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## Minutes of the Mens Section Golf meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 7pm

**Present;** S Smith, S Milligan, J Parry, D Callaghan, M Friend, R Mansfield,  
S Johnston, L Woodall

**Apologies;** L Simpson, D Hobbs, J Hall, A Forster, P Jarvis (seniors captain)

1. Minutes of the September meeting accepted as a true record;

**Proposed** S Milligan **Seconded** M Friend

AOB. from previous meeting

As we can all see the new chipping practice area coming along and is marked with white GUR lines we feel that the Blue Markers should also be in place in accordance with our Local Rules.

**This was noted by the golf management and will stay as GUR until opened.**

Defining the Fairways and Second cut has become an issue (weather hasn't helped), Second cut and rough is to long (ball hunting is becoming an issue).

**As much as the green keepers have tried to get out, the weather hasn't been very favourable.**

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).

If there are any materials left over from the new chipping area may the Management and Greenkeepers team look at the improvements required at the 16<sup>th</sup> drop zone (new and level)

**Golf Management meeting discussion.**

2. Captains report.

1<sup>st</sup> Turkey Trot

The first Turkey Trot took place on Saturday 11th November which was well attended. A minute silence was held prior to the event and due to all the recent weather and course condition its was carry only however this did not put the players off with a great turn out by the members. Next Turkey trot is live and scheduled for Sunday 3rd December.

Post this event we conducted our annual Prize giving for all the competitions held year to date. Prizes winners' photographs have been promulgated on the Website.

2023 Winners Gallery ([chinafleetgolfcommittee.co.uk](http://chinafleetgolfcommittee.co.uk))

CFCC Golf Management meeting

This is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd November at 13:00. If anyone has any questions for me to take to this meeting, please let me know.

Black Tie Dinner with Guest Speaker

We are currently looking at hosting a Black-Tie dinner next summer with a Golf Guest speaker. Once we have the indicative costs we will be presenting to the members to see if we get the numbers to go ahead with the event.

#### New Members evening

To introduce new members to the Golf management and committee we will be holding some new member evenings in the spring.

#### New Practice Area

The new Practice area is currently marked as GUR due to all the work taking place in this area. Once this work is complete and the area is in use the blue markings will be put back in place as per the local rules on the course card.

#### Fixtures 2024

Fixtures have now been agreed for the Men's section so should be promulgated in the shop very soon.

### 3. Competition Secretary report.

#### **Results for Month to date:** **21 Oct 2023 Monthly Stableford**

##### **Div 1**

Pos*	Player	Score
1	James Parry	38 pts
2	Matthew Shapland	35 pts
3	Nigel Hill	35 pts

##### **Div 2**



Pos*	Player	Score
1	Steven Ryder	38 pts
2	Tim Patrick	36 pts
3	George Broadey	35 pts

##### **Div 3**

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Mike Oliver	33 pts
2	Owen Evans	30 pts
3	Roger Curtis	30 pts

#### **28 Oct 2023 Saturday Roll Up**

##### **Div 1**

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Lee Fedrick	37 pts
2	Shaun Matthews  	36 pts
3	Edward Shapland	36 pts

## Div 2

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Tony Bouch	38 pts
2	Raj Patel	38 pts
3	David Elliott	37 pts

**04 Nov 2023 Monthly Stableford. Cancelled due to weather**  
**But Saturday Roll up was held in place. (17 entries)**

Pos*	Player	Score
1	Edward Shapland	40 pts
2	Mark Jennings	35 pts
3	Jordan Davidson	34 pts

## **12 Nov 23 Turkey Trot 1**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mike Oliver & Anthony Braddon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Steve Vieira & Alan Blaikie
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Clay Cowie & Ian Fraser
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Jack Screech & James Ruse
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Darren Billing & Andy Foster
Most Golf	Jason Friend & Joe Francis

## **2023 Winners**

## **Hudson Trophy Final Standings 2023**

Position	Name	Total to date
1	Jack Whiteley	760
2	Rob Berry	750
3	Paul Forse	590
4	Jim Johnston	560
4	Steven Ryder	560
6	Steve Vieira	525
7	Justin Ryder	480
8	Andrew Mitchell	435
9	Richard Mansfield	405
10	Andrew Hatch	400
11	Jason Friend	395
12	Lewis Johnston	385
13	Mark Friend	380
14	Darren Billing	360
14	Denys Edwards	360
16	Nigel Hill	340
17	Val J Mitchell	320
18	Raj Patel	300
18	Steve Hatherley	300
20	David Thompson	280
20	Sean Musto	280
20	David Dugmore	280

