



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Steve Lillywhite (SL), Alison Lillywhite(AL) Andy Storer(AS), Gill Lane (GL), Sandy Byfield (SB), Tom Fleming (TF), Andy Meredith(AM) Sarah Fowler(SF), Cliff Waller(CW),
Apologies:	Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG), Dave Knight (DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer (AS)
Venue /Date	Thursday 26th August 2021 19.30 Avon Room.

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies.
- Minutes of last meeting

Each new Sub-Committees will be producing a newsletter each month.

- Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to meetings.
- General Management Report by e-mail
- Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report) by e-mail
 - Greens Committee meeting (Mins)
 - Treasurer's Report by e-mail
 - Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report by e-mail
 - Comps Committee report (Mins)
 - Lady Captain's Report by e-mail
 - Social Committee meeting (Mins)
 - Seniors Captain's Report by e-mail
 - Matters Arising Re above meetings
 - Prize Giving
 - 2019 31st Aug?
 - 2020 TBA
 - 2021 (23 Oct 2021)
 - Memorial Garden
 - Charity Day
 - Members Questions
 - A.O.B.
 - Date for next meeting



July Committee
Minutes .pdf

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

(AS) Why are the profits from the Club Championship Bar included in the Captains Charity Account, in the past they have been part of the income and expenditure account.

A discussion took place and a vote taken. The funds will stay in the charity account.

(GL) A date for a Memorial Day for Anne-Marie Gane will take place, Monday 26th October. The committee will plant a tree in Anne-Marie's memory. **(GL & AL)** will coordinate.

(SB) Committee minutes should be available for members to read on the committee page of the website immediately after they have been accepted by committee. **(SL)** to coordinate.

(SF) How soon can competition winnings be added to members shop accounts.

It was agreed that the monies will be added to members accounts monthly.

General Managers Report

No Report given

Matters/Actions arising from the GM report

Director of Golf Report

Maintenance week went well although with a few hiccups

Mainly me ripping up greens and aprons with the seeder

The spreader broke down and so the final dressing happened today

Greens were seeded, hollow cored

Tees and aprons seeded

Bunkers weeded

Pro Am is on Friday 3rd 27 teams

I have raised with clubv1 for us to get a new PSI machine

I had a very good meeting with Andy Meredith and Jazz Kang re competitions in the future and we have come up with some good plans

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

Treasureres Report

The balance sheet for the year to date shows a loss £358.76. Competition income for the year is down on the previous year, which is impacting the final figure.

Captains Charity account is showing a fantastic total of £3297.19, this should have a large increase with the charity day planned in the coming month.

Matters/Actions arising from Treasureres report

Competitions Report

Competitions Sub Committee

Meeting Minutes Weds 4th August 2021

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

1. Apologies - Bernie Martin apologises she will be late. Welcome to Andy storer - Club President, who is attending meeting.
2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved
3. Club championships - notes for next year. All agreed a successful competition. Consider Men going out in handicap order in each zone as entered for next year. Entry cost to be retained at £20 despite some adverse comments. Possible head volunteer for next year to better coordinate other volunteers.
4. Bad Weather Policy. This has not yet been completed by Chris Webb, will allow to finish off and then review at next meeting before submitting to Main Committee for approval. Chris also commented that the suggested collaboration between Greens and Competition committees has gone no further, and that Tom may not be keen at all on a Greens Committee!
5. Lowest gross prizes or competition. Some requests from lower handicap members for more Gross competition. Suggested we could use an Order of Merit competition running across the Monthly Medals from April to September. Some opposition regarding funding and inclusion of a Net Order of Merit as well. Jazz to research possible format on ClubV1, after which further discussion required.
6. Handicap Secretary update. Still many inconsistencies in the entry of casual play cards. Jazz indicated we need a sit-down discussion with Tom, to provide a how to for the Popshop so we are all working from the same set of rules. It was reiterated that the England Golf App is the preferable way forward as it alleviates the need for a score card and has functionality to ensure players are present at course when logging in, with a time delay before entering scores, along with marker details. We can apparently turn off Casual card entry on ClubV1 after a period of time educating members to use the England Golf App. There may however be a need to cater for those who cannot use EG App?
7. Rota. No adverse comments on Rota distribution. Andy M to complete September Rota shortly and send to Committee for approval.
8. AOB

a. One 'No show' to report from Seniors Club Championships. however, upon investigation, the Proshop were left a Message as Player had injured their wrist: No further action required.

b. Upcoming Competitions Captains Charity Day - Steve, Ali and Sandy setting up, 4-person team event. Andy storer agreed to preside over Auction.

Greenkeepers Revenge - Currently on Oct 2nd, Steve to request with Tom to move to Oct 9th.

Two of the knockout final's completion dates are Oct 3rd, moving greenkeepers revenge avoids a possible clash.

Tournament Of Champions - To be a two-year event as not run last year. Sandy and Gill to provide entry list. Possible shotgun start subject to Toms approval. Some discussion on wether to return to a playoff format.

Member's memorial - Club memorial allocated to February 12th, 2022. Separate memorial for Anne Marie, format to be decided.

