



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS), Andy Meredith (AM), Sandy Byfield (SB), Gill Lane (GL), Mike Pritchard (MP), Tom Fleming (TF), Sarah Fowler (SF), Toni Prince (TP), Rob Hinson (RH)
Apologies:	Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG), Dave Knight(DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer (AS)
	Date: Tuesday 23rd October 2021 Location: The Avon Room Donnington Grove GC

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
 - a. Matters arising
 - 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 from AGM
 - a. Enforcement of dress code
 - b. Tee times & bookings
 - c. Clarification of additional shots in multi tee comps
 - d. Landscape management of golf course
11. Members Questions (other)
12. A.O.B
13. Date of Next Meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were approved by committee and signed by the captain

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

AS & NRG Still to catch up very busy time of year for both

AS Could the bell on the 8th be moved back towards the tee for the winter months.

ANS;- TF Yes, no problem, but only if the men are to be playing from the yellow tee box, while they are playing from the red tee box the bell is still in the correct place.

General Managers Report

No Report given

Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

Director of Golf Report

DOGS REPORT

Quotes are in for tarmacking the path from 8 to 9 and the path down to the range await the response from the owners

More spray will be going down for worms on Aprons and hole 13 in particular

The new sand for the bunkers has arrived and will start going out in January and February

New PSI unit has arrived

I would like to run a questionnaire for the members as we did a couple of years ago and will aim to send this out in January

Matters/Actions arising from the D.O.G report

No Actions

Treasureres Report

Donnington Grove Golf Committee

Charity Account 01625225

Total Interest received			0.13
Captains Drive-in Entry fees	1190.00		
Food	-920.00		
Proshop vouchers	-240.00		
		30.00	
Guess the distances		175.00	
Coffee collection		45.40	
			250.40
Garmin donation			50.00
<i>Total collected to date</i>			<u>£ 300.53</u>

Matters ArisingActions from Treasureres report.

(GL) Income and expenditure account and balance sheet show no movement in the last 23 days of the new financial year.

(SF) Do we provide periodical payments of raised charity monies to the charities throughout the year.

ANS (GL) No we have always collected the full amount raised and paid one amount at the end of the captain's year.

(MP) Will all the raised monies be split 50/50 this year between the two charities.

ANS (SB) & (SF) Yes both charities will receive equal amounts at the year end.

Competitions Report/ Sub Committee minutes

Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes Tues 9th Nov 2021

Attendees : Andy Meredith, Sandy Byfield, Steve Lillywhite, Gill Lane, Rob Hinson Jazz Kang.

1. Apologies - Chris Webb, Bernie Martin, Ewen Thompson.

2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.

3. Handicaps update. Handicap reports to be run by JK in preparation for review. Handicap review to be carried out in conjunction with next committee meeting. Invites to be sent to Andy storer, Sarah Fowler and Mike Pritchard to attend. Brief discussion on Winter Golf points from EG seminar. Shorter tees and course Meeting criteria for qualifying rounds discussed. Discussion with Tom required. AM to follow up.

4. Board Comps Starters for 2022. AM provided initial bullet point list to be covered by starters, and list of volunteers to date. SL added several points for inclusion. AM to update list. Suggest we need one person from committee to take on responsibility for starters, to include recruitment, allocation to comps and competition information as required. It was expressed this may be ideally suited to Chris Webb, AM to contact and enquire.

5. Inclement weather policy. New bullet point list discussed. Agreed to combine points 7 and 8 with slightly different wording. Addition to point 10 of daylight permitting and disqualification applies if player cannot remain to complete round. To be taken to main committee for approval.

