



Donnington Grove Golf Club	
Attendees:	Andy Storer (AS), Jazz Kang (JK) Sandy Byfield (SB) Rob Hinson (RH) Toni Prince (TP) Tom Fleming (TF) Sarah Fowler (SF) Mike Pritchard (MP) Gill Lane(GL)
Apologies:	Nigel Roberts-Green (NRG) Dave Knight (DK) Andy Meredith(AM)
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer(AS)
	Tuesday 25th January 2022 Avon Room Donnington Grove GC

Agenda

Welcome and Apologies
Minutes of last meeting (Nov, no meeting held in Dec)
Matters arising
Agreement of minutes
General Manager's Report
Director of Golf Report
Treasurer's Report
Competition Secretary's report / Sub Committee minutes
Lady Captain's Report
Seniors Captain's Report
Social Committee Report/mins
Memorial Garden
2021 Presentation evening
Members Questions
A.O.B
Date of Next Meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by committee and signed by the captain. The December committee meeting was cancelled, due to the advanced breakout of the Omicron Covid strain.

Matters/Actions arising from 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.

(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.

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

(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.

(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.

(SB) To contact Gary Rinaldi regarding committee membership.

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

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

(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.

Matters /Actions arising from Reports

Director Of Golf

(AS) The flag on the first tee was in poor condition at the end of season last year, is it possible to purchase a replacement.

(AS)The shoe/trolley cleaning area is getting into a mess during busy times, is it possible for the shop team to check periodically, and do we need to review the area through the summer months ready for next winter.

Treasurer

The Christmas Turkey Trott is showing a deficit of £50.

After some discussion all monies are correct (GL) to speak to (AM) to correct competition account.

General Managers Report

No Report Given

(TF) in the absence of (NRG)

During February any member topping up their membership card by £100 will receive an extra 10% and will be entered in a draw for a bottle of champagne.

Membership invoices will be out by the end of February, members renewing and paying in full before 1st April will receive a percentage of their membership fee on their bar card, TBC.

Screens will stay in place in the bar, and reception for the safety of the team.

Director of Golf Report

Membership is still closed however I am now operating a 1 out 1 in, 5 Day is still open as we have seen a massive drop in the number of tee times booked during the week

My thinking is that as people have had to go back to work the rounds in the week have diminished

Weekends are still busy however with the reduced light this is magnified so it will be interesting to see how this pans out as the days get longer

The course is still wet and muddy however the reports from the last couple of days is that it is beginning to dry up which is good

Dave has started the bunker work ready for the season both edging and topping up the sand

We are still seeing far too many pitch marks, not enough raking and blatant disregard of the rules of the golf course as such in the next few days I will be re sending out all the code of conducts we expect people to adhere to over the year

The Marshalls Nigel, John and Brian will start marshalling the course again soon and I want to assert the fact that they have the clubs full backing and anyone being rude or aggressive will be risking a disciplinary

There was an incident with someone getting hit in the head just before Christmas and there is now a sign on the first tee and the incident has been dealt with and the injured party is ok

Max Nicholls has now passed his Level 1 coaching so will now be advertising his services in the shop

New membership prices for 2022 are now available to view online

We have purchased some new nets to put on the first tee

Also currently looking at putting a credit cards system on the ball machine for when the pro shop is shut

Treasureres Report

Income and expenditure is showing up by £2.07, very little expenditure to date, entry fees for county and national competitions, Berkshire Ladies £25, and Anodonta Men's and Ladies £195.

Balance sheet. Total Assets £14204.65 Liabilities (Provision for prizegiving etc) £6348.07, Nett Assets £7856.58.

Captains Charity fund £1057.70

Detailed accounts are available

Competitions minutes 14/12/21

1. Apologies - Steve Lillywhite.

2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.

3. Carried Forward items from last meeting.

a. new members cup tee requirements. SB still to check with Tom.

b. Mixed tee comps. JK still to set up test comp, can now include red tees for Men.

c. Bulletins on ClubV1. JK still to complete list.

4. Board Comps Starters.

AM provided competitions list that require starters.

CW to coordinate volunteers and assign starters to relevant competitions.

AM to provide Word document for CW.

Competitions Requirements List.

AM provided a list of all competitions that may require planning by committee.