Captains Drive In. - 6th November 2021. Shotgun starts. Format TBA.

c. 2022 Diary. Sandy Byfield to create spreadsheet with outline of major competitions. Meeting arranged with: Andy storer, Sandy Byfield, Sarah Fowler, Gill Lane and Andy Meredith to complete. Diary then presented to Senior's captain for discussion and approval.

d. Midweek Championships. Sandy reported he has obtained services of Kevin Walker as starter and will attempt to secure spotters for hole 1. It was noted that Emma Davis had entered despite her Handicap index being over the maximum of 36 for Ladies. Andy to contact and advise maximum playing conditions.

e. Bunkers Raking Issues. Andy storer highlights issues with members not getting back to routine of correctly raking bunkers after playing shots from them, leaving footprints. The suggestion of a possible short term local rule met with opposition as leaves footprints open to interpretation and possible abuse. Would only delay the return of normal course etiquette and procedures. Andy M to send out a communication with reminder to properly Rake bunkers and repair pitch marks on greens which are a continuing issue. Laminated signs suggested on first tees for August Monthly Medal.

9. Date of next meeting. Wednesday 8th September 2021 - 7.30pm.

Matters/Actions Arising from Report.

Lady Captains Report

Ladies Captains Report

Not a huge amount to report this month.

Ladies News

Congratulations to Gill Lane & Julie Myall on winning another round of the Daily Mail Foursomes. They are due to play the next round this month.

DG Competition winners Well done to Gill Lane on winning the Ladies Midweek Club Championships also to Sarah Fowler on coming second, just losing out on countback. Well done to Kim & Juliet Culley on coming 4th in the Shotoku Cup Ladies & Mixed Matches Ladies V Sandford Springs away was well fought but DG lost 3-1 Mixed v Hennerton at home with some close matches DG won 4 – 2

Social Events This month

I held an afternoon Tea with 11 ladies joining me in Beau's restaurant, a lovely relaxed social event.

We held the first Quiz night last month with 9 teams attending, the competition was tough & James Smith made a great Quiz Master. The next Quiz night is Wed 25th August & we currently have 7 teams.

The next Donnington Diners is being held on Thursday 9th September, with 6 couples so far attending.

The Treasure Hunt that Kim was organising unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

The Captains Plate was held this month for DG's Past Captains, with 17 Captains & their guests attending, the evening was a resounding success.

Plans are in full swing for the Captains Charity Day on 18th September & for the Captains Swansong on October 29th

The next social committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th September

Matter/Actions arising from report.

(AS) Please pass on our thanks to Simon and his team, the food for the captains dinner was excellent.

Senior Captains Report

Seniors Captain's Report August 2021

This report summarises this season seniors' activities up to August.
Friendly Interclub Matches.

- 25 home and away matches have been played with a 64% unbeaten record.
- Over 50 players have taken part.
- 12 Matches won
- 4 Matches halved
- 9 Matches lost

Three Counties Senior Summer League:

We are currently in joint third place in this competition.

1st Place Wokefield Park 12 Points
2 nd Place Sandford Springs 7 Points
3 rd Place Donnington Grove 6 Points
4th Place Reading 6 Points
5th Place the Springs 3 Points

Seniors Summer Pairs Knockout

68 Players entered the competition which is on schedule to finish in October.

TOGS

This monthly fun competition has been run with a full turnout of between 56 and 68 Players.

The Golf Father Goblet

46 Players entered this competition which is on schedule to finish in October.

Future Events

Fixtures for the M4 Winter League and the Graham Jeffries League are being finalised.

The senior's autumn tour to the Warwickshire on the 4th and 5th October has a record 24 participants.

Matters/Actions arising from report.

Prize Giving

(AS) Reports

I have had a very productive meeting with (NRG) and have booked three dates for the three evenings this year.

2019 evening will just be a meet and greet type event with a photo opportunity with the trophies. All winners will be contacted and be invited to the evening.

2020 Directly after completion of the 2019 evening all trophies will be sent for engraving and the honours boards will be updated. I will then set a date and all winners and runners-up will be invited to the evening, I do not envisage the evening being a full dinner affair, a more informal dining arrangement will be set, this will aide in the speed and efficiency of the evening.

2021 I will begin work on this event as soon as the last competition ha been completed (Tournament of Champions), engraving etc will be completed ASAP and a date will be set.

Memorial Garden

There is an amount of money in the memorial account. After discussion this money will be used to purchase a tree to be planted in the memory of our past Lady Captain Anne-Marie Gane, and a form of hedging to enclose the area. (AS) will continue to liaise with Bruno Pagliaroni who has agreed to construct a suitable name board for the area.

Charity Day

All is moving forward for the day, a very large field will play on the day as a shotgun start, coffee and bacon rolls will be kindly provided by Sandtrend Ltd before play. Food post golf will be jacket potatoes and various fillings. Beat the pro, cake stall, a raffle, and the Charity auction conducted by Andy will complete the day. The captains would like to thank all members who have given their time for the day and all members and friends of Donnington Grove who have donated auction items.

Members Questions

NO Questions

A.O.B

(GL) Anne-Marie Ganes brother has offered to donate a trophy to be played for in Anne-Marie's memory.

A discussion took place. It was decided that a lady's competition would be organised and played each year for the trophy. (GL) will coordinate with the competitions committee.

Minutes approved by Donnington Grove Committee and signed by Steve Lillywhite Club Captain

Next Meeting –

Date – Monday 4th January 2021

Time – 19.00

Location – Teams (Digital)