

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

**Meeting held at 10:00am on Tuesday 25th August 2020
at Studley Wood Golf Club**

Action Points

In attendance: Stephen Painter (SP), Bob Clarke (BC), Phil Chaundy (PC), Martin Wilkinson (MW), David Scott (DS), Stephen Capaldi (SC), Dave Drew (DD), Terry Davies (TD)

	Subject/Discussion Points	Action
1.	Apologies: Hans Menzel (HM)	
2.	Minutes: the previous minutes of the 28 th July meeting were agreed. These had been posted on the Seniors webpage.	
3.	Matters arising: matters arising from the last meeting were either dealt with or included as agenda items for this meeting.	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report: MW referred to the Seniors Financial Position document discussed at the last meeting. Of the anticipated purchase of £150 vouchers stipulated in the document, only £90 had been purchased and of these only £45 had been issued. This left £45 accessible vouchers, together with a further unused £5 voucher i.e. a total of £50 in value.</p> <p>In respect of the available 'free' funds of £853, some clawed back funds of £109 had now been added bringing the total available 'free' funds to £962. Earlier estimates of a potential £200 deficit in 'free' funds to last year, had now been revised and it was seen that the figure was £110 down on the same time last year when the 'free' funds total stood at £1,072. It was noted that the seniors had traditionally retained a 'free' fund sum around the £1,000 mark.</p> <p>The pros and cons of the use of vouchers compared to using ClubV1 to credit members cards in respect of prize monies for Silverware competitions was considered. Practical issues surrounding the use of Clubv1 had now been addressed to BC's satisfaction.</p> <p>SP confirmed that the inability of members to currently use their members cards was being addressed by the Club, which was in the process of transferring individual funds onto replacement contactless members cards. One of the advantages of crediting the new cards would be the ability to use them in both the pro shop and the bar (when this was open again). Vouchers were restricted to just the pro shop.</p> <p>It was suggested that we move forward on the basis of using ClubV1 to credit members cards for prize monies, but that we utilise the remaining £50 vouchers for the forthcoming Winter League. Whilst seniors had been communicated with in respect of the deduction of a £3 sign in fee for the recent Annual Challenge and also the crediting of prize monies to members cards, it was not clear if this had been fully understood by all.</p>	

	<p>SP would issue a Competitions Message ahead of the forthcoming Quarterly Challenge and Pairs KO Competition, which would clarify this arrangement for Silverware competitions. The message would also encourage all seniors to utilise ClubV1 to sign in to all competitions (not just Silverware competitions) and subsequently enter their individual scores through this same system. (for all competitions)</p> <p>The Competitions Message would also reaffirm that a request for entering a roll up on the day of a Silverware competition, would commit the individual to play in the Silverware competition and the deduction of £3 sign in fee from their members card. Seniors who expressed their wish not to enter the designated Silverware competition, would not be included in the roll up draw and would need to make their own arrangements for playing a round of golf on that day.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Roll up Organisation. Update/comment: TD outlined that we had now had some weeks experience of the 'block booking' of 4 roll ups at a time, resulting in individuals getting more advanced notification through BRS of their bookings. The whole process appeared to be working well as was the involvement of Fitz in managing the last-minute changes arising (withdrawals or last-minute requests for inclusion).</p> <p>MW reported that he had received unsolicited feedback from playing partners over the last few weeks, expressing their gratitude to the committee for the way it was handling the roll ups. BC advised that comment he had received indicated that individuals liked having set tee times.</p> <p>TD expressed his slight concern regarding the demand for tee times versus the availability of tee times. A summary of the number of entrants by roll up from 18th June to 3rd September was circulated and it was seen that demand was consistently approaching all 52 available tee slots (based on 10 minute intervals) between 8:00 and 10:00. This raised a question as to whether we should formally seek extra tee times in anticipation of continuing demand or continue with the existing informal arrangement, which in most instances was able to accommodate demand. The latter was agreed as the way forward, but the numbers would continue to be monitored to assess the ensuing trend.</p>	<p>TD</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Inter Club Matches: SC had successfully organised a match at Donnington Grove on 20th August, which the team had narrowly lost 2.5 to 3.5. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this was the only fixture for this year.</p> <p>SC had however been able to conclude the programme for next year, with The Springs being added on a home and away basis. The programme followed broadly the same pattern as previous years and it should soon be included on the Club Diary.</p> <p>SP clarified that Donnington Grove had been able to accommodate sandwiches and chips for the team's post-match, being able to meet Covid safe conditions through spacing. It was unlikely that Studley would be able to accommodate such an arrangement in the immediate</p>	<p>SC</p>