6. Diary for 2022 update. All data in ClubV1 now, SB to check with Tom ClubV1 and BRS are aligned. Monthly stableford added on Nov 12th, 2022, and Sunday stableford on Nov 6th. New members cup is scheduled for 17th April. SB to check expected numbers with Tom, to enable set up. Confirmed we intend to run April to September Monthly Medals as zoned draw competitions, and the Jan to Mar, Oct to Dec Monthly Stapleford's on first Saturday of each month as a bookable competition. AM to check Tom is agreeable. 12th December Turkey Trott to be a four ball better ball, with two scores to count on each hole. £5 entry per player, all entry fees given in Meat vouchers. Team prizes for First, Second and third expected to be £60, £40, and £20. SB to deal with set up on ClubV1. 18th December Pro-shop Scramble - Assume Tom dealing with. AM to check. 3rd January Fun Comp - Several formats discussed. Decided on American Greensomes Pairs. Both players tee off, each player then plays their partners tee shot, you choose the best ball from there and complete hole in alternate shots, par 3's played as normal Greensomes. Entry fee to be £5 per team AM to set up on ClubV1 and send details to SL to advertise on website.

7. Order of Merit Competitions. JK raised some questions over mixed order of merit competitions. Decided to run separate Men's and Ladies Order of Merit as Gross competitions only, using Apr to Sept Medals, Club Champs both days, Midweek champs, and Parasampia Cup. This gives Ten medal comps for each of the Men and Ladies to score points. Points from 1st to 10th place descending from 10 to 1. No entry fee required, Gill agreed competition funds will cover a trophy for both the men's and lady's winner. AM to take proposal to next full committee meeting.

8. Mixed Tee Competitions Following on from new sets of tees being measured soon, the concept of mixed Tee competitions needs to be explored. ClubV1 can be set up for mixed tee competitions provided measured course Information is in there. JK to set up test comp using current White and Yellow tees to confirm.

9. AOB SB. Extends thanks to Jazz and Ewen for their hard work on registration and Scoring for the Captains drive in.

JK. Make better use of news bulletins on ClubV1, did you know,

Rules etc. JK will prepare a list for all to add to. SL assist with graphics and set up. JK.

Can we have a competitions@DG e-mail. AM to ask Nigel to set up.

RH. Raised monthly newsletter, to be discussed at next full committee meeting.

GL. Can we have a comps committee WhatsApp. AM to set up.

GL. Daily mail foursomes available to register. GL dealing with Ladies. SB to register men's entry.

SL. Feedback from members - enjoyed scrambles - more Fun Comps

10. Date for next meeting - Tuesday 14th December 7.00pm.

Meeting to comprise primarily of Handicap review.

Matters /Questions Arising from report

(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.

(SB) Upcoming events and competitions will be discussed at general committee, to finalise all details. We can then publish all upcoming events and competitions on the web page, V1 app and any other social media platforms we use.

(AM) We are proposing to run an order of merit competition throughout the year alongside our competitions. The format and rationale are set out in the document presented to committee.

Order of Merit Document

Order of Merit Competitions 2022

At recent Competitions and handicap sub-committee meetings we have been discussing the implementation of Order of Merit competitions for 2022.

There have been requests brought to the committee from some of the lower handicap players for more Gross score competition.

We would like to recommend that we run a separate gross order of merit for Men and Ladies and use only Medal competitions to count. We did consider a mixed competition, however the comparison of lower handicap players from Men to Ladies would not be to equal advantage.

We have selected the six-Monthly Medals from April to September, The Club Champs (both days), The Midweek Club Champs and the Parasampia Cup.

The monthly medals are obviously run as mixed comps; however, we can extract a separate men's and Ladies top ten for points allocation.

This gives Ten medal comps to qualify for each of the Men and ladies Order of Merit. We intend to award points from 1st to 10th place descending from 10 to 1. No entry fee will be required, Gill Lane has agreed that competition funds will be available for a winner's trophy for each competition.

(ALL) After discussion it was agreed to run the order of merit. The competition should be open to all levels of golfer at Donnington Grove. This will only be a Gross score competition.

Lady Captains Report

Ladies Captain's Report – For Committee meeting 23rd November 2021

Fixtures for 2022 finalised and given to Sandy / Tom for the diary – this includes friendlies, High Silver League and Bronze League.

All Mixed fixtures organised apart from Sandford Springs who have yet to respond to e-mail.

Dates given to Sandy / Tom for inclusion in diary.

Ladies Xmas social is on 6th December – we have 9 holes of golf planned followed by lunch and so far have 23 for the former and 25 for lunch (30 different people). Working hard with Toni to finalise plans.

