



Donnington Grove Golf Club

Date: Monday 5th August 2019
Time: 19.30
Location: Donnington Grove Golf Club

Attendees:	Andy Storer, Gill Lane, Alison Lillywhite, Steve Lillywhite, Tom Fleming, Nigel Roberts-Green, Sandy Byfield, Robert Carvill, Ian Gaskell, Gary Rinaldi
Apologies:	Dave Knight, Anne Marie Gane
Minute Taker:	Andy Storer

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Minutes of last Meeting
- Matters/Actions arising from minutes
- General Managers report
- Director of Golf's Report (including course report)
- Members Questions/Matters arising relevant to Management
- Treasurer's Report
- Competitions & Handicaps Secretary's report
- Lady Captains Report
- Senior Captains Report
- Upcoming events; -
 - Midweek Championships Thursday 15th August
 - Greenkeepers Revenge Saturday 17th August
 - Course Maintenance week 19th-23rd August
 - Mixed open Sunday 1st September
- Members Questions
- A.O.B
- Date of next meeting

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the captain Rob Carvill

Matters/Actions arising from minutes

Drainage outside pro-shop More quotes required. Ongoing further quotes are required.

Potholes ongoing Ongoing

Honours boards ongoing, there are still a number which are required, and replacement of several other trophies etc. Steve Lillywhite compiled a list of the outstanding: -

- Japan Cup
- Captains Rose bowl
- Mixed Greensomes
- Greensomes Cup
- Club Championship
- Net Championship Plate

- Parasampia Bogey
- Midweek Championship
- Shotoku Cup
- Senior singles / Hole in one (this is a shared board)
- Winter match play championship (I assume singles / doubles, but it does not say so)
- Parasampia Cup
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- Missing??
- Club captains/presidents Pictures
- Presidents putter?
- Summer match play
- Anniversary Foursomes
- Robert Burnes?
- Parasampia Cup

Gill has received an invoice for the Honours boards; however, it is unclear if the invoice includes the new board.

NRG has been in contact with Jeremy Ray, regarding the completion of the Honours Boards and will report back to committee.

AS has the Presidents putter in his possession and once complete with winners' plaques will bring into the club.

GL reminded the committee, agreement was made regarding a new honours board for the Summer foursomes.

General Managers report

NRG reported

A meeting was held regarding an incident on the course between two members, the incident was brought to an amicable conclusion by Tom Fleming and Andy Storer. However due to comments made within a letter of complaint by one of the members further investigations relating to an ongoing situation between two members are to be held. The first meeting was held 31st July, a further meeting with the second party will be held at a suitably convenient date. The meeting was attended by NRG, TM, and AS. I am confident this matter will be brought to conclusion quickly.

Matters/Actions arising from General Managers report

Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

TF Reported

Dave and his team will be hollow coring all the greens over the coming weeks dependant on the weather, this is to enable more sand to be added to the greens and improve the surface and drainage. Some of the green aprons are to be extended.

My self and Dave are assessing the feasibility and cost of returning the lake to the side of the 11th green to a lake, this will entail the removal of all the vegetation and possible extension back towards the tee as in the original design, and a liner being fitted, we believe this will improve the look of the hole.

I have been in discussion with management at Stoneham, they have made some improvements to the course and made a substantial amount of money, this has been achieved by allowing sympathetic land fill on the course. This would help with our plans for some extra tees, and the construction of a short game area, I am also investigating a scheme which will bring in further funds for the planting of trees.

At past clubs, the management have used a membership survey to gain feedback from the membership, I believe this will enable myself and the committee to focus our energies in the most

useful areas, and address the members wishes, I would like to ask the committee for their feedback and input into the survey. I would ideally wish to publish the survey by mid /late September.

Unfortunately, due to a very low entry the Mixed open has been cancelled for 2019.

This year pro-am will be held Friday 18th October.

Matters/Actions arising from Director of Golf's Report (including course report)

RC Is there a leak adjacent to the front of the 18th green.