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7.	<p>September, October and November Playing Programmes: the following programme was suggested, taking into account the normal distribution of Winter League competitions:</p> <p>September</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1</td><td>Quarterly Challenge 2 (M)</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Stableford</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>Stableford</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>Seniors Captain's Day</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>Pairs KO</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>Jeremy Potter Trophy (S)</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>Waltz</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>Stableford</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>Alliance</td><td>NQ</td></tr> </table> <p>October</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1</td><td>Quarterly Challenge 3 (M)</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>Winter League RD 1</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>Alliance</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>Euro Pro Course Closed</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>Euro Pro Course Closed</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>Stableford</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>Ladies vs Seniors</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>Bogey Singles</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>Stableford</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>Seniors Memorial (M)</td><td>Q</td></tr> </table> <p>November</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>3</td><td>Stableford</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>Winter League RD 2</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>Club Poppy Medal</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>Bogey Singles</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>Waltz</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>Stableford</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>Bonus Ball</td><td>NQ</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>Stableford</td><td>NQ</td></tr> </table> <p>Given the potential disruption caused by late withdrawals for team events in Winter months, volunteers from the committee were sought to be on hand to resolve any issues arising. The volunteers would also be able to assess whether the conditions on the day warranted a change of tees e.g. silver to bronze.</p> <p>The following volunteers were agreed for the following events:</p> <p>22nd September - DD/SC 29th September –TD/PC</p> <p>On the question of keeping the roll ups more interesting discussion took</p>	1	Quarterly Challenge 2 (M)	Q	3	Stableford	NQ	8	Stableford	Q	10	Seniors Captain's Day	NQ	15	Pairs KO	NQ	17	Jeremy Potter Trophy (S)	Q	22	Waltz	NQ	24	Stableford	Q	29	Alliance	NQ	1	Quarterly Challenge 3 (M)	Q	6	Winter League RD 1	Q	8	Alliance	NQ	13	Euro Pro Course Closed		15	Euro Pro Course Closed		20	Stableford	NQ	21	Ladies vs Seniors		22	Bogey Singles	NQ	27	Stableford	NQ	29	Seniors Memorial (M)	Q	3	Stableford	Q	5	Winter League RD 2	NQ	10	Club Poppy Medal	Q	12	Bogey Singles	NQ	17	Waltz	NQ	19	Stableford	NQ	24	Bonus Ball	NQ	26	Stableford	NQ	<p>DD/SC TD/PC</p>
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	place on the potential use of different tees and/or a mixture of tees in future. This would be kept under review.	SP/SC
8.	<p>Update on Singles and Pairs KO Competitions:</p> <p>SC confirmed that the Singles KO Competition was included on the senior's website, although others had found it difficult to access. BC was intending to publish this competition on Clubv1. TD was able to confirm that he had recently played his quarterfinal, losing to Bob Nicholls 2 and 1.</p> <p>DS questioned what the rules were should it prove impossible for the quarterfinalists to agree a common date for their match prior to the closing date. The question to address was - should both players be excluded or only the one who was not making every effort to meet the suggested dates? DD suggested that we should follow the rules set up by the men's committee, which were in the process of being updated. SC would follow up to ascertain the rule to be applied.</p> <p>BC would email the remaining quarterfinalists asking them to organise the matches by the stated dates.</p> <p>There were mixed views regarding whether the draw for the deferred Pairs KO Comp should remain as currently or should be re drawn. Given that some individuals in the current draw were known not to be available on 15th September, the proposal agreed was that this comp would be re drawn.</p> <p>SP clarified that a £3 entry fee would apply to the Pairs KO Comp, this being a Silverware Comp. Prizes for the event would be based on the principles previously agreed.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>BC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>MW</p>
9.	<p>Silverware entry fees and prizes:</p> <p>SP recalled how the situation leading to the determination of the entry fee and prize fund allocation for Silverware comps had developed.</p> <p>Factors that had been considered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inability to meet up in the club house as per pre Covid days, The prohibition on the handling of cash due to Covid, Seniors section continuing to incur expenses and the need to cover such continuing expenses, Whether there should be entry fees (to match the previous £1 in a box) for competitions What, if any, the roll up prizes should be, if funds were generated, The administrative work involved in collecting and distributing funds. <p>Along the way discussion had taken place on allocating points for competitions (in lieu of monies), managing spreadsheets of monthly data akin to an order of merit, treating the situation as per a society and seeking a fixed contribution in lieu of ongoing contributions.</p>	

