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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

1. Minutes of the previous meeting recorded as a true record.  
Proposed. R. Mansfield      Seconded. M Fox
2. **Present.** S Smith. J Parry. D Callaghan. S Johnston. R Mansfield. L Woodall. D Hobbs.  
R Richardson. M Fox. K Chapman.  
**Apologies** A. Forster. H Woolway. M Friend. J Hall. L Woodall.
3. Action from previous meetings.                      Captain. (Unless included in his monthly report.)  
Terms of Competitions. **Still in progress.**  
CF are now looking to start a Junior Golf section, whilst the intent is to look for a junior coordinator and a junior committee.  
**The Men's Golf section supports this initiative as much as we are able.**
4. The Captain Introduced the New Seniors Golf Captain for 2024/25 Mr Keith Chapman.  
into the committee. All members here present introduced themselves accordingly.
5. Captains report.  
Juniors Academy  
The Golf Management and the Men's Section under the Leadership of James Parrys have engaged the CGU Junior Secretary to implement a Juniors Academy at China Fleet . An email has been sent out to all members requesting their help in finding a Junior Co-Ordinator to lead the team, as well as volunteers who can support the Academy's activities. Ready to get involved? Simply email [golfshop@china-fleet.co.uk](mailto:golfshop@china-fleet.co.uk) to express your interest or learn more.  
Together, let's shape the future of golf at China Fleet!  
2nd Turkey Trot  
The 2nd Turkey Trot took place on Sunday 1st December which was well attended even though the weather was not kind to us in the previous days leading up to the event and thank you all that supported this event. Well, done to Andrew Johnstone and Angus Firth for winning the event with 45 points which was an excellent score under the course conditions, We have been asked why this competition was not through the green? We have a process at the club that if trolleys are allowed on the course, it will only be Winter Rules on Fairways only, Through the green conditions will only be implemented if its carry only.  
Competition Cancellations  
As Captain it is always a difficult decision to keep competitions running to schedule due to weather conditions. Due to the pending Amber and Red Weather warning during these Saturdays we unfortunately had to cancel both the Winter series Event and Monthly Stableford as members safety is paramount over any game of golf .  
Storm Darragh

Over the weekend the Greenkeepers have been amazing in responding to tree damage on the course to make it safe for all the members. I would like to send the committees gratitude to Nathan and all his team for all their hard work it is most appreciated and thank you again.

#### AOB Actions

- Terms of Competitions updates - ongoing and due to be completed 1st January 2025

I would like to close my 2024 year as Men's Captain with thanking you all for your support, feedback, and patience in 2024 and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2024.

#### 6. Competition Secretary report.

##### Men's Monthly Stableford

##### Div 1

1. Edward Shapland
2. Paul Selly
3. Scott Johnston

##### Div 2

1. Martin Ayers
2. David Potheary
3. Stephen Weeks

##### Div 3

1. Martin Oliver
2. Ian Scoble
3. Tony Bouch

78 competitors throughout all divisions.

##### Men's Turkey Trott 1

1. A. Forster / M. Fox
2. S. Potter / J Syndercombe
3. S Johnston / J Johnston
4. R. Chadwick / D. Thompson
5. D. Sleat / N. O'Sullivan

54 Teams entered TT1.

Prizes instead of meat vouchers was actually meat itself, feedback has been positive. This was followed by our annual presentation where all trophies were handed to our competition winners throughout the year. Thank you to all that stayed behind and for your patience.

Due to heavy rain forecast round 1 Winter Betterball was cancelled, the course on the day was open with only 2 members venturing out.

The Terms of the competition has been updated, and Revision 2 will be issued in due course.

Many of you may have already noticed, the honour boards have been updated. Thank you to D Callaghan for organising.

All trophies have now been sent away for engraving and will be displayed back in the trophy cabinet soon, thank you D Callaghan for organising.

Due to the current Men's section funds, it was decided by the committee that we would hold a free entry competition including prizes for all sections. This is a golf member only competition and will be held on the 21st of December as a thank you for your continuous support.

S Johnston.

7. Treasurer report.

Current running balance £2374.82

8. Senior Captain report.

Thank you for the invite into this year's men's section committee.

I have been the Senior's Captain since our AGM in November approximately 6wks ago, we have had two qualifiers since and the second of which was played off the mats using the green card, I did try yesterday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, I did try and introduce lift clean and place on the day throughout the General Area due to the inclement weather we have had, but got overruled, out of the field of 37 players

Only 1 managed to get 36 pts.

The Turkey Trot on the 1st December went well and the raffle raised over £250 for the Cornwall Air Ambulance which is my chosen charity.

The programme for the year ahead has been given to Matthew and Ben.

K Chapman.

9. Green Keepers report.

**Weather**

With an awful amount of rain for October, (well over 5 inches), we had a few dry weeks in early November, where we were even able to allow buggies on the course. However, since then in the past 18 days we have had another 5 inches dumped on us. At the time of drafting this report (Thursday 5th), the course is completely saturated, it is currently raining heavily again, and the course is closed. All bunkers are currently G.U.R. until we see some dry weather forecast, and unfortunately, we will be putting trolley restrictions in place over the next few days.

Following a very busy weekend including the turkey trot last weekend, it was disappointing to see so much damage from footfall and trolleys all walking through areas that are already clearly suffering from wear and turning to mud. Please pass on the message to all of your groups/members to protect the course where possible, even if this involves walking a slightly longer route. We will try to spread wear using ropes and posts but please use common sense and protect your course.

**Greens**

During the warm/wet weather of November we suffered several attacks of a disease called fusarium. A fungicide was applied at an early stage and the disease is under control. The greens have also been fed with a granular feed including iron in order to harden the leaf and aid some growth to recover the scars ahead of Christmas.

**Leaves**

The green staff are currently blowing leaves from greens, tees, and paths daily to make the course as playable as possible. With the high winds forecast this weekend, this should bring most of the remaining leaves to the ground allowing us to actually get rid of the leaves, FINALLY!

**Fairways**

We have been unable to do any mowing anywhere on the course due to the saturated conditions.

**Winter tee boxes**

All the winter mats are now ready for use, including 2 new mats installed on the 1st and 13th holes. When we finally get some dry weather, we will attempt to paint and sand the sleeper borders for presentation and health and safety as the sleepers can get quite slippery.

Many thanks

Nathan

10. Any Other Business.

The Team select Committee for the 2025 season is in progress.

With all the inclement weather we have recently had, we have implemented a Local Rule. (Pick, Clean and Drop in the General area). This will be displayed prominently at registration on the day of play.

**Meeting Closed 20.10.**  
**Next Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**The Committee wishes you all a  
Very Merry Christmas.**

