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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section meeting

Tuesday 12th December 2023

Present; S Smith. S Milligan. D Callaghan. M Friend. R Mansfield. J Parry. S Johnston. L Simpson.
P Jarvis (seniors Captain)

Apologies received; L Woodall. J Hall. D Hobbs.

Minutes of the November meeting accepted as a true record.

Proposed; M Friend. **Seconded;** R Mansfield

1. **AOB from previous meeting.**

Website Advertising. **To date we have yet to speak to an adviser.**

Tee Slots. **The current system cannot be used as it is linked to all of CFCC offices and admin.**

2. The Captain welcomed the new 2023/24 Seniors Captain Paul Jarvis to our Monthly meeting.

3. **Captains report.**

2nd Turkey Trot

The 2nd Turkey Trot took place on Sunday 3rd December which was well attended. The butcher commented that only one person so far has attended his shop to recoup their prizes from both events. All Prize winners please ensure that you use the vouchers won.

CFCC Golf Management meeting

I attended the quarterly CFCC Golf Management meeting and raised all the points covered in our recent committee meeting.

With the fairways being softer more and more divot damage is becoming more noticeable, is there anything we the committee and members do to assist in their repair (sand & medium with grass seed repair kit)? The golf management have taken an action to look at options to provide divot mix and bags on the 1st and 10th Tee for members to use on the course.

If there are any materials left over from the new chipping area that the Greenkeepers could use as improvements on the 16th drop zone (new and level)? All materials have will be used on the new practice area as not completed.

16th Tee Winter matt. The access path is very uneven and slippery. Golf management are going to inspect and repair to make it safe for players.

Men's Section competition entry fee to be raised to £5. The entry fee has not changed for several years and costs increasing for golf equipment. Discussed that the Men's committee agreed to increase the entry fee to £5 for our competitions. This was agreed and would come into effect on the first competition in April post AGM.

Wednesday Midweek Rollout still on Howdidido. The Golf management are going to continue with these midweek events so they will remain in the system.

How can members see tees booked on the CFCC ESP System? This request was raised however unfortunately it is not possible to view the tee slots in this system. This is a CFCC overall application with Golf bookings being one element of the system which cannot be developed.

15th Green LHS Bunker being split into two small bunkers. Why don't we reduce and have one bunker? This work is already underway and therefore would proceed with two smaller bunkers being created.

Practice area. The practice area continues to develop with the very good progress on the green and approach. A bunker is yet to be prepared on the LHS of the main area.

Green Cards. These have been created and now in use as of the 4th December. Green Tee markers with Dragon emblem will be installed on tees.

New Signage- 1st Tee Master Board, CFCC Road Access and individual Tees. The new signage is on order. The course layout diagrams for each hole are being finalised. The 1st Tee main board showing the overall course has been agreed and all should be in place hopefully in January 2024.

Golf Management raised issues with the Honours board updates being uneven on some competitions. It was agreed that we would be redoing those events that are uneven on the honours board.

Men's Section competition details Men's section to provide details of the section's competitions with prize breakdown. Captain and Competition Secretary to provide this information to the Golf management team.

Missing Section photos on Captains board. I stated that there would be no Vice Captain in the Men's section until the AGM in March when a photo will be added.

Low Handicap evening – Golf management would like some further information on the structure of these events from the committee.

Black Tie Dinner with Guest Speaker

We have received cost options from the Guest Speaker company and the CFCC Management team to host the dinner. We are finalising the final costs and the guest speaker prior to release to the club. The event is schedule to take place in June/July 2024 and hope all members support this evening.