	<p>Opinions had been sought from a number of members regarding the situation and whilst some wanted the re-introduction of the £1 entry fees and prizes, others were comfortable with simply being able to turn up to play golf. There was a fairly balanced number for and against.</p> <p>Following consideration of all of the above factors, the committee had decided at the last meeting to introduce entry fees and a prize fund distribution for Silverware competitions only in the first instance. An approach that would enable larger prize funds to be offered to more participants. This situation would be reviewed in due course, and there was nothing to say that this approach couldn't be expanded to cover all competitions in future.</p> <p>The decision to make the entry fee £3 for Silverware competitions was influenced by the situation pertaining to the ladies, who currently pay that amount in similar circumstances. SP had spoken to some of the committee after the last meeting and agreed that the figure of £3 be used. SP took the opportunity to apologize if members of the committee felt they had been excluded from this decision-making process.</p> <p>SP proposed that we continue with the approach taken to Silverware competitions until the end of December and then review whether a £1 fee could be reintroduced from 1st January 2021. This was agreed.</p> <p>DS outlined the potential unfairness the £3 entrance fee presented to any senior who was most unlikely to figure in the top 9 of these singles comps but had to pay £3 rather than £1 to play in roll ups on that day.</p> <p>SP advised that he did not want to do anything that damaged the 'esprit de corps' of the seniors section. SC suggested that we return to this question in a month or two after we had seen it operate and reviewed the results.</p> <p>In respect of the Pairs KO Comp, it has been agreed to allocate prize monies to the 8 teams that get through to the quarterfinals and a definitive proposal would be made by MW on prize fund allocation when the numbers participating is known.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP/SC</p> <p>MW</p>
10.	<p>Seniors Club Championship Prizes/Trophies: SP recounted that the issue of the appropriate allocation of trophies and prize monies for the Senior Club Championship had been the subject to a ruling of one prize only per person. Whilst this ruling had been the subject of change over the last few years, it had created an issue at this year's championship following the over 70's gross trophy winner, namely BC, being allocated third place in the overall championship. Whilst Russell Matthews therefore won the prize fund for the overall 70's gross, he had not received the trophy.</p> <p>The relative merits of the situation and experiences of previous years, where different rules operated, were discussed and it was decided that SP and SC meet with Allan Boswell, to clarify and resolve this matter to ensure a similar situation could not arise in future.</p>	<p>SP/SC</p>

11.	<p>Captain's Day including Silent Auction: SP confirmed that the Captain's day would take place on 10th September.</p> <p>The unfortunate fact was that brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet was poorly funded, receiving just 1% of the National spend on cancer research. The Brain Tumour Research charity are investing in long-term research, building a 'critical mass' of expertise needed to accelerate the journey to find a cure and will be the designated charity for the event.</p> <p>DD outlined the structure of the day, which was similar to that undertaken last year, namely 4 teams playing in a Fourball Stableford format. There would be various prizes allocated including: Highest 18-hole score, winning team, most valuable player in each team, nearest the pin and nearest the pin in two on the 6th Hole.</p> <p>Whilst there were a number of variables that needed to be taken into account, for the day, for example, the total numbers participating and the arrangements made for sandwiches/refreshments, SP was confident that Brain Tumour Research would receive c75% of the monies raised. DS suggested this fact be included in any communication regarding the event.</p> <p>SP confirmed that the £20 entry fee would cover everything on the day, but not including the silent auction.</p>	
12.	<p>Medical Emergencies on the course: PC recalled an incident that had taken place in a recent roll up, whereby a participant had had to leave the course on the 13th hole due to feeling unwell. PC had tried to ring the club to ask for someone to pick up the individual with a buggy, only to be put through to voicemail. This raised a question on how we should deal with any medical emergencies arising on the course and indeed if there were designated First Aiders at the club that could respond in such circumstances.</p> <p>It was recognised that this was a club issue not a senior's issue, but needed some clarification.</p> <p>BC was aware that this had been discussed at the General Committee last year but was not aware of any outcome. SC would raise this at the next General Committee, which happened to be Wednesday 26th August.</p>	SC
13.	<p>Winter catering at the club: SP advised that it would prove difficult for the club to do any catering for say the Xmas lunch this year. The spacing required for a Covid safe environment would allow only for some 20 downstairs and a further 30 upstairs. This was not conducive to such an event. Alternatives would be investigated, but it was recognised that individuals would have different views on what constituted a safe socially distanced environment for eating purposes.</p>	SP/SC
14.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>1) Silent Auction - DD was looking to having around 10 donations for the silent auction and asked the committee if they could</p>	

	<p>follow this up in their networks and let him know of any potential contributors.</p> <p>2) Trophy engraving – DS had been in touch with All Sports regarding the potential cost of the engraving of trophies. The cost varied depending on the overall shape of the trophy.</p> <p>As the club normally gathers in trophies for a presentation evening in November, DS would email current holders of trophies asking them to return these to him in a similar timeframe</p>	DS
15.	Date of next meeting: this was provisionally set as 29 th September.	