Competition	Winners		
Hong Kong Cup	Andrew Mitchell		
Spring team Challenge	3 Man Team of: T. Mace / J. Jones / D. Bryan		
Anniversary Plate	Gary Sweet		
Dragons Trophy	Dave Callaghan and John Callaghan		
Club Championships	Scratch: Jack Whitely	Nett: Steve Vieira	Over 18(S'ford): Rob Berry
China Fleet Trophy Day	Paul Forse (Kelly Salver)	Scott Johnston (Elliot Bowl)	Rob Berry (Hickman Shield)
Greenkeepers Cup	Alex McMahon		
Nelsons Trophy	Scott Johnston, Raj Patel, Jim Johnston, Andy Booth		
Captains Trophy	Mark Friend		
The Hawtree Cup	Ross Richardson and Rory Coles		
Monthly Medals	Div 1	Div 2	
May	Ross Richardson	John Greiner	
June	Jordan Davidson	Steven Ryder	
August	Harry Woolway	Justin Ryder	
September	Jack Screech	Andy Warne	
October	Denys Edwards	Lewis Johnston	
KNOCKOUTS			
Scratch	Winner	Jake Figg	
	Runner Up	Mark Friend	
High Hcap	Winner	Brian Hill	
	Runner Up	Luke Friend	
Low Hcap	Winner	Andrew Mitchell	
	Runner Up	Kevin Cotton	
Betterball	Winners	Kevin Cotton and B Cotton	
	Runners Up	Scott Johnston and Jim Johnston	
Foursomes	Winners	David Thompsom and Nathan Bowden	
	Runners Up	Sam Ridley and Jack Sleep	
Greensomes	Winners	John Callaghan and Dave Callaghan	
	Runners Up	Andrew Mitchell and Richard Mansfield	
2023 Golfer of the Year	Jack Whitely (Hudsons Shield)		

#### Upcoming Competitions

18/11/2023	Saturday Roll Up	Stableford
25/11/2023	Winter Betterball 1	Pairs Stableford
02/12/2023	Saturday Roll Up	Stableford
03/12/2023	Men's Turkey Trot 2	Pairs Stableford
09/12/2023	Men's Monthly Stableford	Stableford

Qualification for the 2023 Titleist Order of Merit powered by HowDidiDo has now closed.

Thank you to all HowDidiDo members that have signed up to compete this year.

The overall prize winners will be contacted by email by Titleist regarding their trip to The Titleist Performance Centre at Woburn. You can view the final standing in the leaderboard below.

Leaderboard							
Result Filters							
Leaderboard	National	Men's	Women's	Junior's	Other		
Overall Leaderboard	Overall	Overall	Overall	Overall	My Club League Create league		
Details		Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Total
1	KAREN WHITBY China Fleet Country Club	1068	968	950	1436	868	5290
2	WENDY SMITH China Fleet Country Club	1000	950	1300	818	918	4986
3	Stephen Milligan China Fleet Country Club	818	836	768	918	1004	4344
4	Steve Hatherley China Fleet Country Club	850	700	968	850	886	4254
5	Andrew Mitchell China Fleet Country Club	1186	500	668	850	1036	4240

### 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>

#### 4. CGU Winter Knockout, Frank Wills Salver.

1<sup>st</sup> Round "Frank Wills Salver" match held at Launceston GC against Bude GC Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Team Players were.

Andy Crothers & Scott Summerfield

Rich Kieth & Matt Tamsett

Robin Smith & Joe McLeish

James Parry & Steve Milligan

John Callaghan & Dave Callaghan

Team Spirits were good on arrival at Launceston for the match against Bude.

I did feel that the course favored our players, and I was quietly confident of getting a positive result, course conditions were good, although the greens were not so good, and they could have been better.

The pairings were all up from the beginning and maintained their lead throughout the match.

The Team result was a comfortable 5-0 win, a great team performance by all and a proud day for all China Fleet Players

We have been drawn against Whitsand Bay in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and the match will be played at Bude GC on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> Nov first tee being 12.30 pm.

I will be going with some of the Team Players for a practice round on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov and will announce team selection accordingly.

