

# Committee Meeting Minutes

## Tues 6th June 2023

Attendees : Rob Hinson, Toni Prince, Gill Lane, Sandy Byfield, Andy Meredith, Helen Lake, Bernie Martin, Andy Storer, Tom Fleming (By Phone), Giles Bennet, Nigel Thorne and Angus Macgregor.

1. Apologies - Clive Richards.
2. Minutes of last meeting - Approved.

Items C/F

- a. 30th Anniversary.  
Prizes for Men and Ladies nearest pins and longest drives in addition to place prizes.  
Need a push to sell tickets for Duck Race, perhaps push again at Friday roll up.  
Captains will sort prizes for day with Tom.  
TP to print labels or write cards out.  
Umbrellas may be required for patio, weather could be rainy.  
Registration and scoring in upstairs bar CASH only.  
BBQ from 2pm, non players can purchase food if they wish.
- b. Midweek Anniversary.  
Still going ahead despite limited numbers.  
RH to discuss options with CR.
- c. Midsummer Madness.  
Halfway hut to be used for registration, drinks will be available, but no food.
- d. Course Notice Boards.  
Most done, ongoing.
- e. Prizes for over 60s and single figure h/cap in comps.  
Some single figure/scratch prizes already catered for.  
Voted not to pursue over 60s prizes.
- f. Reflective Flag Tops.  
Ordered at £18 each.
- g. Camera on 8th.  
TF arranged survey for next week before fitting.  
Will require QR code use on phone.

### 3. General Managers Report.

Sale of Donnington Grove - One more viewing, no more offers as yet.  
Second option now offered to include all land.

Jo, catering manager has now left. Caitlin starting back full time from Thursday, and Taking role of bar/restaurant manager.

Chef Simon still out of action due to illness, any queries through Nigel or Tom.  
Caitlin now the contact for match day food.

Looking to hire a new breakfast Chef.

Electricity repairs - 3rd assessor due on Friday 8th as now a major claim.

Food and drink after 30th Anniversary golf to be on patio outside of bar/restaurant.

Nigel very helpful in negotiation to reduce price of menu for Captains Plate event.  
Now back to £40 pp. Same as last year.

#### 4. Director of Golf Report.

Continuing with course consultant, happy with progress, greenkeepers happy.  
Machinery list for ongoing plans and requirements being drawn up.

Congratulations to Rob Carvill on winning June Medal and being the St James Place  
qualifier. Tom to publish full results with nearest pins and longest drives when all  
confirmed.

Computer being sorted to reinstate leaderboard in the bar.

Good feedback on course condition from members and visitors.

#### 5. Treasurers report.

Running an annual loss to date, due to £240 paid out for Interclub Challenge.

Report as below :

## Donnington Grove Golf Committee

### Balance Sheet

	31-May 2023	31-Oct 2022
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank: current account	868.87	97.17
Bank: deposit account	8991.60	10140.88
Debtors - Club ties      8 remaining	152.64	152.64
Competitions money due	1046.00	1087.00
Donnington Diners Float	299.25	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>11358.36</b>	<b>11477.69</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Provision for Prize Giving    2023	1825.00	0.00
Provision for Prize Giving    2022	900.22	2567.07
Accrued costs	0.00	300.00
Memorial Fund	135.00	0.00
Outstanding Vouchers 2023	885.00	0.00
Outstanding Vouchers 2022	0.00	750.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3745.22</b>	<b>3617.07</b>
<b>Total Net Current Assets</b>	<b>7613.14</b>	<b>7860.62</b>
General Fund brought forward	7860.62	7854.51
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-247.48	6.11
<b>General Fund carried forward</b>	<b>7613.14</b>	<b>7860.62</b>

**Donnington Grove Golf Committee**

**Charity Account 01625225**

Total Interest received		12.15
Captains Drive-in		
Guess the distances		185.00
Ladies Xmas lunch Secret Santa donations		50.00
Ladies Thursday rollups		15.00
Ladies Eclectic/Par & Birdie Trees		21.00
Quiz Nights		66.50
Race Night to date		54.25
Seniors Bowl		
Donation Mike & Viv Lewsey	100.00	
Beat the Pro	200.00	
		300.00
St Georges Day		265.00
Total collected to date		<u>£ 968.90</u>

**6. Competitions Secretary Report.**

TF - Can we ensure descriptions and costs are entered on ClubV1 for all competitions.  
BM - to check.

