



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS) , Steve Lillywhite (SL) , Alison Lillywhite (AL) , Tom Fleming (TF) , Gill Lane (GL) , Sndy Byfield (SB) , Sandy MacDougall (SMD) , Cliff Westly (CW) , Gary Rinaldi (GR) , Nigel Bell (NB) , Patric Griffin (PG)
Apologies:	Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG) , Dave Knight (DK)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer
	Date: Monday 5th October 2020 Time: 19.00 Location: Digital meeting (Teams)

Agenda

Welcome and Apologies

- Restaurant Matters (Questions for NG)
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters / Actions arising from minutes
- Officer's Reports received by e-mail prior to team's meetings
 - General Management Report
 - Director of Golf's Report (Inc. Course Report)
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Lady Captain's Report
 - Seniors Captain's Report
 - Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's Report Comps Committee report
 - No shows (Shotoku etc)
- Questions only Re above reports
- Upcoming events
- October Comps
 1. 10th Green Keepers revenge
 2. 18th Captains Rose Bowl (re-run)
 3. 3rd & 11th Competition Weekend's
 4. 31st & 1st Nov Competition Weekend
 5. 6th & 22nd Midweek Stabelfords
 6. Winter Knockouts
- Members Questions
- A.O.B.
- Date for next meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Club Captain

Actions

(AS) Where are we up to with taking card payments for competitions through the V1 system. **(TF)** we need to get a team together to finalise this task, (Tom, Nigel, Gill, and Alex from V1 to go through any concerns.

(SL) Would it be possible to have a more itemised report from the finance meeting with **(NRG)**

(AS) A lady member informed me she has had two falls due to the slippery nature of the foot bridge over the river. **(TF)** I will ask Dave to have a look at the bridge.

(PG) With the increase in midweek membership and the number of members playing midweek, do we feel there is a need for a dedicated midweek representation on committee.

(ALL) A discussion was had and the feeling was if somebody could be found and was willing to put themselves forward it may be a position on the competitions sub committee initially, as that would be the main focus for the position.

(SB) Do we think there is an opportunity for us to publish a weekly/monthly newsletter to the members.

(ALL) After discussion, it would be an opportunity for a Members rep, **(AS)** to talk to **(SM)** and **(SL)** to coordinate. Message to be placed on the club website asking for interested parties to contact the Club Captains. **(SL)**

(SL) Is it possible for the proposed new Memorial area to be ready for the Members Memorial competition next year, **(AS)** that is the intention, noting will be done until all costings are approved by committee.

General Managers report

No Report Given

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Restaurant Matters

No report Given

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

Not much to report this month.

The new information boards are now up, outside the pro-shop and on the first tee, many thanks to committee for the additional funding for these boards. The new short game area is starting to take shape, the green has been cut to shape and a dressing has

been spread, I am not rushing the opening of the area which will possibly spring 2021, the new swing teaching room facility will be completed and open by the end of this month, this is a fantastic facility for the club to have on site alongside the practice facilities which are now lit after dark.

A new greens mower has been purchased for the greens team.

A massive thanks to Sandy Byfield for the Club Championships it was great to see him bossing everyone around and he ran a fantastic event.

A new lateral drain is to be installed outside the pro-shop which will hopefully stop the rainwater running off the car park and into the pro-shop and the treatment rooms downstairs.

Coming into the autumn and winter months, I will be reviewing several options in relation to the Tee booking system, to enable to get more members playing golf through the shorter daylight days.

The shop team and I have fielded several complaints regarding the re-running of competitions, do we think we should have a policy in writing to reference if the situation arises again? Dave voiced his concerns regarding the re running of a board competition in October, it is more difficult to present the course as it should be for a board competition through the autumn and winter months, and has requested, all board comps be played in the summer months as in previous years.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf report

Treasureres Report

(GL) Reported

Competitions income is heathy for the year to date especially with an enforced break for around 16 weeks, after the cost of winner's vouchers and provision for prize giving evening, competitions are showing a nett profit of £287.68. There has been a large expense this month for the purchase alongside Sandtrend of the two information boards to enable members easy calculation playing handicaps for the new WHS. Cost of the boards £2240.00 contribution from committee £1120.00.

