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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section meeting

Tuesday 13th February 2024 19.00

Present. S Smith, D Callaghan, J Parry, S Milligan, S Johnston, M Friend L Woodall, J Hall,
L Simpson, D Hobbs.

Apologies. No e-mails received.

Prior to the start of tonight's meeting The Captain asked for a minutes silence in remembrance for Martin Coe & Gary Pavey who has sadly passed away since our December meeting.

1. Minutes of the last meeting accepted as a true record.

Proposed M Friend. **Seconded** S Johnston,

2. **AOB previous meeting**

Website advertising, to be looked into. (**still in discussion**)

Tee Slots (Players to book player numbers so the odd spaces can be filled) (**For this to work a new system may be required**) (But you can inform the shop if you have any spare places to accommodate)

Black tie & Guest speaker evening, Still in discussion. **Not viable due to costs.**

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). **This was discussed at length with a new format/games for the winter series 2024/25. Now in early planning.**

Team Shirts. Covering all 3 sections. New Logo, Colour, Quality, and value. **No change at present.**

Winter Mats, unlevel with weed growth. **No update**

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. **Ben has noted this proposal and will look at this nearer the time.**

3. **In Memory.**

The China Fleet Men's Golf Committee extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Gary Pavey following the devastating news of his passing.

Gary's unwavering dedication and tireless service to the committee and club over the years, as both a valued committee member, Captain, friend, and advisor have left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

His absence will be keenly felt by the committee and members alike, as we remember his significant contributions and cherish the memories of his camaraderie and leadership.

Our thoughts are with Gary's loved ones during this difficult time.

We also lost Martin Coe who was over the years a Team member of CFCC. His dry humour and wit whilst working on the course will be missed, When ask to play in golf team events he had a unique saying, "Been there, Done it." We also join Nathan and his Team with his words in the Greenkeepers report.

4. Captains Report

WHS Workshop

A WHS workshop presented by England golf was held at St Mellion Golf on the 15th January 2024. This presentation was to highlight and discuss the WHS changes that will come into effect on the 1st April 2024. The meeting was well received with several questions raised and answered on the day. Key changes can be found on the England Golf however we will post some of the key factors on the Men's Section Notice board.

[What Are The World Handicap System™ 2024 Updates? - iGolf \(englandigolf.co.uk\)](#)

New Course Signage

I hope you all agree that the new signage on the Tees and the Main Notice Boards look amazing. The CFCC WHS Handicap board will be replaced on the 1st April 2024 to take into account the new WHS changes

Night Golf

It was decided to move the night golf from **Friday 23rd February to the 15th March 2023**. The event will cost £15 to enter that includes a meal and 2 Night Goal balls. This event is now on Howdidido so hope to get your support for this unique event.

A decision will be made a week before the event, if it will proceed, if we do not get the required uptake.

China Fleet Guest Day

Still some places available for the guest day on Saturday 6th April

5. Competition secretary report.

Results for Months to date:

18 Nov 2023 Saturday Roll Up

CANX

17 Dec 23 Winter Betterball 2

Pos*	Name	Score
1	J. Sleep / M. Shapland	45
2	M. Cockcroft / S. Smith	45
3	L. Johnston / A. Booth	45

06 Jan 24 Winter Betterball 3

Pos*	Name	Score
1	R. Coles / R. Richardson	45
2	R. Berry / T. Pratt	44
3	S. Milligan / J. Parry	44

21 Jan 24 Winter Betterball 4

Pos*	Name	Score
1	R. Mounford / S. Hatherley	44
2	R. Richardson / R. Coles	44
3	S. Milligan / J. Parry	43

21 Jan 24 Winter Betterball 5

Pos*	Name	Score
1	P. Brandon / P. Mackley	49
2	M. Fox / A. Forster	48
3	J. Greiner / R. Berry	46

Upcoming Competitions

18/02/2024	Winter Betterball 6
02/03/2024	Winter Betterball 7
15/03/2024	Night Golf
17/03/2024	Winter Betterball 8

AOB

Summer 2024 Matchplay/Knockouts

This will be 100% coordinated and managed by Golf Management.

No funding will be given back to committee. Agreed by Captain and Golf Management Team.

All management, reporting and governance will be administered by the Golf Management Team.

Terms of Competition

See separate document at this year's AGM.

WHS Changes 01 Apr 2024

See links and information at this year's AGM.

6. CGU Winter Knockout.

Cornish Bowl.

2nd round after a long wait due to all the bad weather we were able to play the rearranged fixture.

The venue was at Trevoze Golf Club against Tehidy, Sunday 7th Jan 2024.

Team Players were.