GB - Can we get a card reader for use at registration for comps where cash is required at present. TF to investigate and liase with GL.

GL - Is club champs planning in hand, yes, BM to send out further reminder for entries.

Slow play still an issue in some competitions, difficult to penalise individuals in groups.  
Up to playing partners to point out to slow players if possible.

Discussed possible email to members.

NT as Marshall reported there is always an excuse and quite often aggression from offending groups.

Report As Below :

**Competitions Sub Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Attendees:** Bernie Martin, Steve Martin, Jools Black, Rob Hinson, Sandy Byfield, Gill Lane, Steve Lillywhite, Andy Meredith, Simon Vines

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – Approved.
3. **Items Carried Forward**
  - Simon Vines has joined us and AM will add him to the WhatsApp group.
  - No shows – none.
  - Club Championships – SL gave an update on his checklist. Starters, Chris Webb and Rob Hinson will help. Sub committee meeting arranged for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm.
  - Away player with no WHS scores – SB – carry forward.
4. **Rota** – amended – attached.
5. **Upcoming Competitions**
  - Summer Knockouts – deadline 18<sup>th</sup> June. BM
  - Summer Knockouts – started.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 10<sup>th</sup> June – SB/JB. After some discussion/messages with TF, entry fee will be £10 subsidised by Committee/Sandtrend. Registration/scores will be done manually.
  - 17<sup>th</sup> June Anniversary Foursomes – AM / SL. This is a qualifier for BBO and Daily Mail..
  - Midsummer Madness 18<sup>th</sup> June – BM / JB. Simon needs confirmation of numbers by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June / TF needs them by 15<sup>th</sup> June. 5am registration.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> June Captains Rose Bowl – RH / SL. Set up separate men/ladies competitions on V1.
  - Captains Plate Invitation – not a committee competition.
  - Seniors Club Championships 12<sup>th</sup> July – SM / SV. Set up separate men/ladies competitions on V1.
  - Midweek 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Seniors) – SM to liaise with Clive.
  - Shotoku Cup – SB.
6. **AOB**
  - Competitions that do not go ahead - untick club v1/howdidido notification box and close.
  - Professional Trophy run by TF.
  - GL – Mixed Greensomes - due to low entries prize money has been reduced.
  - SL – General Play rounds off the white tees – SB to turn on white tees. Anyone wanting to play off the white tees needs to check with TF first.
  - SL – EGU query regarding PCC setting for May medal was zero - due to two better scores than handicap.
  - SB – complaints about four reserved tees in recent competition. Need to reduce and release back asap.
  - SB – comparing food cost for club champs / 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Former will be burger/sausage, latter is a barbeque platter.
7. **Date of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 7.30pm in the upstairs bar.

## 7. Lady Captains Report.

TF is ladies vs seniors going ahead this year. TP yes, date to be set.

Report as below :

## Lady Captain Report May 2023

I am so very proud of our Ladies Section and really excited about the upcoming competitions and recent results.

### Recent Results

- **Duncan Trophy:** Firstly a very well done to Gill managing the recent win in the 2nd round of the Duncan Trophy. The match was played at Temple. A huge thank you to those that played, and for those that put their names forward to play who were our reserves. The 3<sup>rd</sup> round is against Goring & Streatley and we are currently awaiting dates.
- **Annodata:** Well done to both Team A & B playing in the Annodata matches. Unfortunately both teams have been knocked out, but very close matches...thanks have been sent to all that played and well done to Gill for organising.
- **Coronation Foursomes:** Well done to Chris Leeson & Zhana Powers, hopefully their score of 34 points will take them through to the next round to one of 16 Area Finals in a bid to seal their spot in the Grand Final which will be held in St Andrews on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and consists of 18 holes of Foursome Stableford played on the Eden Course. Finalists prize consists of: 2 Nights B&B in the 5\* Old Course Golf Hotel & Spa; Drinks reception in the World Golf Museum, Prize giving dinner in the 5\*Old Course Golf Hotel & Spa. All reasonable finalist return travel.
- **Mixed Greensomes:** A massive congratulations to Bernie & Steve Martin, winning the Mixed Greensomes with a super score of Nett 61 (WOW). Brian & Zhana Powers in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a Nett 67 with a very close 3<sup>rd</sup> place Sarah Fowler & Sandy Byfield with a score of Nett 68.