The charity account currently sits at a total of £6188.93 which includes; - £75.00 from the senior section, and £20 from Kevin Bale, (many thanks) and a match funding contribution from Good Exchange, a fantastic total in the current climate.

Matters/Actions arising fromTreasureres report

The Charity car parking space raffle currently stands at £490.00

Competitions Report

Not sure there is a lot to say for the Comp report other than
1. Several board comps have been held since the last meeting

- Greensomes Cup - well done Miguel Frade and James Sim. A great score of 67 to win.
- We got through Club Champs successfully - huge thanks to all the volunteers without whom we would not have had the successful weekend we did
 - Congrats to Fay, Bernie, Colin, and Ross
- The Shotoku Cup
 - Another great score (48) winning this one
 - Congratulations to Jamie and Martin Amor, two of our newer members
 - There were a couple of no shows that resulted in pairs going out without playing partners
 - I see that is being discussed tonight
- The Parasampia Cup
 - The Men's event was very tight with 3 on the same net score of 72.
 - Congratulations to James Percy, who won with a better back 9
 - The Ladies was almost as close with Julie Myall winning by 1 shot from Sallie Cheek and Linda Sayers
- The Captains Rosebowl was rained off but has been re-arranged for 18th Oct.

2. Unfortunately due to my current work commitments, there was no Sub Committee meeting which was planned for last week.

Sandy

Matters/Actions arising from Competitions report

There have been several no shows in the competitions played this month. (SL) & (SB) to coordinate and contact the members concerned.

World Handicap System (WHS)

Many thanks to Steve Gridley for all his hard work behind the scenes to enable us as a club to move forward with the WHS starting 02/11/2020.

New information boards to enable members to adjust their playing handicaps on the day are now in place.

Tuesday 6th October a teams (digital) meeting will take place. Steve Gridley will go through several slides/documents which will be made available to the membership in a series of posts on the club website.

A total of four news items will be posted ending in the week before going live, the updated version of V1 will go live 02/11/20.

All members will be asked to check their details on V1 and contact Tom to ensure all their details are correct, nearer the go live members will be able to log onto the England Golf website where they will be able to get their new playing Handicap index.

Monday 2nd November chaos and questions.

Lady Captains Report

It was great to see 19 ladies playing in the Club Champs this year & although there was not the atmosphere that there usually is it was still a great weekend. Well done to all that took part and congratulations to Fay Unsworth & Bernie Martin on their wins. Well done to Julie Myall on winning the Shotoku Cup.

The Thursday roll up is continuing to bring in a good cohort of players in a variety of formats, thanks to Gill for organising these. The Ladies v Seniors match took place on Thursday 1st October and it was wonderful that so many of the ladies volunteered to play,

with a field of 28 ladies, this was the largest Ladies V Seniors match we have ever had. I met each team on the 18th green and all that played really enjoyed the day and had a lot of fun. Unfortunately, we were once again beaten 9 ½ to 4 ½ but we will be back fighting in May next year.

Ali

Senior Captains Report

Senior Captaincy and Vice-Captaincy

The following proposal will be put to the Seniors AGM on Tuesday 2nd March. Cliff Waller will take over the Captaincy role for the 2021 Summer Season (April to October). Mike Pritchard will be Vice-Captain during this period and assume the Captaincy from October in line with the DG Committee proposals that the club Captaincy years be changed to start in October from 2021.

Summer Friendlies

We played Freshwater at home winning 3-2 and Wokefield away (3-3). Good involvement from new senior members and both matches proved good fun and well received.