Information includes Comp name and date if starter required, coffee and rolls,

Food after and venue required.

GL requested to add presentation on day requirement.

AM to update and circulate.

5. Rota.

Minor adjustments to make.

BM added to Members Memorial on 12th Feb with GL.

SL removed from 15th Feb and replaced.

AM to update and circulate.

6. Upcoming Competitions.

a. 18th December - Proshop Scramble.

No input required of committee, Tom dealing with.

b. 3rd January - Fun Comp.

All set up ready to go as enter on day American greensomes.

SB to send out reminder.

c. 8th January - Monthly Stableford.

AM reminded all that Monthly Stablefords, generally on 1st Saturday of each

Month are set up as bookable times. Therefore, whoever is on duty for setup

and closing will need to send out start sheet to players the day before the

Competition, as well as a desk sheet and start sheet to Proshop.
d. 22nd January. - Robert Burns Trophy
All set up ready on ClubV1 as 9.00am shotgun start.
Booking set to open 18th December.
£10 entry fee to include food after, need to check with Sarah Fowler.
e. 12th February - Members Memorial.
To be set up as pairs betterball stableford.
AM to request shotgun start, if so, we need to organise registration.
Entry fee to be £5 per player.
Add to agenda for next meeting to complete arrangements.

7. A.O.B.

AM - Some comps set up to show on ClubV1 and allow booking too early.
Suggest comps show 4 weeks prior and allow booking 3 weeks prior.
All in agreement. AM to check and set up as necessary.
GL - Has Men's Daily Mail foursomes' entry been done.
SB completed.
GL - BB&O Competition Entry fees queried, SB to check.
GL - Has competitions e-mail address been set up.
AM to chase up.
GL - Paul Bailes has sent list of Scratch matches to be included on ClubV1.
SB to upload them.
GL - Does comps manual include that three qualifying rounds are required to enter board comps. AM to check.
SB - Turkey Trott Entries and prizes.
Prizes were obtained for Turkey Trott considering entries on System on Tuesday before competition.
A combination of cancellations and tee slots allowed to be booked by Players not in competition resulted in a major shortfall of funds from entry Fees to cover prizes.
Going forward, prizes will not be obtained before competition day.
AM to discuss with Tom why casual rounds are using competition tee Slots and we do not know !!
RH - Query use of charging facility on ClubV1.
GL outlined issues raised before over ownership of accounts.
AM to discuss again with Tom.
CW - Coordination available between Competitions committee and Seniors Committee as CW is member of both.

8. Handicap review.

JK presented several reports from the England Golf platform, these have been recommended by England Golf to assist the annual handicap review. Sarah Fowler and Mike Pritchard joined the meeting as representatives of the Ladies and seniors' sections.
The first of these reports was the Handicap Review Report, which flags any players who have been performing better or below their existing handicap during the last 12 months. Each individual's score was presented to the committee on the screen. Where applicable the committee decided to reduce Handicaps.
The next report considered was players who have hit the soft cap and the system is preventing their handicaps increasing at the normal rate.

A list of all the players at the club, considering the number of cards submitted Was also considered by the committee. Any outliers were highlighted and discussed. Where appropriate the committee decided to increase handicaps. The committee acknowledged that under WHS the system itself will correct handicap irregularities better than the previous system. JK will contact the players who's handicaps it was agreed to adjust. The players have the right to appeal any decision.

9. Date for next meeting.

Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Competitions minutes 11/01/22

1. Apologies - None.

2. Minutes of last meeting : Approved.

3. Items C/F

a. New members cup tee allowance - We have approx. 40 new members. Tom will check when back at work and make decision.

SB noted comp is scheduled for 17th April (Easter Sunday). Will ask Tom if ok To move to the 10th April.

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

When satisfied all works ok, a mixed tee competition will be introduced.

c. Bulletins on ClubV1, JK has a list of ideas he will circulate.

The idea is more for the main committee as content stretches beyond competitions.

4. Board Comps Starters for 2022.

CW has contacted all volunteers to update their availability.

5. Handicaps update.

JK - Of players indicated for review, one was adjusted and one unable to adjust due To being category one player and having reached Hard cap.

Decided to leave as is and let process sort handicap over next few months.

