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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 16th July 2024

1. Minutes of the previous meeting recorded as a true record.
Proposed. R.Mansfield Seconded L. Woodall
2. **Present.** S Smith Capt. J Parry V/Capt. D Callaghan. R Mansfield. H Woolway. S Johnston.
L. Woodall. P Jarvis.
Apologies. R Richardson. D Hobbs. J Hall. M Friend.
No Apologies. A Forster.
3. Action from previous meetings. Captain. (unless included in his monthly report.
Progress on the new booking System if any. (**no Progress**)
Current tee times are showing as booked, but players are not showing up or cancelling.
Could the tee boxes be set at full width thus allowing players a better choice.
(with the exception of 1 & 7 where they are quite wide) (**being looked into**)
4. Captains Report.

Club Championship

I'd like to thank all who entered the Club championships on the 6th and 7th July. It was great to meet all the competitors on the first tee on both days. The weather was kind to us over the two days apart from winds on day 1 but least it was dry. Some great scores over the two days with defending champions for the Gross and Stableford playing in day 2.

I huge thanks to the committee who worked so tirelessly over the two days to make the event a great success. It was a great team effort with support from the Pro shop staff to get the scorecards validated and day 2 tee times out by 19:30. Your support was truly appreciated along with all of you do for the club.

My final thanks go to Nathan and all his team. The course was setup and presented in a truly excellent condition. Day 2 was always going to be more difficult course setup with the pin positions in some really tricky areas however with the wind it was extremely challenging for all.

CFCC Quarterly Meeting

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

- 2nd Green Mating showing on the LHS Bunker. This has been sorted.
- Divot Evening – Nathan looking at some dates to have another session.

- Tee Boxes Width – Requested that they be wider – Nathan reviewing.
- New Golf Booking system. This is in progress was discussed with no date set for the new system.

Lee Simpson Resignation

Lee has formally resigned from the committee. I fully understand the reasons for his decision and we thank him for the support he has given to the me and the committee.

Competition Secretary

Unfortunately, Matt Tamsett has resigned from this post of competition secretary, so we are looking for someone to take over this role. The committee would like to thank Matt for all his hard work during this time as we know the amount of work that goes into this role with all the competition validation and communications to the members.

Prostate Cancer – The Big Golf Race.

I would like to thank China Fleet for allowing me to complete 3 of my 4 rounds on Friday 21st June at the club. It was an early start completing the 72 holes some 14 hours later at 18:30. Thank you for all those players that allowed me through on the day it was most appreciated.

A total of £770 was raise for the charity and a Big Thankyou to all those that sponsored me.

5. Competition Results.

Sat 15th June Roll-up		
Div 1	Player	
1	Peter Lightfoot	42pts
2	Shaun Mathews	41pts
3	Edward Shapland	36pts
Div 2		
1	James Green	40pts
2	Robin Mountford	38pts
3	James Taylor	37pts

22nd June Dragon Trophy		
Div 1		
1	S. Johnston / J. Johnston	46pts
2	J. Rees / C. Wood	45pts
3	J. Foy / R. Berry	45pts
Sat 29th June Roll-up		
Div1		
1	Steve Vieira	38pts
2	Steve Lamb	36pts
3	Shaun Matthews	35pts

Men's Club Championships 2024 (Rd 1)		
Div 1	6th July	Nett
1	Andrew Forster	79 - 11 = 68
2	Andrew Hatch	77 - 9 = 68
3	Stephen Milligan	80 - 10 = 70
4	Paul Marshall	80 - 9 = 71
Div 2		Nett
1	Tim Patrick	87 - 16 = 71
2	Geoff Pugh	87 - 15 = 72
3	John Rees	90 - 18 = 72
4	Ian Hudson	89 - 16 = 73
Div 3		Nett
1	Peter Grant	89 - 21 = 68
2	Luke Friend	89 - 20 = 69
3	Justin Ryder	90 - 20 = 70
4	Adam Hanvey	95 - 23 = 72