Several members have already approached me with excellent charity fund-raising ideas.

Nick Mitchell is restarting ladies' coffee morning / golf clinics with first one scheduled for 17th December. These will hopefully continue monthly.

Social Committee

We have had a good response to tickets for the Xmas Ball on 11th December - with just over 90 reservations. Thank you to the events team and Nigel for liaising with me so well to help the

process run smoothly. There are still a couple of tables available but suspect that there will be very few additional takers. Some people are, not surprisingly, still reluctant to attend events with continuing Covid situation.

Kim Richardson has organised her usual Xmas 'goodies' raffle (worth £100). Tickets will be sold at £1 each in pro-shop from Wednesday and the draw will take place at the Xmas ball. All proceeds to the charities.

Social committee meets for the first time since September on 22nd Nov to formulate plans for 2022. (Update can be provided on 23rd)

SF

22.11.21

Matters/Actions arising from Lady Captains Report.

NO Actions.

Social Committee meeting Minutes

DG Social Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd November 2021 – Avon room 7:30

Present: Sarah Fowler; Ann Maisey; Sandy Byfield; Mike Pritchard; Clive Richards

Apologies: Toni Prince

There was a discussion on the make-up of the committee – several people on the WhatsApp group had not responded to SF. Sandy MacDougall had resigned (due to being out of the country until May 2022 and then expecting to travel a lot during the year as well).

Update on upcoming events

- Xmas ball – 11th December - 92 tickets sold. Could fill another 2 tables of 10 but unlikely now. Pleasing to see these numbers considering that several people are still reluctant to attend large functions. Events team have been very helpful, and we are working well together to ensure payments etc run smoothly.
- Ladies Xmas social – golf & lunch 6th December. Uptake has been good for these. Currently have 23 for golf and 25 for lunch (30 people). SF is awaiting decision from previous 'Santa crew' as to whether they would like to run a mulled wine / mince pie stall at the weather hut on the 5th/6th. If not the Clive & Mike said they'd be able to do so with or without help from additional seniors – **Action: SF to let Mike & Clive know a.s.a.p.**
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Donnington Diners

- AM gave an update. So far 3 successful evenings had been held although felt they could have been better advertised as there was a small group of the same people who had attended.
- AM's role had been to find the restaurants and negotiate menus / cost with venue and she was happy to continue to do this. It was agreed however that more communication would be needed between her & whoever (SF?) accepted the reservations to ensure that she knew numbers / people etc.

- Aim for next outing to be in February – will be advertised via e-mail to all members from V1 including menu / cost. (Promote the fact that single attendees are encouraged/welcome). Also produce posters for club-house noticeboards. Possibly ask people to sign up for event on a noticeboard. **Action: AM & then SF/TP**
- SB's suggestion that each venue selected be asked if they'd be prepared to offer a meal voucher for our charity day next September was unanimously agreed.

Future events

- **Robert Burns trophy** – it had been suggested by the President that we might try to organise a Burns night to coincide with the golf competition being played on 22nd January. SF suggested it might be easier to combine a rolling lunch with the golf as there was very little time to try to organise an event. She had briefly discussed this with Nigel who felt this was possible and that we might have difficulty selling tickets, which would be quite pricey, for an evening event in January. SF to take to main committee meeting on 23rd.
- **Quiz nights** – agreed that these should start again and take place every other month. Suggested date 26th January. **SF** to confirm with events.
 - Idea that the winning team be responsible for organising the questions for the following quiz was floated and thought to be an excellent way to bring more people in to assist.
 - Menu / cost etc to be discussed once date confirmed
 - Promotional material to be produced
 - SF agreed to get ball rolling by setting questions for the first one
- **Race night** – this had been suggested previously by Cliff Westley. Need to make contact with him to see if he is interested in pursuing. Otherwise, other members of committee to investigate. **Action: committee**
- **Card night** – SF to ask Steve & Bernie Martin if they'd be interested in running a whist evening as previously done at DV. **Action: SF**
- **Theatre trips** – Debbie Goodsell has offered to try to organise some theatre trips. She has previously run these very successfully for ladies' section at DV. Agreed it would be nice to open to all members. **Action: SF to discuss with Debbie**

There followed a general discussion on other possible events, perhaps tied in with major sporting events and what events might attract the younger members of the club which the whole committee felt was important.

