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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

Tuesday 10 September 2024

1. Minutes of the previous meeting recorded as a true record.
Proposed. S Johnston Seconded J Hall
2. **Present** S Smith Capt, J Parry V/Capt, R Mansfield, S Johnston, R Richardson, L. Woodall, Mark Friend, A Forster, J Hall
Apologies D Hobbs, D Callaghan, H Woolway
No Apologies.
3. Action from previous meetings. Captain. (unless included in his monthly report.)
 - Progress on the new booking System (Golf Management reviewing Pilot system in October)
 - 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)
 - Course Records – The Golf Management are checking to see where these Golf records are and republish.
 - July Payments – These have been received

Captains Report.

Divot Evening

This has been scheduled for Thursday 26th September at 17:00. All helpers will receive a pasty and a drink. Let's support this event to enhance all the good work the greenkeepers have already completed.

Summer Maintenance Week

The summer maintenance began on Monday 5th August. This work was completed during that week with the greens recovering well and we are again enjoying them in excellent condition. Thank you, Nathan, and your staff, for all your hard work.

Course Etiquette Raking Bunkers Divot and Pitch Marks

The Greenkeeping staff work tirelessly to present the course to us as members. It is therefore very disappointing to see the lack of etiquette by some members that forget to rake bunkers, replace their divots or repair pitchmarks. In the last week someone pulled their manual trolley across the 10th Green. Please think of other players on the course that may end up in your footprint in the bunker, in your divot or have to repair the pitch mark as its on their putting line. These tasks take no time and shows respect for other players and the greenkeeping staff.

Broken Tee Caddies.

As a pilot we are installing Broken Tee caddies on all the Par 3's. We will see how well they are used with a view to install them across the course if they are deemed useful by the members.

CGU Winter Knockouts

The winter knockouts will soon be upon us so if you want to play for the club in any of the following events, we want to hear from you. An email is being sent out to all members for you to respond if you wish to play for the club. China Fleet is one of the largest clubs in Cornwall so we should be one that progresses into the latter stages of these events. Let's make this happen for this season

The series of events start in October 2024 through to March 2025.

CTC - Teams of 9 – four foursomes and nine singles, match play, off scratch. First round 20th October
Presidents Cup- Team of 9. Foursomes Format. Each team to consist of 9 players, three from each of the following Handicap Index groups: First Round 3rd November

Group 1 - + to 6.0

Group 2 - 6.1 to 12.0

Group 3 - 12.1 to 18.0.

Frank Wills Salver- Team of 10. Foursomes Format – WHS Handicap 5- 12. First Round 27th October

CAW Cornish Bowl – Team of 10. Foursome format – WHS handicap 12.1-20. First

A meeting is scheduled for the 23rd September to finalise the CGU Teams. An email will be sent out to all the successful players

4. Competition Results.

03/08 Men's Individual Open CFCC

Div1

- 1st Alex McMahon
- 2nd Jimmy Foy
- 3rd Jordan Davidson

Div 2

- 1st Stu Potter
- 2nd Mark Jennings
- 3rd Steph Smith

Div 3

- 1st Val J Mitchell
- 2nd Adam Harvey
- 3rd Steve Stubbs

18/08 Monthly Medal

Div 1

- 1st Jason Friend
- 2nd David Sleet
- 3rd Ross Richardson

Div 2

- 1st Martin Hannigan

- 2nd Steve Ryder
- 3rd Barry Bunworth

Monthly Medal Gross score Medal winner – Jason Friend Gross 73

Div 3 Stableford

- 1st Justin Ryder
- 2nd David Dugmore
- 3rd Tony Bouch

September Upcoming Events

- Captains' trophy 21/09
- Hawtree Cup 28/09

5. Summer Scratch League.

The final evening will be the 16th September with a presentation on the 23rd September. 18 members have taken part in this year's event which has really been great to see and a positive to get a strong China Fleet team for the CTC and Presidents cup this year