6. Upcoming Competitions

a. 22nd January - Robert Burns Trophy.

SB expressed concerns over provision of food, with regard to possible bad weather and If all entrants were aware the entry fee was £10 including food.

Options to have a special for the day available or not provide anything other than Normal bar service.

Decision to omit food and go for normal bar service.

Entry fee to be £3 per player plus £2 for two's comp.

a. Robert Burns - Contd

Registration to be provided in Bar from 7.45am by GL, BM and SB.

AM will do preparation and send out start sheet etc, SL will close competition.

AM to send email to all competitors with updated information.

b. & c. Weekend Stablefords and midweek Stablefords.

BM expressed concern over course length for Men with many tees moved forward,

Possibly making course shorter than the limit to remain a qualifier for handicap purposes without some adjustment to the rating.
GL suggested perhaps comps and casual rounds could all be non-qualifying for January And be reviewed 1st of February.
AM to contact Proshop and Tom to discuss options.
d. Members Memorial.
Will be stableford mixed teams of 4, with 2 scores to count on each hole.
Teams of three will still have best 2 to count only, with no ghost player.
9.00am Shotgun start.
Registration to be provided in the bar from 7.45am by AM and SL.
Entry fee will be £5 per player.
Prizes to be sourced by SB and SF, and to be awarded on the day.
Possible nearest the pin prize as well.
AM to reserve tee slots 1 and 1a for committee members assisting on the day.

7. A.O.B.

AM - Winter knockouts 2nd round extended by two weeks to 16th Jan due to course Closures. Now only affecting 2 matches in the singles.
Have contacted all players concerned to prepare themselves to play next round promptly, so we can hopefully get back on track.
AM will continue to monitor.
AM - Tom expressed he would like to move June medal from before Europro week 4th June, to Sat 11th June after Europro week.
The course would have the same set up as last day of Europro.
Tom is aware there is also a board comp on Sunday 12th.
No objections, AM to notify Tom.

AM - Competition's manual needs to be updated regarding cards required to play in Board competitions.

GL and JK suggest as follows :

3 qualifying competitions in previous 12 months at DG in order to enter Club Championships.

1 qualifying competition, and 2 other qualifying scores, in previous 12 months at DG in order to enter other Board Competitions.

Order of Merit competition added to Competitions manual.

SB - Seniors club championship also needs adding to Competitions Manual.

SL - Has competitions email been sorted.

AM has asked Tom, who in turn has requested from Nigel.

Waiting to hear.

GL - When teams are depleted in fun comps such as scrambles and betterballs how Do we deal with scoring?

Agreed that rules remain the same, no ghost players in scrambles and same number of scores to count in betterballs.

GL - Request JK to run Medal report 2021 for Ladies and email to her.

SB - Highlighted one player back to golf after illness needing handicap lift.

JK to apply maximum extra shots to handicap and check on EG going forward.

8. Date for Next Meeting.

Tuesday 8th February at 7.30pm.

Lady Captains Report

The Ladies Xmas social was held 6th December – 9 holes of golf followed by lunch was enjoyed by 22 and 26 people respectively. Clive Richards and Mike Pritchard (Santa!) provided mulled wine & mince pies at the storm hut which was most welcome on a day that was somewhat damp! Lunch was very good, and I think everyone enjoyed the presentation of 'raffle' prizes. A total of £150 was raised for the charities. (This included a donation for a table decoration made by Teresa Talmage)

Thanks to Tom we have an away day booked for 14th April at the Oxfordshire with around 20 ladies so far signed up and hope to plan a second one for the autumn. In the meantime, we have compiled a list of opens/coffee mornings that we hope a few will attend together.

A vacancy has just arisen for the Berkshire silver scratch league (HI 12 & above) for 2022/2023 which we have been invited to take up and I would like to discuss the required commitment at the main committee meeting.

Attendance at roll-ups has been encouraging despite the recent inclement weather / resultant course conditions. (We have 13 booked onto this Thursday's session so far)

Nick Mitchell has restarted his lady's coffee morning / golf clinics. The first was held on 17th December & the second on 21st January. These are proving very popular, and he has therefore extended it to run 2 consecutive sessions on the same day.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11th February.

SF 25.1.22

Senior Captains Report

This report summarises the seniors' activities since the last report in December.