It was agreed that we needed to establish whether the 'silent' members of the committee were still interested and also to try to attract new members. SF to e-mail all members asking for ideas they might have for future social events and inviting anyone who might be interested in joining the committee to contact us. **CR & MP** agreed to see if they could persuade any of the 'seniors' to join (Ted Shaw was 1 suggestion) **Action: Committee**

Date of next Meeting: Monday 10th January – 7pm – room to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Matters/Actions arising from social committee minutes.

(AS) Does committee think there would be any possibility to reinstate a Burns Night dinner in conjunction with the Robert Burns Trophy Competition.

(All) After discussion it was felt a formal dinner was possibly too much. It was suggested that the Robert Burns Trophy competition would be a shotgun start (Agreed by (TF)) and to have Scottish themed food post round and prize giving, Social and Competitions committees to work liase.

Seniors Captain's Report November 2021

This report summarises the seniors' activities from the last report.

1) The Seniors AGM took place on 20th October and some 40 seniors attended. The minutes are attached for information.

2) Captain v The Crew This is a friendly match to end the summer friendlies where the captain and vice-captain (The Crew) choose players alternatively and is usually well supported and is open to all senior men. The Crew won this year's match by a large margin with the retiring captain and his partner claiming the only win

3) Graham Jefferies Winter League Seniors Winter Handicap League 2021/22 - League tables results received as at 10/11/21

Division 1

	Played	Win	Half	For	Against	Net Holes	Points
Chippenham	2	4	1.5	12	1	11	5.5
Donnington Grove	3	3	1.5	7	16	-9	4.5
North Wilts	1	2	0	4	6	-2	2
Sandford Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2

	Played	Win	Half	For	Against	Net Holes	Points
Cumberwell Park	3	7	0.5	30	12	18	7.5
Wrag Barn	4	6	1	13	31	-18	7
Bowood	2	4	0.5	14	9	5	4.5
Marlborough	1	1	0	2	7	-5	1

Total of 6 games to be played by each club

Top team in Division 1 and Division 2 play in the final.

4) M4 Winter League results. Our senior troopers have not fared well so far in the Autumn away matches. Tynney Park lost 1.5 – 2.5; Harleyford, lost 0 – 4; Easthampstead, awaiting result; Weybrook Park, lost 1 – 3. We are hoping to get our revenge when they visit DG next year when the course becomes more challenging.

5) TOGS. For the next event, we are running an American Scramble on Tuesday 23rd November.

6) Future Events.

- We are organising Senior Winter Knockout Pairs and Singles competitions. Entries closed on Sunday 22nd November.

- Summer fixtures 2022 are mostly finalised and dates have been shared with Tom.

- The seniors spring 2022 tour to the Forrest of Arden is fully booked and has 24 participants.

Mike Pritchard

21st November 2021

Matters/Actions arising from Senior Captains Report

No Actions

Members Questions From AGM

Enforcement of dress code.

(TF) Difficult to enforce, this is partly due to not all members and visitors report to the pro-shop before play. The shop team should challenge the dress of anybody entering the shop with the intention to play. The changing styles of dress for golf are a challenge, however if the garment is specifically designed for golf, we should allow it to be worn. We will try and find a more up to date picture of acceptable dress to post around the club. I will ask members not to enter into any discussion with other members or visitors on course, please report the incident to the shop and the team will approach the group/Player.

Tee Time & Bookings.

All members booking tee times will be asked to ensure all names are filled in on the BRS system, the time scale for this is under review and will be set by the company. The shop team will continue to send out reminders of entry into competitions and ask entrants to confirm their intention to participate. It is understandable that some members do not wish to play with other members which may be felt are not in their group/bubble in the present Covid situation, and we do not feel we could enforce the rule of play in fourballs only. The shop team will endeavour to release as many tee slots as possible before any given date, especially through the winter months. Some more social competitions may move to a Shotgun start format which enables more players to be on course than a single tee start through the winter months.