	29TH APRIL	6TH MAY	20TH MAY	27TH MAY	3RD JUNE	10TH JUNE	17TH JUNE	24TH JUNE	1ST JULY	15TH JULY	22ND JULY	29TH JULY	5TH AUG	12TH AUG	26TH AUG	2ND SEPT	16TH SEPT	TOTAL
ANDY TAYLOR		5	4	2			1.5	5		2.5	5	4	5	2.5	3.5	4.5		44.5
TOM WHITE	5	3	3	3.5			3	4	5	1	2.5	2		5	3.5	2		42.5
HARRY WOOLWAY	4	3	5		4		4.5	3	2.5	4.5	2.5		2					35
NIGEL WEBSTER	2	0.5			3	1	4.5	1.5		4.5		5	4	4	1.5			31.5
ALAN BLAKIE	1		2		5	2	1.5			2.5		2	2.5	2.5	1.5	2		24.5
LEE WOODALL				3.5									4		5			12.5
GEORGE COURT								1.5			4	2				4.5		12
STEVE MILLIGAN				1	1	3.5			2.5									8
JASON FRIEND	3	0.5				3.5												7
JOHN WILLIAMS		3							4									7
IAN ASHENDEN			1			5												6
MARK FRIEND					2								1			2		5
ROSS RICHARDSON				3.5														3.5
JACK SCREECH											1							1
JAMES STROUD																		0
PETER LIGHTFOOT																		0
RICH MANSFIELD																		0
RORY COLES																		0

6. Seniors Captain report.

No report

7. Treasurers report.

Current running balance £2658,85

8. Green Keepers report

Greens

Following greens maintenance and overseeding in August, we have seen great results in germination rates from the bent grass. This year we hired a different machine called a 'Vreedom' for this operation and will happily use the again going forward. Having needed to raise the heights of cut for a few weeks in order to protect the newly sowed seedlings, now that it is establishing, we can once again lower the

height of cut. The greens have also been sprayed for the first time using our brand-new Toro multi pro sprayer. A wetting agent mixed with seaweed and organic conditioners was applied ahead of the rain forecasted.

Short game area

Whilst the Vreedo was on hire we overseeded the left-hand side of the new short game area, which had been struggling since opening. Once again, we have seen great results in grass germination.

The practice bunker was installed a few weeks ago and is becoming a popular addition to the area.

Fairways

The fairways are still seeing the benefits from the wetting agent mixed with seaweed and molasses mix that was applied early on in the summer, frequent showers have enabled the fairways to bounce back much quicker from any dry periods.

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 mollases will benefit the grass roots and enhance all round turf health.

The wetting agent came 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.

Fairways will be verti drained as soon as winter rules comes into effect.

Bunkers

All bunkers have again been checked for sand levels and distribution leading up to the events of the next few weeks. Grass and weeds in the bunkers have now also been sprayed.

Tees

All tees have been verti drained to a depth of around 6 inches. The tees have also been sprayed with wetting agent and mollases.

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.

Our new Toro multi pro sprayer is another huge investment from which we are already seeing the benefits. We have also taken delivery of a new Echo leaf blower, just in time for Autumn leaf fall!

9. Any other Business.

- Could the Golf Club review the Out of Bounds on the 1st Hole to move the white posts away from the Driving Range Fence Action Captain to discuss with the Golf management
- Men's Section Competition Secretary. A member as asked why the position of the Mens Section Club Competition secretary was not sent out to all members to give them an opportunity to put their name forward. This was an oversight of the captain and going forward this position will be sent out to all members to put their name forward.
- White Mat Tee Boxes could these be positioned wider on the tee boxes. Action Captain to discuss with Golf Management.

- Winter Mat maintenance. Some of the mats look uneven. These will be maintained prior to the Club moving to these Green Tees for the winter period.

Meeting Closed 20.25

Next Committee Meeting 8th October 2024.