1) Seniors Winter Handicap League 2021/22 - League tables, results received as at 12/01/22

Division 1

	Played	Win	Half	For	Against	Net Holes	Points
Chippenham	5	12	2.5	39	5	34	14.5
North Wilts	5	10	0.5	25	21	4	10.5
Donnington Grove	6	8	2	25	33	-8	10
Sandford Springs	6	8	1	11	41	-30	9

Division 2

	Played	Win	Half	For	Against	Net Holes	Points
Bowood	6	16	1	65	17	48	17
Cumberwell Park	6	11	2	37	28	9	13
Marlborough	6	9	1	30	40	-10	10
Wrag Barn	6	7	1	16	63	-47	8

Total of 6 games to be played by each club

2) TOGS.

January TOGS was cancelled due to poor weather.

For the next event, we are running a Devilish stableford team competition on Thursday 17th

February.

3) The Senior Winter Knockout Pairs and Singles competitions continue.

4) The home legs of the M4 Winter League matches start on 8th February with Easthampstead GC.

5) Further news of Ian Flack

Ian had an accident while working which has resulted in damage to the bottom of the spinal area and discs.

He is making steady progress, but he still needs crutches to get about. He has been out with some of the seniors who he played with regularly, but he admits it will be a long road to recover the mobility he once had.

Mike Pritchard
25 January 2022

Social Committee minutes 10th January 2022

Committee members: SF confirmed that Emma Davies had agreed to be on the committee and was welcomed in her absence

Update on previous events

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☑ Xmas Ball was held very successfully on 11th December – with 88 participants. Thankfully there were no last-minute cancellations. Thank you to the events team and Nigel for ensuring that it all ran so well. All reports have been positive including for the food and everyone enjoyed the evening. A 'Heads' & 'Tails' competition raised £323

☑ Kim Richardson's raffle was drawn on the evening and raised a total of £209.

☑ All proceeds from both events to the charities.

Future events confirmed

☑ Xmas Ball 2022 - Events had asked if we wished to have Xmas ball 2022 on same weekend as 2021 – ie 10th December. Committee agreed – Action: SF to confirm with events

☒ Quiz night – next one confirmed for 26th January – e-mail had gone out to all members that afternoon confirming it would go ahead. 6 teams had booked so far although Clive Richards said that he would now be away and therefore might need to cancel his team. If held in bar we can accommodate 7 teams, if in restaurant 8. Committee felt that running one every other month was feasible.

☒ Donnington Diners – AM suggested that instead of holding the first one in February as originally planned it would be better to wait until March. She was hoping to be able to hold it at the Dew Pond on either 16th or 17th. Once she has confirmation of date / menu this will be advertised to all members via V1 and SF would pass all correspondence that arrives at the social@ account to AM so she would know details of attendees etc. TP said that she would be able to produce promotional; material and probably place cards. It was agreed that 5 evenings a year would be ideal – March; May; July & September/October. Action: AM (liaising with TP & SF)

☒ Robert Burns Trophy – 22nd January. This had originally been planned as a shotgun competition including food and advertised as such. SB explained that he was really concerned that there would be many dropouts on the day, especially due to the uncertain weather and very wet conditions we have been having, that might leave us severely out of pocket. (The recent turkey trot had left the committee some £100 short). As players do not pay for the competitions until the day it would be very difficult to order a precise number of meals (@£8/head) through events. The committee was leaning towards cancelling the food option and simply running the event as a normal competition. SF agreed to discuss options with Nigel / Adam and report back to SB so that competitions committee could discuss at meeting on 11th

. Post meeting note: Various options were explored with events. (There would be no charge if the course were closed due to weather conditions). In the end the competitions committee felt happier cancelling the food option completely and SF informed events of this on 12th

Possible future events

☒ Theatre trips – Debbie Goodsell will start to explore these in April for us. Currently theatres are still not operating at pre-pandemic levels with closures at short notice. She feels that by April things will be clearer.

☒ Comedy night / Race night – CR reported that he had contacted the company who used to book comedians for events only to discover that the pandemic had led them to move into other areas (in this case recruitment!). He suspected that this would be a similar scenario for many people who used to have full diaries operating such events prior to March 2020.