### Course Closure / Improvements

- **Course Closure:** The Mad Dog Charity will be taking place on June 30<sup>th</sup> and therefore the course will be closed for the day. We do have many reciprocals and I have informed the ladies to contact the pro-shop if they wish to play one of those reciprocals.
- **Improvements:** I have had many Ladies comment on how the course has improved and how it is now looking and playing. I have requested they inform the pro-shop and of course, if they see the green Keepers to express their feedback. Hopefully this has occurred and the greenkeepers are getting the good feedback deserved.

### Upcoming Matches

- **Mixed Pairs Interclub Matches**— the first of the mixed pairs was played on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Home against Studley wood, unfortunately this was a loss to Donnington Grove. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> was held at The Springs and again, we sadly lost to some very close matches. Our next Match is being played at Home v Bishopswood on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Ladies Interclub Matches** – Our fixture: None reported for June
- **2023 Ladies Pairs Knock-Out** - Competing for the Anne-Marie Gane Memorial Trophy. This year we are playing a pairs knockout, auto drawn from two divisions, players have been categorised into 2 divisions where pairs will have been drawn at random i.e. one player from each division.

### Ping Womens Fourball Betterball

- We may enter the Ping Womens Fourball Betterball this year, handicap index of 54 or less. We will need to run a Qualifying round and club entries to be in by no later than the closing date of 9<sup>th</sup> August. Further information will be provided at a later date.

**New Members** - I would like to introduce and welcome our new lady members: Deborah Forsyth & Anouska Bryne. Hopefully we will see them on the course and will join our many Ladies Roll-Ups and competitions and we make them feel very welcome.

Toni Prince  
Lady Captain 2023

I hope you are all well and enjoying the better weather. Isn't it wonderful to see the ball rolling again!

The summer season is now in full swing with many matches and competitions upon us.

#### CLUB NEWS

- **Course Investment:** The club has made an investment in the employment of an external consultant as a fresh pair of eyes (2 visits per month) to assist, provide advice and support to improve the course over the next 2-3 years. I have definitely seen an improvement 😊
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#### CONGRATULATIONS

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#### UPCOMING CLUB COMPETITIONS

- **Donnington Grove 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June....Many emails have been issued and I hope you are able to join us to help celebrate the club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For those not able to play, we are holding a BBQ / Duck Race and many other kiddies entertainment the chance to have a relaxed Family Portrait by our very own Steve & Ali Lillywhite.
- **Anniversary Foursomes** – 17 June – A separate Mens and Ladies Board Competition and will be the qualifier for the Daily Mail Foursomes with the best Nett Score. This is open on V1. Please see below qualifying criteria for Board Comps...
- **Mid-Summer Madness** – 18<sup>th</sup> June – 6AM Shotgun Start – Stableford Scoring Competition (Qualifier). Breakfast post golf...Registration location TBC.
- **Captains Rose Bowl** – 25 June – This is a separate Men's & Ladies Board Competition. This is open on V1 / PSI. Please see below qualifying criteria for Board Comps...
- **Donnington Grove Club Champs** – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July. An email has been issued with the Entry Form attached please complete and submit in the box at the Pro-Shop with your payment (There are also entry forms in the Pro-Shop if you do not have access to a printer). The closing date for entry is 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please see below qualifying criteria for Board Comps...

**QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR BOARD COMPETITIONS** – All Board Competitions are open to 7 day members and you must have completed a minimum of 6 Qualifying scores recorded in the preceding 12 months (at least 2 must be qualifying competitions at Donnington Grove). Playing Handicap for Ladies is capped at 36, if your playing handicap is above 36, you may still enter however you will be required to play off 36.

#### COURSE ETIQUETTE & SPEED OF PLAY

- Please arrive at the tee 10 mins before your tee-time
- Please be ready to play when you arrive at your ball, i.e. your glove should already be on (If you wear a glove of course)
- Please ensure you leave your trolley / golf bag at the side of the teeing area and at the exit of the green
- Please do not walk your trolleys between bunkers & green as it creates wear.
- Please do not mark your ball on the green if your opponent is about to chip on to the green unless otherwise asked of your playing partners.
- Whilst we appreciate we may need to search for lost balls, please ensure you keep up with the group in front and not in front of the group behind you. If there is nobody ahead of your group and there's a group constantly waiting behind you, your group should almost always play faster or let the group behind you play through.

- You are encouraged to play ready golf. The best way to improve your group's pace is to play "ready golf" and avoid spending too much time looking for balls. However, always check with the people playing in your group to make sure they're all happy with this.
- Always play a provisional ball if you are in any doubt. When playing in a group, help them find their ball if yours is further than theirs or they're next to hit. Two pairs of eyes are better than one.
- Please be a silent partner, standstill and do not chat when your playing partners are about to take a shot.
- Repair pitch marks, rake bunkers & replace divots. Divot bags can be located on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Tee-boxes.

**INTERCLUB MATCHES** – There are many Inter Club Matches as listed in the attached "Jun – Aug" Competition Time. Please do add your availability on V1. These matches are friendly and give you a chance to play different courses and meet new people. Thank you to Sarah for organising the Ladies matches.

**Friday Night Champagne Roll-Up** – held every Friday between 4-6pm, however, you can book a tee time during the day if you are unable to attend later on in the day.. The Members draw is at 8pm in the bar, last weeks winner was not in the bar and therefore this weeks draw value is £300.

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That's it from me just now, good luck in all comps you enter, play well, and take care and enjoy your summer golf!  
Toni xx

Donnington Grove Ladies Captain 2023

## 8. Senior Captains Report.

No official report sent.

RH query on recent seniors newsletter regarding number of qualifiers required for competitions. RH to enquire with CR.

## 9. Members Questions / Members Reps.

GB - Many comments on good condition of course.

Overgrown walk to 1st tee and across narrow bridge over river to 10th hole.  
TF to arrange cutting back.

ClubV1 problem with Apple emails, TF aware has list of unsent emails.

NT - Can we get clothing for Marshalls so they are easily identified and look the part on the course. TF to get costings.

NT is not open the 8th hole as a spotter but to help keep golfers moving.



## 9. AOB

GL - Is shrub that died in memorial garden being replaced. AS yes in hand.

AS - Winners boards in bar continuing to be updated.

AS - 30th June course closed for Lewis Moody day, for how long.  
TF confirmed open again around 14.00, champagne roll up as normal.

AS - Is inter club challenge all in place. RH confirmed yes.

BM - Member request, could we use a competition in November to support the RBL.  
Donation from players, RBL would supply medals etc. Discuss at next Competitions Committee meeting.

TP - Are we considering a refreshment buggy for the course. TF not at present but maybe  
Worth looking into in the future.

TP - Teams golf wear advertised but not 30th Anniversary logo wear. TF still trying to set  
new logo properly on garments.

TP - Will tree in front of Ladies tee on hole 11 be trimmed back.  
Committee feeling that it is part of the course.

RH - Are Parking Signs being sorted. TF it will be a winter job.

RH - Tree markers on the 13th need re spraying as they are fading. TF to sort.

TF - As part of ongoing maintenance, in some areas base of trees will be sprayed and  
wood chips laid. Canopies raised to 10 feet.

TF - We should arrange a divot party for Weds 28th June at 16.00 before committee  
Meeting. RH to send out email. TF to request snacks and drinks for volunteers.

11. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 4th July 7.30pm.