Unfortunately, I will be away on that Sunday with the family, and I am seeking out a Team Captain to cover in my absence for the Team on the day.

Andy Forster  
Team Captain

#### GGU Winter Knockout. Presidents Trophy.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October we played St Enodoc at a very windy Bude GC  
Team Members.

Cat 1; J Whiteley. J Friend. H Woolway.

Cat 2; R Richardson. R Coles. M Friend.

Cat 3; L Friend. L Johnston. M Harrison.

We sent out a team that was probably the youngest team ever selected to represent our club. Our first player out was Luke, who reached our club high handicap final and whose handicap has reduced by 10 shots in the last 12 months.

Second out was Lewis, who reached the clubs high handicap semi-final, and is a great young prospect, followed by Matt Harrison, who I have been impressed with whilst watching some P.A.L matches this season.

The first two have never played for our club before, but hopefully now they have been blooded, they will be less nervous going forward. All three, unfortunately, were down early on and went on to lose. The 6 to 12 handicap category was made up of Ross, Rory and myself, Ross came up against a guy who was around level par when their match finished. Rory lost narrowly 2 & 1. Myself after going up early on didn't press home my advantage, and although being two down on the 15<sup>th</sup> I got it back to all sq. on 18<sup>th</sup> tee. I lost the last, thus losing 1 down. Thankfully, our cat one players did better. Jack like myself battling back to all sq. on the 18<sup>th</sup>, then pulling his tee shot just a yard O.O.B. lost 1 down.

Jason was three down early on but won the last to half his match.

Our only win came from the clubs best player, Harry, who played great all afternoon and winning 2 & 1.

We couldn't hide the fact afterwards that we, as a team were bitterly disappointed.

We did however come up against a very good team, playing on a windy links course, which obviously suited St Enodoc more. The team would like to thank the club for their selections.

As always it is an honour to pull on a team shirt. What have we learnt from this?

China Fleet Golf Section has some very good young players that are itching to play against Cornwall's best.

This is a work in progress and next year everyone will be better.

Let us put trust in this young group and they will deliver.

May I also thank our young pro James Knight for caddying and Charlie Blatchford for being the on course Captain.

We thank Bude for presenting the course in great condition and feeding us well afterwards.

The Presidents Cup team would also like to make a donation of £20 to our Captains chosen charity.

Kind regards  
Mark Friend.  
Presidents Team Captain.

5. **Seniors Captain report.**  
None Available
6. **Treasures Report.**  
Running total date £1989.73
7. **Green Keepers report.**

## **Weather**

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. We have now had over 8 inches of rain in the previous 3-4 weeks, 3 inches in the first 8 days of November already.

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. It has also put us behind with normal cutting regimes, top dressing, fertilising regimes, and no spray window for nearly 6 weeks. Tough times.

## **Greens**

The greens are actually holding up well, still very firm with good grass sward health going into the winter. We have only been able to cut once per week for the previous 3 weeks due to the ground conditions. As soon as we are able to we will be applying a light dressing to take out any bobble and ensure a smooth ball roll, and spray our first monthly winter strengthening package.

## **Fairways**

We will be commencing verti draining on the fairways as soon as ground conditions improve significantly in order to relieve compaction and aid drainage.

## **Tees**

We were aiming to feed the tees once more in order to keep them in use before we move on to winter matts, we haven't been able to this so far. We are now using posts and rope to spread wear and direct traffic.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, and par 3s are now on winter matts, which, with the weather not improving, will more than likely remain on matts for the rest of the winter, and we aim to have the remaining tees off matts in early December.

All winter matts have now been cleaned and levelled; some were sprayed to kill off any moss also. We will be repairing/replacing any damaged sleepers this week.

## **Projects**

We have inspected and unblocked the damaged drainage pipe on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

The bunker on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. More information can be found on the green keeper's board in the golf shop.

### **Short game area**

The short game area project is almost complete, with just shaping/tidying and seeding to finish. Due to the wet weather we were unable to complete firming up/levelling and seeding of the front section of the fairway or the outer mounds. However, we have had decent germination of grass on the green itself, and have since moved the germination sheets to the fairway.

Many thanks

Nathan

### 8. **Any Other Business.**

Website advertisting, to be looked into.

Tee Slots (Players to book player numbers so the odd spaces can be filled)

**Meeting Closed 8.15**

**Next Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 19.00**