☒ Murder mystery evening – MP said that he would investigate. Action: MP

☒ Wine tasting – Nigel (General Manager) had suggested he could try to get costs for Wine /Gin / Chocolate tasting evening. Action: SF to discuss further with him

☒ Golf Trips – TP said that she would be very keen to try to organise trips away. After discussion it was felt that short UK trips (Sunday/ Monday) would be more appealing to more members than foreign 4/5 day or weeklong trips. Looking at the diary 8th May looked to be a possibility (post-meeting it was noted that this was the date of the first Mixed *interclub* fixture). Action: TP

☒ Possible meal / BBQ over Platinum jubilee weekend. There is a fun competition in the calendar for Thursday June 2nd (bank holiday). Action: committee to consider whether having a BBQ on the afternoon / evening of that date would be possible

☒ Card night – SF had briefly asked Steve & Bernie Martin if they'd be interested in running a *whist* evening as previously done at DV but nothing concrete had yet been agreed. Action: SF

There was general discussion on other possible events and what might interest members and it was *suggested* that SF send an email out asking for ideas / more volunteers . Post meeting note SF remembered that Tom had said at the main committee meeting in November that he would like to send out a questionnaire to all members in January as he had done a couple of years ago so would *liaise* with him before sending anything out.

Date of next Meeting in person: Monday 7th March – 7pm – room to be confirmed. If an interim meeting was felt necessary, it could be held via Zoom rather than in person, but committee would be advised by e-mail / *WhatsApp*

Memorial Garden

Trees are now available from nurseries, (AS) & (GL) will purchase a suitable tree to be planted in the memory of past Lady Captain Anne-Marie Gane. The tree will be planted asap, a formal gathering will take place after the members memorial competition 12/02 22, when a plaque in her memory will be placed with the tree. (AS) & (GL) will ensure members are informed of the event.

Presentation Evening

All members requests regarding prizes have now been received. (AS) will meet with (NRG) to arrange a suitable date and menu, trophies will be removed from the trophy cabinet for engraving and honours boards will be updated. There is a requirement for the purchase of one new trophy, and one more honour board. (AS) will discuss with (NRG) the location of the board.

Members Questions

(RH) Has had a request from a lady member regarding a longer championship course for ladies, not for general play, for competition play.

(TF) This will be a hybrid of present ladies' tees and maybe men's winter tees, due to the requirement for irrigation of the tees. He will discuss with (DK)

(GL) The past Captains photographs are a long way out of date, do we have the smaller photographs required to bring them up to date.

(AS) I will make enquiries into this, I will also investigate if we can copy a picture to make a smaller picture if we cannot source the original images. Matching the frames may well be the biggest challenge.

A.O.B

Correspondence has been received from lady members regarding the unfairness of the Robert Burns Trophy competition.

It was discussed,

Several men's tees were in line with, and in some cases Infront of the ladies' tees. This it is felt gave ladies playing in the competition no chance of winning the competition. The format of the competition was changed at the last moment as well, this was done to a clerical error allowing tees to be booked for general play to early on the day, and to aide with large numbers in the bar area before and after the competition to minimise the possibility of spread of Covid .

After an open discussion it was felt the committee did not get the day right, and the Captain (SB) was asked to write an issue an apology to all the ladies who took part in the competition. The entry fee for all ladies will be refunded (£3), however entry into the two's competition will not be refunded as a lady had a two during the competition.

(AS) Past on information regarding the entry into county competitions which needs completing,

Club Foursomes Friday 27th May 22, 36 holes played at The Springs Club

Champion Club Friday 10th June Played at Tadmartan Heath

(AS) Informed the committee, DGGC has been invited to join the Berkshire Captains. This was approved by committee; any past Club Captain must pay their own membership subscription.

(AS) Informed the committee that the BB70 County card can be downloaded from the county website, this year it is free of charge and does save money on green fees if members wish to play at different clubs.

(AS) Would (SB) contact James Smith to attain his future regarding looking after Facebook and Instagram for the committee as well as media liaison.

(GL) Informed us of the sad passing of Jon Ayres a former member of DGGC and husband of past Lady Captain Joy Ayres

Next Meeting –

Date – Tuesday 22nd February

Time – 19.00

Location – Donnington Grove GC

Avon Room