IG The 6th fairway is not in great shape, is pick and play possible in general play. TF Replied to have pick and place in play we would need to apply to the BB&O, however if the seniors wish to play pic& place in matches on the 6th that is OK if all competitors are informed before play.

Treasurer's Report

GL Reported: - Income from competitions is once again up in relation to the previous year at this time, which is due to the increases in members playing. This currently stands at a total of £7675.00 which after provision for competition vouchers and provision for prize giving shows a nett total of £1256.00 Total expenditure for the year to date is £787.20, which shows a total nett income of £755.76 to date.

The bar at this year's club championship made a great profit of £272.00

There was a payment incurred for the Summer party, however due to the party being cancel there may be an increase to the sum already paid.

TC has returned the correct number the unsold club ties to committee

Matters/Actions arising from Treasurer's Report

AS To contact Sandy MacDougall and the band to access the possible final amount payable.

GL Will take on the responsibility for the remaining 12 ties and will be the contact for purchase in the future.

Competitions Report

Competitions Report –August 2019 Committee Meeting

July held the highlight of the season – the Club Championships where an astounding 115 people started the weekend – too many for our traditional Sunday scoreboard!!!! Congratulations to our winners

- Fay Unsworth (again)
- Harry Bowness (again)
- Katherine Hartwell
- Billy Aldridge

Many thanks go out to all those who helped over the weekend – too many to mention (and I don't want to miss anyone out).

The BBQ was well received; the quality of the food was superb.

In addition to the Club Champs, the Shotoku Cup was also run, where Rob Carvill and Justin Shell were victorious.

Number of entries continue to be high for the weekend medals.

Looking forward to August we have

- the Midweek Championships, with 50 entries so far
- the Greenkeepers Revenge, with 94 entries – room for another 6
- the new Professional Trophy, with 25 entries to date

Matters/Actions arising Competitions Report

Looking forward, next year the May Bank Holiday is being moved to celebrate VE Day. We should maybe consider having a VE day themed event to join in the celebrations.

TF Asked if the Professional Trophy could be changed from White to Yellow tees and the format changed from medal to stableford. SB to make the changes.

TF 20th and 21st August the club will be hosting a Senior Masters event, this has been organised and hosted by Nick and Lorraine.

Lady Captains Report

Lady Captain's Report

My thanks to **Alison Lillywhite** who has taken over the reins during my absence. She has written newsletters, made presentations, organised the Mixed matches and generally looked after the Ladies Section with great aplomb. Also, my thanks to **Gill Lane** who has organised the Ladies Matches for me. All these roles are time consuming and were unexpected duties, so a big thank you to Alison and Gill.

Congratulations to Fay Unsworth on being crowned a very well-deserved **Ladies Club Champion** and to **Sarah Jolly** on being placed second (by 1 shot!) and to **Katherine Hartwell** for winning the **Ladies Plate**.

Well done to all those who represented the **Ladies Team** in matches against Donnington Valley (L 1-3), Magnolia Park (W 2 ½ - 1 ½) and Weybrook Park (W 3-1).

Congratulations to **Melanie Coleman** and her partner Rob Voase who were place third in Saturday's **Shotoku Cup** and well done to **Lydia Rayne** for being placed 3rd in the **July Midweek medal**.

Special Mention must also go to **Julie Myall** who had a supplementary round of 86 and will have her handicap cut by 1.5

The Ladies Open season is in full flow so well done and congratulations to:

Lydia, Jan King, Gill and Julie for winning The Boundary Lakes Open

Kim Richardson, Katherine and Julie for winning Tadmartin Heath GC Open

Jan and Gill for coming second at Hindhead GC Ladies Open

And lastly, if not a little belatedly, a warm welcome to Jan and Tim Francis who have recently joined the club from West Berks GC.

The DG mixed team travelled to Henerton GC and came a way with a 3.5-2.5 win

Anne-Marie Gane

4/8/19

Matters/Actions arising Lady Captains Report

Sandy and Alison visited Anne -Marie, and reported back that she is doing eland recovering slowly .