I would like to close my 2023 year as Men's Captain with thanking you all for your support, feedback and patience in 2023 and wishing you all a **Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2024.**

4. Competition Secretary report.

Results for Month to date:

18 Nov 2023 Saturday Roll Up

Cancelled

25 Nov 2023 Winter Betterball 1

Pos*	Name	Score
1	P. Brandon / P. Mackley 	48
2	J. Johnston / A. Booth  	45
3	L. Gage / G. Clemson	43

02 Dec 2023 Saturday Roll Up

Cancelled

02 Dec 2023 Turkey Trot 2

Pos*	Name	Score
1	A. Blaikie / S. Vieira	45
2	T. Pratt / J. Mcleish	45
3	C. Powell-Thomas / L. Fedrick	44
4	S. Johnston / L. Johnston	44
5	A. Yearley / K. Cotton 	43

09 Dec 2023 Monthly Stableford

DIV 1

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Richard Mansfield	39 pts
2	Alan Blaikie	38 pts
3	Michael Davidson	37 pts

DIV 2

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Stewart Yetton	34 pts
2	Michael Healey 	34 pts
3	Steve Vieira	34 pts

DIV 3

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Ian Scoble	35 pts
2	Peter Grant	29 pts
3	Owen Evans	29 pts

Upcoming Competitions

16/12/2023	Saturday XMAS Roll Up	Mixed Stableford
17/12/2023	Winter Betterball 2	Pairs Stableford
23/12/2023	Saturday Roll Up	Stableford
30/12/2023	Saturday Roll Up	Stableford
17/12/2023	Winter Betterball 3	Pairs Stableford
07 Jan 2024	Cornish Bowl vs Tehidy Park @ Trevoise	0846 first tee

13/01/2024	Saturday Roll Up	Stableford
21/01/2024	Winter Betterball 4	Pairs Stableford
27/01/2024	Saturday Roll Up	Stableford

Green Cards and use of Green tee boxes

The question was raised on the topic of Hole 2 and Hole 10 tee boxes being as far back as the original yellow tee for Stableford comp on 09 Dec 23. This was forwarded to the golf management who responded:

“..Hi Stephen,

Thank you for your email and good to see the efforts of generating a specific green card for the winter has been a hit.

I will catch up with Nathan on Wednesday following some leave; however, as these two holes (2nd & 10th) do not have a winter mat, in previous years (competition only), they have been pushed back to the yellows to create that extra challenge in a competition. I did check the yardage difference with the County Secretary on Friday and as the two holes combined did not exceed the maximum course extension allowed of 100 yards it still made the course and card valid for the competition.

I have no issue in competitions keeping these two holes off the designated green marker location, which I believe is the red tee box, if that is what is preferred.

Kind regards

Ben..”

Your opinions as committee please.

This was discussed and responded too.

As in previous winters (2021 onward) off the mats we have used the Yellow Course S.I. with the Green Course rating. Now with the new Green Course Cards in place (2023) with the S.I. changes, we agreed that the tee's for Hole 2 move to the Red Tee and Hole 10 move to the Blue Tee in accordance with the Green card yardages and S.I. changes.

Final Note,

All committee members should be aware of the upcoming changes to the World Handicapping System (WHS)

<https://www.randa.org/articles/world-handicap-system-revisions-announced-for-2024>

There will be an England Golf WHS seminar at St Mellion GC on 14th January 2024.

I Will be in attendance, plus any other members wishing to attend.

5. Frank Wills Salver. Team Captain Report.

Franks Wills Salver Round 2, Sunday 26th November 11.30 tee. Venue, Bude Golf Club.

Opponents, Whitsand Bay GC

Team players.

M Tamsett & A Crothers

A Hatch & R Keith

J Parry & S Milligan

J McLeish & D Billing

D Callaghan & J Callaghan.

The weather was overcast with no wind however rain was due later in the afternoon.

The first team tee time was at 11:30 with a 10-minute interval between each team.

The teams were evenly matched with Team 1 playing scratch, Team 2 giving 3 shots, Team 3 getting 1 shot, Team 4 giving 1 shot and Team 5 playing scratch.

We lost the toss and Whitsand opted to tee off second.

The event was played under preferred lie conditions and new bunkers on the 1st and 3rd being GUR.

After 5 holes Team 1 was 1 down (losing on the 5th Hole), Team 2 were 1 up, Team 3 were 1 down, Team 4 were 1 up and Team 5 were 1 down so nothing in it and all to play for.