Men's Club Championships 2024 (Rd 2)		
Div 1	7th July	Nett
1	Jim Johnston	76 - 10 = 66
2	Stephen Milligan	81 - 10 = 71
3	Matthew Shapland	76 - 4 = 72
4	Charlie Blatchford	81 - 9 = 72
Div 2		Nett
1	Joe Syndercombe	88 - 14 = 74
2	David Thompson	88 - 13 = 75
3	John Sanders	94 - 18 = 76
4	Ian Hudson	93 - 16 = 77
Div 3		Nett
1	Luke Friend	88 - 20 = 68
2	Angus Firth	95 - 21 = 74
3	Roger Curtis	102 - 22 = 80
4	Adam Hanvey	105 - 23 = 82
Champion 2024		Gross
1st	Matthew Shapland	80 & 76 = 156
2nd	Harry Woolway	82 & 76 = 158
Flying Witch		Nett
1st	Steve Milligan	70 & 71 = 141
2nd	Jim Johnston	78 & 66 = 144
Brunel Cup		Nett
1st	Luke Friend	69 & 68 = 137
2nd	Angus Firth	77 & 74 = 151

Upcoming Events.

July 27th Trophy Day (3 Division's. 3 Trophies.)

July 3rd CFCC Men's Open.

August 4th. Lord Lieutenants Trophy @ Carlyon Bay GC. 2 Pairs.

August 11th. Maxam Cup @ Trethorne GC. Team 6 (scratch)

6. Over 55's report.

This year's Cornwall Over 55's was back to the single event a Truro Golf Club. A slightly changed team from last year due to injury and on no longer being a member of the club. We entered with a positive attitude, but alas we could not match last year's win.

Best pairing's on the day were,

Mark Friend & James Parry

John Callaghan & Alex MacMahon

Rob Smith and Doug Fletcher.

Team Captain

R Smith.

The Committee. Thank you to all players for their time in representing the Club.

7. P.A.L. Update.

We have had a few disappointing results with the rub of the greens going against us, but the team spirit throughout has been exceptional.

8. Summer Scratch League.

This new event is progressing nicely. No update with M Friend away.

9. Seniors Captain report.

Seniors Membership

The Seniors Golf Section membership currently stands at a healthy 112 members.

There is room for more and new members from the men's section would be welcome.

Interclub Matches

Unfortunately, we have experienced 6 postponed interclub matches so far this year, all but one due to poor weather conditions. From the first one I made it my policy that anytime a "home" match is to be postponed for poor weather; the decision had to be made by the traveling team. So it stands, that if a team is prepared to travel to us and play in the rain, I will not cancel the match however wet. This is because of the disruption to our catering section and the difficulty of rearranging replacement dates.

Matches Played so far are 7 and the overall result is 3-1/2 to 3-1/2.

Catering

Moving from the upper deck to the Kingsmill suite for our post-match meal has been a welcome success and is the perfect venue for teams of 24. The Atlantic Suite is good for larger teams but not ideal for smaller teams as they are a bit lost in the space, nevertheless, we will have to accept that due to other bookings, the Kingsmill is not always available for us. Carvery cost and availability? Many away teams look forward to a Carvery as do the home team which has worked very well in the past. However, Catering Manager Andy has said he can no longer provide a carvery for less than 30 players due to cost. I asked Ben to speak to Andy again to see what meal cost would cover teams of 24. We are currently the cheapest on the circuit at £17.50.

The Reply from Andy was it would add an extra £5 per head so I will not pursue this any further.

Harry Champion

We submitted and paid for two teams. However, due to a clash of dates, I could not raise a team for the first date of June 12th. Fortunately, we were refunded for this date, but only because there was a reserve team from another club who stepped in.

I took 4 pairs to the point on Wednesday, June 19th. China Fleet Gained 11 points which this year was not enough to progress to the final.