Clarification of additional shots in multi tee competitions.

The additional shots for multi tee competitions are still in use to adjust the Standard Scratch of each set of tees to be in line with each other. **(AM)** will contact **Jazz Kang** to compile a Q&A type document to be sent out to the membership.

Landscape Management of the Course

Much of the work carried out during the past year has been to encourage areas of the course to drain water from the surface to enable the greens team to present a much-improved playing course. The clearance of many of the overgrown areas on the front nine holes of the course, were begun to enable buggy paths and walkways to be used easier, unfortunately the constraints on time and finances over the past years to maintain these areas left the team without options in many cases. We are hopeful that some areas of gorse will re-grow and the intention is to re-plant some areas with more easily maintained planting.

Members Questions

(MP) Dave Lawson Has shown an interest in joining the greens committee.

(TF) I will contact him and hopefully get him onboard.

(SF) Are there any plans to repair some of the potholes in the car park and the buggy paths.
(TF) We are awaiting quotes to come in.

(TP) How soon will we be able to use the forward tees in competition.

(TF) The tees can be used now for casual rounds, and we are on the list for England Golf to return and measure the new tees for competition play.

A.O.B

(AS) Do we think the notes which Tom is mailing out to the membership be used as Greenkeeper's news on the website.

(TF) Yes, I will put them on to the website.

(SB) Is it possible to bring Jazz Kang onto committee as Handicap secretary, and we also need to advertise/encourage some new, more visible members reps.

(All) Jazz will be a great addition to the committee, and the introduction of new members reps will also be a good addition. **(SB)** Must speak to both Gary Rinaldi and Cliff Westly before we promote the positions of members Reps.

(SB) Philip Caulfield has shown interest in being part of the Greens committee(Eyes on the Course)

(TF) I will contact Philip and hopefully get him onboard. My intention is that anybody can give feedback to myself which I will in turn pass on to Dave and the team.

(GL) Can we not lose focus on the memorial area, The opening is planned to be February 12th (Members Memorial Competition)

(AS) I will get in touch will Alison Lillywhite she was speaking to tree suppliers.

(GL) There are several spelling mistakes on the honour's boards in the bar, can we get these rectified.

(AS) I will get in touch with Jeremy and ask him to sort these out and we can now update the boards for 2021 and the captains as well.

(AS) I have sent out e-mails to all winners and runners-up for 2021 44 sent, 26 replies. I will send out a reminder to respond and a deadline of the 11th December so I can move on with the presentation evening. If no response the default will be a voucher.

(TF) We have applied to England Golf, for them to come back, measure and rate in accordance with the WHS, the yellow tees for ladies' medal play., and the red tees for men's play. This will hopefully be completed by April. It is not envisaged that we play from these tees regularly, however it will be an option for all members to play from different tees if they wish.

(TP) Can the bunkers be maintained in a way to allow a ball to run back into the middle of the bunker rather than plug in the face.

(TF) We have placed an order for some new sand for the bunkers as they have had very little maintenance over the last two years due to play restrictions of Covid. With new and more sand in the bunkers the team should be able to create the look and playability we are asking for.

(TP) As we charge for competitions would it be possible to collect a 50p charity levy from members to boost the charity collection.

(GL) How would we administer this collection.

(AS) I don't think we can enforce the levy I believe it must be voluntary.
(TF) I think we can sort this easily. I agree must be a voluntary donation.

(SB) Would it be possible to go back to having a Captains Charity bunker/lake.
(GL) Dose anybody know where the collection box for the bar has gone?
(ALL) Good idea (SB&SF) to investigate location of collection box for the bar.

(AM) Through the winter will we have the yellow tee markers out on the correct tee boxes for the winter match play competitions.

(TF) I will ask Dave to ensure the yellow markers are positioned correctly for a measured course for competition, could they not play from the yellow tee markers which will always be on course through the winter. If the markers are on the tees this will encourage all players to play from them which will damage the tee boxes over the winter months. Which is the only reason we will take them of the tee boxes.

Next Meeting –

Date – Tuesday 21st December 2021

Time – 19.00

Location – Avon Room

Donnington Grove GC