At the 10th green, Team 1 had fought back to all square, Team 2 was pegged back to All square. Team 3's tee shot hit the middle of the green and won the hole to be 1 down, Team 4's tee shot went right off the tee into the woods and their opponents went long into the back of the green. Team 4 played a provisional into the middle of the green and their opponents had to take a drop and they duffed their 3rd with the 4th going past the pin by 10 feet. Team 4 then 2 putted to win the hole in 5 as their opponents missed their putt to go all square. Team 5 hit their tee shot to the same place that Whitsand Team 4 had done previously, they took a drop, duffed their 3rd and also ran their 4th shot 10 feet pasted the pin, Whitsand won the hole, but Team 5 was still 1 up.

At the 12 green, Team 1 moved to 1 up winning the 12th, Team 2 were 1 down, Team 3 won the 12th to go 1 up, Team 4 won 11 and 12 to go 2 up, Team 5 halved the 12th but had won the 11th to be one up.

We then started the last 6 holes where the pressure started to build with China Fleet with a slight advantage.

Team 3 went 2 up after winning the 13th hole after their opponents drove into the woods and were 3 off the tee.

At the 15th green, Team 1 were All square having lost the 15th,

Team 2 went 1 up by birding the hole,

Team 3 was 3 up but lost the 15th to a 10-foot put so went back to 2 up,

Team 4 lost the 15th but were still 1 up,

Team 5 lost 13 and won 14 but went into the water just short of the green on 15th. They took the drop but chipped short and conceded the hole to go all square.

The weather started to come in with the fine rain and a slight breeze across the course and the tide changed in the match in Whitsand's favour.

At the 17th green, Team 1 was 1 down having lost 3 holes in a row.

They were just off the green and opponents pin high to the right had side. Team 1 chipped within 5 feet and their opponents chipped within 3 feet.

Team 4 missed their putt, so their opponents had the putt for the win that they duly putted out to win 2 & 1. Team 2 were all square after the 17th.

Team 3 were dormie 2 having halved the 14th and put their 3rd shot onto the green. Their opponents were behind a large mound about 20 yards from the pin with a difficult shot to get onto the green. They hit a great chip within 20 feet of the pin for 4 but still had the honour and they sunk their putt for a 5, we had two putts for a half to win 2 & 1 however they 3 putted to lose the hole and be dormie 1.

Team 4 2nd shot went into the brook with Whitsand about 50 yards to the pin but went long to the back of the green. Team 4 took a drop but left it short on the green. Whitsand chipped onto the green just past the pin and sunk their putt to win the hole and be dormie 1.

Team 5 were 1 down, playing the 17th but a great 3rd shot put them 3 feet from the pin to win the hole and be all square going up 18.

Team 2 lost the 18th hole to a birdie which meant Whitsand were now 2 – 0 up in the overall match.
Team 3 lost the 18th hole which meant they continued onto the 1st tee.
Team 4 was 1 down with one to play however they lost the 18th to lose 2 up which gave Whitsand the win.
Team 3 halved their match as Whitsand had already won the match.
Team 5 won the 18th hole to give us a win. Whitsand Bay won 3.5 to 1.5.
It was a game of small margins with a wayward shot from either team being taking full advantage of by their opponents.
The team were obviously disappointed in losing the match however they all did their best and I was proud of them all for their time and commitment in this event .
All matches were played with good spirit and could have gone either way.
The teams dined together post-match, and we thanked Bude for an excellent course and their hospitality, service and meal was excellent.
Well done to Whitsand Bay in their win and good luck in the 3rd round against either Cape Cornwall or the Point. We look forward to playing them in the PAL league in the summer.

Also a Thank you to Charlie Blatchford for attending the match as a reserve and being a caddie for 1 of our pairings.

Team Captain on the day,
S Smith.

