

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Meeting held on 6th September 2022

Action Points

In attendance: Terry Davies, Phil Chaundy, Tim Mustill, David Hughes, Stephen Capaldi, Jonathan Perks, Colin Macgregor

Apologies: David Drew, Gerry Prickett, Martin Wilkinson

	Subject/Discussion Points	Action
1.	Minutes —the previous minutes of the 4 th August meeting were agreed. These have been posted on the Seniors webpage.	
2.	Feedback from General/Men's Committee meeting – 1. Farewell Dinner/Presentation –A combined Farewell Dinner/Presentation Evening was to be set up for 22 nd April 2023. It was suggested that 'a line be drawn' regarding previous years trophies and presentations should be made for the current year trophies only. 2. The Cobalt course is still to be rated and indices applied. 3. Clarity would be provided regarding the application of membership discounts for food, notionally through publishing dual prices. 4. The facility enabling members to sign in for competitions on HDID with negative balances on their card is to be removed. 5. A reciprocal agreement had been muted with Kenilworth GC for Sundays after 11am. Clarification is needed to check the detail of this arrangement. Post meeting update – this facility offered to the club is a one-off opportunity on a yet to be agreed date. Discussions continue between the clubs, which may lead to a more general reciprocal arrangement, but this is not currently in place.	
3.	Tours and Away Days– Tewkesbury Away Day – 25thAugust With over half of the participants replying general feedback was good, with no complaints received. Consideration for an earlier tee time for future away days was suggested, as was inviting the local Club Pro to address the group pre match. TD expressed his thanks to JP, DD and MW for making the day such a success. Yorkshire Tour – 25thto 27thOctober With regard to the Yorkshire Tour, JP reported that he was aware that 6 out of 16 members have paid the full amount – however GP might have some more up to date information. JP has received a reminder from White Rose to pay the outstanding balance. PC advised that in discussion with other clubs, he had found that the Studley Wood seniors organised away days/tours was the exception rather than the norm.	

4.	<p>Draft Roll Up Programme for October. The draft proposal was greed. DH requested that members be reminded NOT to withdraw from any Pairs Competition without informing the club in order that attempts could be made to find a substitute player.</p>	
5.	<p>Singles and Pairs Knockout – It was agreed that the prize distribution would remain unchanged this year, reflecting what was outlined in the published competition rules, but based on the actual entry numbers. For future knockout competitions it was suggested that a percentage arrangement could be applied [making it independent from the entry numbers] which, if necessary, could also be capped.</p>	
6.	<p>Inter Club Matches 2022. TD reported that Studley Seniors have won 8 games, drawn 1 and lost 7 with 4 matches left to play – 2 at home to Burford and, Harleyford and 2 away at Tadmarton and The Oxfordshire.</p>	
7.	<p>Inter Club Matches 2023. All 2023 matches have been arranged by PC. It was noted that the month of July was a bit light with only 1 match arranged.</p>	
8.	<p>Playing Group Order – The 2018 Seniors committee had determined a playing order for competitions and this has been reviewed following a suggestion this was not being adhered to.</p> <p>The revised proposal is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seniors Champion of Champions and Annual Challenge- would see the groups drawn in handicap order. 2. Quarterly Challenge and Memorial - To facilitate lower handicap players playing together in groups the Quarterly Challenge and Memorial competitions would be drawn in two divisions – up to 18.4 and 18.5 plus. Playing groups would then be allocated from within each Division where numbers allowed, with a combination of Divisions where necessary to maximise utilization of available tee times. Playing groups would not necessarily be sent out in Division order 3. Roy Holland and Jeremy Potter –players would be subject to a random draw regardless of Division. 4. Singles Knockout, Pairs Knockout, Winter League and Pairs competitions- Specific rules would specify playing order for Singles Knockout, Pairs Knockout, Winter League and Pairs competitions 5. All other competitions - all other competitions would be drawn in a random fashion. <p>This proposal was agreed for adoption.</p>	
9.	<p>Score Card Exchanges. PC reported that England Golf have dropped the ‘no exchange of cards’ rule introduced for Covid. The Club’s view is that card exchange is not necessary but should be optional.</p> <p>Seniors to be advised that they were free to exchange cards if both parties agreed – but that this was not mandatory. In the absence of an exchange of cards, the noting and confirmation of an opponent’s score was good practise that should be adopted.</p> <p>It was reaffirmed that the critical scores to be recorded in singles</p>	

	competitions were Gross Scores.	
10,	Three Counties Senior Summer League –discussions had taken place with the organiser of a summer league currently consisting of 5 clubs within Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hampshire, exploring the potential for Studley Wood to join the league. The format of the league mirrored the inter club matches currently played [FBBB and teams of 12] and 2 of the clubs were on the existing rota, namely: The Springs and Donnington Grove. A request had been submitted to include Studley Wood and feedback would be provided after the League’s AGM in October. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to play more summer competitions.	
11	M4 Seniors Winter League - Similarly discussions had taken place with the organiser of the M4 Seniors Winter League. This league consists of 48 clubs playing in 8 divisions of 6 teams. It is also a FBBB format, applying a maximum handicap of 25 with both home and away matches in teams of 8 players. The cost would be £40 annual subscription fee, plus one off £10 registration fee. It was agreed that we should apply to join.	
12	Slow Play –The committee would take the lead in encouraging an appropriate pace of play in their matches.	
13	Date of next Meeting – Thursday 6 th October [to avoid a clash with the last inter club match of the season on 4 th October]	