I am in favour of continuing to support the Harry champion and proposed that we do, at our senior's committee meeting. It was agreed but it may need more thought before committing to ensure team availability, or even selecting the team at the time of booking.

China Fleet Course conditions

At a management meeting on Thursday, June 27th, I thanked Nathan and his team for the work they had done to recover the course from the extremely wet winter conditions it had suffered.

Handicaps

After Speaking to Ben and Matt at the last Management meeting about Handicap reviews. It was agreed a selection of a player's cards used in non-qualifying rounds whenever played, could be held for review within the senior's section if the option to carry out reviews was written into our senior's section rules of play.

I therefore proposed this to my last senior's committee meeting and it was agreed to move forward on this and be actioned by our new upcoming competition secretary.

Senior's Capt

10. Treasurers report.

Current running balance £1909.83

11. Green Keepers report

Greens

Ahead of the club championships, the height of cut was dropped again (now cutting at 3.25mm) and the greens were rolled daily from Friday. Although the greens weren't quite as quick as previous years due to the overnight rain on the Friday night, they rolled very true, and the feedback from the weekend was all very positive.

Short game area

Having now established grass cover on the left hand side, following verti draining the area and overseeding, we will now lower the height of cut over the next few weeks and this area will become part of the fairway.

The installation of a practice bunker is now planned for the week commencing 15th August.

Fairways

All fairways were sprayed with a wetting agent mixed with seaweed and molasses last week, which turned out to be timed perfectly ahead of the heavy rain over the past few days.

The wetting agent will essentially pull the water down through the profile to the roots, whilst aiding drainage and reducing standing water, whilst the seaweed and molasses will benefit the grass roots and enhance all round turf health. We expect a lot of 'greening up' now especially on the fairways that were already showing signs of drought damage. This will also aid definition and recovery over the coming months, and hopefully prevent further drought damage and grass loss for the remainder of this summer. The wetting agent comes at a huge expense; however, this is something that the club invested in last year to become part of an ongoing treatment plan due to the extended dry periods of the previous few summers and the drought damage that we had witnessed on the non-irrigated areas.

The carry to the fairways on holes 4, 10 and 17 have now been shortened due to feedback from members.

Bunkers

All bunkers were checked for sand levels and distribution leading up to the events of the next few weeks. A timely heavy shower aided a better rake on the bunkers, which allows us to keep sand on the faces, and reduce rabbit/animal damage etc. It was very disappointing to see completely unraked footprints in at least 3 different bunkers on round 1 of the club championships, having only teed off 2.5 hours after the course opened in a members only competition!

New staff

Last week we welcomed our new member of the team, Oban Webber. Oban has only recently left school and will be training with us on an apprenticeship scheme, beginning his NVQ level 2 in October. Already a keen and very talented golfer (HCP 1.9), he is already ahead of the game due to his golfing knowledge and willingness to learn. An extra pair of hands will massively help the green keeping team, and will aid us being able to prepare the course to a higher standard going forward

Tees

Having had a great deal of play in recent months, the par 3 tees were looking very worn, therefore these were granular fertilised to improve turf health and recovery. All tees were also sprayed with wetting agent, and seaweed.

New machinery

We will soon be taking delivery of a new hand mower. This will be used to cut greens during the winter when ground conditions are not suitable to take a ride on mower over the green. Although this is a much slower practice, the lightweight machine and quality of cut will make a huge difference. The hand mower can also be used to maintain the new short game area. Also on order, arriving towards the end of summer is a new Toro multi pro designated sprayer.

Many thanks

Nathan

12. Any other Business.

With M Tamsett stepping down as Competition secretary we are looking to fill this role.

With the Championship now complete it was noted that the low handicap players had nothing to play for as all Monthly Medals are Net returns.

It was agreed that a Medal would be introduced for all Monthly Medal (Gross return) to be presented on presentation day.

Meeting Closed 20.00

Next Committee Meeting 13th August.