Senior Captains Report

Seniors DGCC Report – August

Three Counties Seniors Summer League

Two excellent away draws against Springs and Caversham Heath leave Donnington ahead in the league with two matches still to be played. Still no club has won away from home and all still to play for. Key home game against Sandford Springs on Wednesday 6th August.

Summer Friendlies

A good away draw against West Berks was not enough to wrest the Elfed Trophy back as they had already won at our place. It has been a strange usually very competitive first three fifths of the summer season with 8 wins, 9 losses and 9 halved in all summer fixtures.

The postponed Studley Wood home match has been re-arranged for Thursday 10th October and a new home and away fixture against Wragbarn has been agreed from 2020 with 14 players a side.

TOGS

An excellent turnout of 25 (as 8 stalwarts were sunning themselves at Goodwood on the same day) for the July TOGS well marshalled by Dave Lawson. Medalford was the conundrum for the day (half medal (front nine) and half stableford (back nine) with the individual winner being decided by subtracting stableford score from the medal score. Kevin Walker triumphed with a stunning score of 11 points with Tom Lane 2nd (15) and Antony O'Brien 3rd (16).

Men's Senior Pairs Open (Friday 20th September)

We now have 30 pairs signed up with many senior members still to enter. All are encouraged to bring a guest from outside the club. All entries will need to be in by 1st September to allow the organisers enough time to plan the niceties of the day.

Golf Father Trophy

Four rounds played so far with four still to go. Kevin Walker leads with the best average across the minimum entry of three scores and Mark Ottaway looks very strong with two excellent scores made so far. Because the Seniors have such a congested summer causing clashes with Golf Father days, an extra supplementary day is being considered. The midweek club competition scheduled for Tuesday 10th August has been moved to the 3rd August to make way for the Jamega Tour.

Ian Gaskell
4th August

2019

Matters arising Senior Captains Report

RC Congratulations to Peter Drumond, Simon Walker, and Rob Carvill who travelled to Bishopswood GC and won the Seniors invitation Open

Upcoming events

Midweek Championships Thursday 15th August

- Registration will take place in the pro-shop, starter on first tee, presentation in the bar post competition.

Greenkeepers Revenge Saturday 17th August

- Only a couple of team places left available, 08.00 shotgun start, bacon rolls and coffee pre-round and buffet post round.

Course Maintenance week 19th-23rd August

- See course managers' report.

Mixed open Sunday 1st September

- Cancelled due to poor entry

Members Questions

NO Questions Asked

A.O.B

GL Would the ladies be able to play in handicap order during future Club Championships.

- *Shouldn't be a problem SB to investigate and report back.*

GL Prize money in some ladies' competitions is lower than in the equivalent men's competitions.

- After discussion the committee voted to bring prize money into line.

TF When were the rules, etc of the club last reviewed, are they due for review?

- **AS to investigate**

SL Is the OOB on the 11th hole back to being if your ball is on the 12th fairway.

- Back in play 12th fairway is out of bounds, rough and bunker are in bounds.

SL Minutes folder, do we still require a folder for committee minutes as they are now on-line.

- All minutes will be available on-line, if any member wishes to have a hard copy they may request from **AS**

SL Notice board in the men's locker room.

- **NRG to action**

SB Where is the e-mail address Competitions@gmail.com directed too?

- **SL to check all e-mail addresses and links in the competitions manual and remove all redundant links etc.**

IG Raised concern regarding the use of buggies in competitions.

- A discussion for next year's competitions, possibly only board competitions and club Championships, Deferred to Jan/Feb next year, Possible action for A.G.M

The Captain Closed The Meeting 22.30

Minutes approved by Donnington Grove Committee and signed by Rob Carvill Club Captain

Next Meeting –

Date – Monday 2nd September

Time – 19.30

Location – Donnington Grove GC