed tee comp may be trialed.*

*b. Comps email address - Tom has sent request to Nigel.*

*AM has chased up three times, will continue chase until done.*

*c. New Members Cup Date - SB Still to sort out.*

*d. June Medal Dates - Tom has now changed to 11th June, unable to select tees due to ClubV1 issue, will update when sorted.*

*e. Competitions Manual Update - AM Still to sort out.*

*4. Board Comps Starters for 2022.*

*CW has provided a protocol list for starters and a Rota for Competitions. Some volunteers have withdrawn, down to only four, need to enlist more.*

*SB and AM volunteered as emergency backups to be Starters before playing in Competitions if required.*

*AM to compile list of tee times for board comps for CW.*

*5. Handicaps update.*

*JK - Member identified for handicap adjustment in review has now been adjusted by The County.*

*One member coming back to play after illness has had 5 shots added to handicap*

*There is an issue with Qualifying scores not processing through ClubV1 at the Moment. It has been identified as an England Golf problem with CDH courses Not appearing on ClubV1.*

*JK has a call into England Golf and will follow up.*

*AM has sent email to all who played in the weekend comps, however, will Follow up with an email to all members.*

*Scores submitted via the England Golf App are working ok. When sorted scores*

*should submit and handicaps update accordingly.*

*GL - Players in upcoming Daily mail foursomes may need a manual handicap Calculation if issue not sorted before they play.*

*6. Rota.*

*JK no longer able to assist with Members Memorial on 12th February. AM to assist with set up and SB SL to assist with closing.*

*SL added to assist Kev Beasley with St Georges Day Cup on 23rd April. 7.*

*Upcoming Competitions.*

*a. 12th February - Members Memorial. 9am Shotgun start.*

*SB to send out email to all members with details of the day including reminder Some tee slots are still available.*

*AM to assist Bernie with setup on Friday 11th.*

*SL to arrange labels and score cards prior to registration.*

*Registration in bar from 7.30 by SB and SL. £5 entry plus £2 twos comp. Teams of Four, two scores count on each hole, same for depleted teams. Cards to be handed into Pro-shop for us to enter scores.*

*Bernie to Close competition with assistance from SB and SL after their memorial Garden visit.*

*Prizes sorted by SB and SF, Prize giving from 3.30pm.*

*b. 12th March - Grove Foursomes.*

*Set up for White tees is incorrect. AM to update info on ClubV1. Unable to select courses at present, may be to do with current CDH courses issue.*

*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.*

*c. Winter Knockouts.*

*One issue with a match not played in time in last round. Now sorted, tossed coin for Winner on deadline. Otherwise proceeding to plan.*

*d. Summer Knockouts.*

*Forms to be prepared for entries from mid-March to mid-April, Draw Mid-*

*April. Matches set up from May to end September.*

*Go back to filling out forms and putting 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.*

*NONE !!!*

*9. Date for Next Meeting.*

*Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm.*

#### ***Lady Captains and Social committee report. Report***

Ladies Section

Not much to report this month.

Confirmation that we have entered the county gold and silver scratch leagues for 2022/23 and that our home fixtures have been agreed and booked with Tom.

Bronze league fixture that should have taken place today was postponed due to conditions at Goring & Streatley

Meeting booked with Jo Bird for 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss match day food requirements for Ladies & Mixed fixtures.

DG Social Committee

Future events confirmed

- Xmas Ball 2022 – Confirmed with events as Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and in club v1 diary
- Quiz night –Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> proposed. Menu already provided (winning team from last event providing questions)
- Donnington Diners – next event 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Dewpond

Social@ email was briefly not working but now resolved so e-mail re Quiz and a reminder regarding the Dewpond will go out this week.

Plan to make communications from social@ more regular so that members know to look out for them.

The issue of where to hold events as golf members not getting ability to book either bar or restaurant as prioritised for hotel guests requires a brief discussion with main committee.