B Kelly & S Smith (captain)

S Veira & J Rendle

G Cheffey & J Sanders

J Griener & M Kerslake

G Street & R Patel.

D Callaghan on course v/captain.

With some late changes to the team, we played well with the handicaps evenly matched. We eventually lost the match 3-2 however it could have gone either way and down to small margins with a putt or shot missed here and there. The event was played on a sunny day with great spirit on a magnificent course and excellent hospitality by Trevoze Golf Club.

7. **Seniors Captains.**

Not Present

8. **Treasures Report.**

Treasurer away.

All Trophies engraved, Honours boards near completion.

9. **Green Keepers Report**

On the 13th December we very sadly and unexpectedly lost our Deputy Golf Course Manager Martin Coe. Martin worked at the Club for over 23 years in the Golf department, firstly in the golf shop, then as a greenkeeper before becoming the Deputy Course Manager, he was well liked and well thought of by many members of staff.

We have passed on our condolences to his family and offered the full support and empathy of the Company during this time. We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated in support of the family. Ben Waters and I visited Martin's family to pass on some personal belongings and the donations from members/staff etc. The family wanted to pass on their thanks for all the help and support.

The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) also helped the family out through their green keeper benevolent fund, for which the family were extremely grateful.

Martins funeral was held at St Martin's Church in Liskeard on the 12th January.

Just a few weeks back we received the very sad news of the passing of Gary Pavey.

On a personal level, during his many reigns as Captain, Gary was always very supportive of me in my role which I will always appreciate. The green keeping team pass on their condolences to Stephanie and the family at this time.

Weather

With some drier weather over the past few weeks, we have been able to get the mowers back out onto the course. All fairways were cut, as well as tees, approaches, and most semi rough. We were also able to complete the verti draining of all fairways, tees, and approaches and also some walkways/high wear areas. The new green on the short game area has now had several top dressings, a granular feed, and it's first mow, we are happy with the progress of the green, however, the bad weather and staff shortages have put us a little behind with completing the remaining area, although the fairway was seeded and fertilised this week.

Twice now we have levelled and seeded the new drain on the 16th fairway, and twice we have had heavy rain the very next day which has washed much of the sand away. So this will now be put on hold until the water table drops a little around springtime.

Greens

The greens were pencil tined last week, and also star slit this week, followed by a hand cut. They also had a winter strengthening package applied last week. Due to all our hard work and sand applications over the previous years, the greens have remained firm and in decent condition through a very wet winter so far.

Projects

The 15th bunker project has been on hold due to staff shortages, but we will look to continue next week. The 11th bunker project has been delayed and will be addressed at a later date.

New signage

Last week we installed all the new tee signage on the golf course as well as new signage for the 1st tee and driveway. I'm sure you will agree these are a great addition to the club. The discs with each of the yellow, red, and white distance markers will remain, and these will have the stroke indexes fitted to them in time.

Staff
We are pleased to announce that Matthew Frost has been promoted Deputy Course Manager. Matt has been with us for nearly 10 years, is NVQ level 2 and level 3 qualified and also has spraying and chain saw certificates. His energy, enthusiasm and passion for the job will be a benefit to the team. We also sadly say goodbye to Charlie Blatchford who is leaving us soon for pastures new, Charlie has been a great team player over the years, and his knowledge and enthusiasm for the turf care mechanics side of things will be greatly missed.

We will be welcoming 2 new members of staff in March to get us back up to full strength, both come with years of greenkeeping experience in the local area, and both play golf to a high standard.

Many thanks
Nathan

10. AOB

CGU Summer team Knockouts.

Team Captain B team A Forster. **Preliminary round against St Austell.**

Team Captain A team Pending the nominee being asked.

CGU Entry sheet for 2024. **Has been agreed & sent in.**

6th green offside pathway. **Captain to meet with Ben & Nathan.**

Vice-Captain Nominees. **2 x names were put forward, S Johnston & J Parry.** S Johnston had to withdraw due to new job commitments and workload.

J Parry was then nominated. **Proposer.** J Hall. **Seconded** L Simpson.

Terms of Competitions & WHS updates 1st April 2024. **A presentation was giving by Steff on the conclusion of the meeting which will be available at the 2024 AGM**

Green Keepers Cup Martin Coe memorial (attach a plaque or engrave cup)

It was discussed and will be engraved in Dedication to Martin Coe.

Gary Pavey Memorial Day possibly in conjunction with the Forces Charity at the China Fleet.

This was discussed. The Captain had received a call from the St Mellion's Captain regarding Gary and the St Piran's cup as a former founder of this event, to be agreed by both Captain's.

Meeting Closed 20.20

Next Meeting. Men's AGM

12th March 2024.