6. Senior Captain Report. Paul Jarvis.

It's Just over a month from taking the reins of the China Fleet Seniors golf section. However, Before the official handover from Rob Smith, I liaised with Matt, Ben, and our own Secretary and Comp secretary to agree on our fixtures for 2024, and I am pleased with the fixtures we have.
There are 13 home and away interclub matches, the first of which is away to Bowood in March.
Seniors' open's include seniors individual open and Seniors Team open.
The Rick Evans trophy open event has now been brought in-house to be played on a roll-up Monday.
Notable In-house seniors competitions continue to be, the Peter Gill round one and two and the Alan Harvey.
We intend to continue to support the Harry Champion at the point when details are posted.
I've now settled into running our Monday roll-ups or (SAB's for those who prefer) and I'm happy with how smoothly things are going. (Aside from the weather of course). My captain's Charity this year is supporting one of the NHS Autism charities and my penalty bunkers are on the 12th hole, however I don't expect useful revenue from penalties because the way it used to be collected is no longer a viable option due to the smaller number staying on in the lounge bar for me to collect from. So, I'm hoping members will, as several have already generously done, paid £10 up front or at some time of their choosing.
If not, I will attempt to prise it out of the senior pockets at times throughout the year.
In addition, I will continue to run a raffle each week for the charity.
1st prize is a bottle of Spirit and 2nd is a box of chocolates which is proving well-supported.
Lastly yesterday Monday, December 11th was my first monthly Qualifier.
I debated whether it should go ahead due to the current course conditions.
It did and the sun came out for a while, of the 41 players who turned out 31 came in with over 30 points so I was happy it went ahead. 5% over par with 10% par and above.

7. Treasures Report.

Current running balance £2016.72

With our website now due to be paid.

8. Green Keeper Report.

A frustrating few months for golfers I'm sure, but we are doing our best to open the course/trolley's on when we can but we do need to consider the golfers health and safety manoeuvring around the course and also protect the course as best we can during this period of awful weather.

Following over 6 inches of rain in November, we have now already had 2 inches in only 8 days of December, with more on the way tonight!

Project work has therefore completely halted, this includes, bunker projects, verti draining fairways, completion and seeding of the short game area, and some drainage installations.

We were able to cut all the fairways, tees, and a lot of semi rough.

Greens

The greens are holding up well, still very firm with good grass sward health going into the winter conditions. With the dry weather last week, we were able to spray our first monthly winter strengthening package, and this week the greens have been aerated as part of our monthly aeration plan.

Fairways

Verti draining began on fairways during the small dry spell we had, (if anyone blinked, you may have missed the dry spell!) We were only able to complete the first 4 fairways, so if we do get another dry period we will continue with this, and also move on to walkways/compacted areas etc.

Tees

Any broken sleepers surrounding winter matts have been repaired, and the matts will once again be cleaned next week.

Projects

We have inspected and unblocked the damaged drainage pipe on the 16th fairway and have since discovered that it is no longer the lowest point, so will therefore be installing a new drain alongside, taking water away and down the bank.

Still not had chance to begin this.

We aim to begin the next bunkers in line on our bunker plan, which are the front bunker on the 11th, and the left-hand bunker on the 15th.

The bunker on the 11th will be brought back away from the green slightly and made much more level. We will then build a new face which will be much easier to maintain.

The left-hand 15th bunker will be turned into 2 small pot bunkers, making them much easier to maintain and fixing the drainage problem. The approach to the green will also be widened.

We have begun this project but at the moment this is very slow going.

More information can be found on the green keeper's board in the golf shop.

Many thanks, and have a great Christmas and New Year.

Nathan

9. **AOB.**

Committee members roles, Captain has asked its members for better team assistance.

Black tie & Guest speaker evening, Still in discussion.

Winter Series 2024/25 playing formats to change from a straight Better Ball to a mixture of games (Greensomes, Texas scramble. Foursomes. Better ball to name a few).

Team Shirts. Covering all 3 sections. New Logo, Colour, Quality, and value.

Winter Mats, unlevel with weed growth

New Chipping area, Could an artificial grass strip at the lowest side be put in place to elevate unnecessary damage whilst/when using the areas full potential.

Meeting Closed 20.30

Next Committee Meeting February 13th, 2024

**The Committee wishes you all a very
Merry Christmas and
A Prosperous New Year**