Would be helpful to have regular discussions with events to see what events they might have planned that would interest members eg over the Platinum jubilee weekend

Kim Richardson and Gemma Chandler won their first round Daily Mail foursomes match 2up against a pair from Newbury and Crookham. Good luck in the next round ladies.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm – room to be confirmed.

### Senior Captains report

*This report summarises the seniors' activities since the last report in*

*January. 1) **TOGS.***

*Storm Dudley had passed over and storm Eunice had not yet arrived, so the Togsters were greeted by sunshine and a pleasant south-westerly breeze. It was a fine day for what turned out to be some very challenging golf.*

*The nine-hole format was much appreciated and will be used for the rest of the winter season or until we get some decent weather and conditions improve.*

*After some confusion about the scoring system and much scrutinising of the score cards by the elves, the winners were declared.*

*See [here](#) for more information.*

#### **2) The Senior Winter Knockout Pairs and Singles competitions**

**continue.** *The organiser's (Tom Reseigh) report of the results so far.*

*"Well, it's the first of February, the days are stretching out and the snowdrops and daffs are starting to poke through. 🍀🍀🍀 We're on the home straight to Spring and shirt-sleeves golf - well almost.*

*We're also in the closing stage of our seniors' midweek KO comps - so thank you all for the updates on the results of your matches this far.*

*Many of the games have seen some great golf and there were some really close tussles and finishes. Win or lose - I hope you have had fun playing these games and I thank you for taking part.*

*(a heavy hint for next year to those seniors who didn't)*

*The updated draw sheets may be found by clicking on the link below.*

[Seniors inter KO's competitions results](#)

*So again, well done to the victors, who now progress to the final stages of our winter comps. When I originally set out the timetable for the games to be played I anticipated that the winter weather and winter holiday absences would elongate the timeframe for the competitions.*

*However, it seems that everyone has been keen and eager to get the games played - so I'll issue regular updates of the draw sheets as the results come in so that you all can line up the finishing matches as quickly as you like.*

*All I need is a week or so to get the trophies 🏆🏆🏆🏆 polished and engraved." 3) **Senior's summer friendly, league and cup matches have been launched.***

*The Summer interclub matches have been launched, both the less formal summer friendlies and the more competitive summer leagues and cup matches.*

*We hope many Seniors will put their names forward to play in these matches, so, if they are interested in playing on some great courses and meeting members of the other clubs for between £12 and £15 a game, they can sign up on the 2022 Seniors Summer Availability Sheet on the DG Seniors Captains Google drive. They will enjoy coffee or tea when they meet before the match and food afterwards usually without changing from the golf kit.*

*Mike Pritchard*

*2022 DG Seniors Captain*

#### **Memorial Garden**

Plaques are now in place for all our past members in the new Memorial area. The planting of two Magnolia Bushes in memory of our past Lady Captain Anne-Marie Gane, and the placing of the memorial plaque in here memory was completed after the Members Memorial competition. It is felt the area will always be a work in progress. It was agreed to remove from future meeting agendas.

#### **Presentaion evening 2021**

It was hoped to hold the 2021 presentation evening 12/03/22, unfortunately due to not all keepsake prizes arriving from the suppliers this was not possible. (AS) will endeavour to complete the evening when all prizes are in place. All new trophies required have been ordered;- Ladies Grove Foursomes, Senior Midweek Championship, and changes to the present Grove Foursomes trophy to bring it into line as the Men's trophy are in place. A new date will be confirmed by the next meeting.?

#### **Members Questions**

#### **A.O.B**

(AS) I have had several comments regarding the length of time it takes members to be served in the bar in the morning.

(ALL) A discussion took place regarding this observation. It was felt the members are not a priority of the team in the mornings and are not encouraged to use the bar area before play in the mornings.

#### **The Captain Closed the meeting 21.25**

**Next Meeting –**

**Date – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Avon Room ,Donnington Grove GC 19:00**