TOGS

September TOGS was very well supported with 52 turning out and more besides not being accommodated due to limited availability of tee times. We will try to organise sufficient tee times with the pro-shop in the future to ensure that all who want to can enter. With the influx of new members TOGS is proving extremely popular with a significant number of Ladies now playing which is terrific. The event has become the main morning midweek occasion when the whole of the midweek membership can join together.

Midweek Stablefords

We have instigated a lot of extra stableford competitions in part to enable the Seniors Golf Father Competition to have a reasonable number of rounds before the final following the limited amount of time available post lockdown. These were in addition to the standard first Tuesday and third Thursday in the month that are traditionally used for club midweek competitions. The Golf Father need has now ended but the Committee may wish to note that the extra competitions appear to have been well received by all midweek players and it may be worth introducing more midweek comps including Mondays and Wednesdays to ensure that those who regularly play their golf on those days are able to enter. It is also worth noting that yellow tee stablefords probably sit better with the majority of midweek players.

The agenda suggests that the next midweek comp is on Tuesday 6th October which clashes with the Euro-pro. Moving it to 13th might be a good option.

Ladies v Seniors

We are very much looking forward to our annual match against the Ladies which this year has 14 pairs matches to be held on Thursday 1st October. Plaudits and excuses will no doubt be shared at the meeting.

Seniors Summer KO

There were 32 entrants post lockdown which would probably have been a lot more if the influx of new members had happened earlier. Nick Marshall won beating Joe Richardson in the final.

Tour to Wales

This has been cancelled for obvious COVID reasons.

Senior Winter Leagues

The M4 League has been cancelled for 2020/21. The Jefferies League is to proceed with the obvious COVID provisos. We are in a Division with North Wilts, Chippenham, and Sandford Springs. Camberwell Park, Bowood, Wragg Barn and Marlborough make up the other Division.

Ian Gaskell

30thSeptember 2020

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

(TF) With reference to the number of senior matches planned for the coming season. These matches must not impact on the members general play when booking tee times, also there are a number of spaces not being used in the weekly roll-ups, as part of the ongoing work regarding tee booking I may need to reduce the number of allotted tee times for these competitions to enable more members general play.

Upcoming events

There are no planned social events planned due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Members Questions

(GR) There have been several slow play issues in the previous months, how can we combat this.

(TF) If you encounter slow play on course please let the pro-shop know and we will either ask the course Marshall to speak to the offending group or one of the shop staff will come out to the group. Please do not confront playing groups, this may create a confrontational situation.

(GR) During the midweek championship several groups continued to play after the horn was sounded what is the rule.

(TF) The rule is an immediate stop of play and mark your ball.

(GR) Should the players who continued be disqualified?

(General Discussion) If the situation had been highlighted on the day, however after a period it is felt it would be difficult to enforce.

(TF) Would we want the Red course measured and a W.H.S stroke applied for Men's general play (a cost of £300) (Yes if possible.)

(CW) Are all members new and old aware of the rules regarding the use of buggies.

(TF) I have sent many e-mails out, signs are in each buggy, new signage on the fairways instructing buggies to exit etc. It is exceedingly difficult to manage, however if we can minimise it it is a massive help with the course condition.

(AS) Maybe with winter approaching it may be an opportunity to remind the membership of the rules.

(CW) There have been many comments regarding tees being booked and not used.

(TF) The majority of booked tees are used each member is checked in and ticked off the list, through the winter months it may be necessary to make all tee up to fourballs if possible, this is as mentioned before an ongoing situation we are monitoring.

(AL) Please can the toilet at the halfway house be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and be equipped with the correct hand soaps and sanitizers.

(TF) Yes, I will speak to **(NRG)**

(CW) Is there any intention for the bar/restaurant area to be open earlier for members to breakfast before play?

(TF) Possibly, will speak to **(NRG)**

A.O. B

(AS) Presented a revised update of the club constitution for committee to read and comment. Feedback at the next meeting.

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

Next Meeting –

Date –

Time –

Location –