

## Devon Dumpling Golf Society AGM held on Sunday, 5th February 2012

### 1. Members Present

Ray Baldwin, Adrian Lardner, Jimmy Banks, Ray Ford, Paul Bishop, Chris Bater, Chris Pallister, Doug Harris, Pat Harris, Bernie Fenner, Keith Fenner, Dave Fenner, Phil Porter, Ann Glanville, Matt Lyon, John Woollacott, Rob Harvey, Bob Bradbury, Val Banks, Susan Baxter, Andy Hayes, Lynne Lyon, Dave Wensley, Mike Cox, Danny Davis, Tom Greenwood, Barry Privett.

### Apologies

John Baker, Pete Higgins, Paul Howard, Ben Howard, Tom Howard, Richard Brinsley, Tony Brinsley, Chris Hucker, Jon Yeo, Alan Yeo, Paul Green, Pete Vincent, Jan White, Bob Grogan, Alan Tucker, Mel Wilks, Bob Harper

### Resignations

Nick Griffin, Rob Pethick, Karl Baldwin, Luke Bishop, Chris Peart, James Bennett, Ben Gunn, Tony Gurney, John Haine, Chris Porter, James Hill

### 2. President's Report

Ray Baldwin presented the prizes for the day's golf at Bovey Castle where 20 players attended. 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Privett (29), 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Greenwood (27)

Ray said it had been a pretty good year and thanked everyone for their support. He read out a letter from Pete Higgins, resigning as secretary and said that we should remember and recognise what a good job Pete had done over the years, albeit that the last two or three had been difficult for Pete. Phil Porter proposed that we should get him something and the Committee agreed that they would take this on board and send Pete a letter of thanks.

Ray said that there had been some issues with people putting their name on board and then failing to turn up and the Captain had then spent money on prizes based on attendance shown.

**It was agreed that all members must pay £5.00 if they fail to turn up for any game after they have put their name on board, no matter what the reason.** This would be collected by the committee.

Ray announced that he was to step down from his role as Chairman of the society as he now wanted to enjoy just playing and being a member. He then handed over to the committee.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Jimmy Banks thanked Ray Baldwin for all of his help over the years in helping to run the society. The accounts were circulated and Jim said we had made a loss of £300 on the year, mainly due to the fact that we were now paying for all of the engraving of the trophies and the amount we spent at Christmas for the dinner and prizes etc. Jim said it was not too serious as we still had reserves in hand. He told the members that Alan

Tucker had left him a list of people who still owed him for golf shirts and him (Jim) would speak to those on the list.

#### 4. Election of Officers

Chairman: Ray Ford (Proposed by Ray Baldwin, Seconded by Tom Greenwood).  
Treasurer: Jimmy Banks (Proposed by Ray Ford, Seconded by Ray Baldwin)  
Secretary: Tony Brinsley (Proposed by Ray Baldwin, Seconded by Barry Privett  
Fines Chairman: Ray Ford (Chris Batter if Ray not there)

**All were accepted unanimously by the members.**

#### 5. Retiring Captain's Comments

Keith Fenner said he had enjoyed his year as Captain and it had been a good year although playing numbers were down. He thanked everyone for their support and he hoped that we had a good year to come.

#### 6. Election of new Captain & Vice Captain

Chris Pallister was introduced as Captain and announced that Phil Porter would be his Vice Captain for the coming year. Chris said that he hoped that the coming year would be fun and that we make more of an effort to have a laugh, enjoy the banter as well as playing good golf with good prizes. He said he was looking forward to being Captain with the support of Phil and he was hoping for a good year.

#### 7. Election of new Members

The following new members were proposed and were accepted by the members:-  
Libby Porter

#### 8. Membership Fee

There was a debate about the membership fee and whether it should be increased. Tom Greenwood proposed that we should all pay £5.00 extra to subsidise the Christmas meal and reduce the potential loss. **This was not agreed by the members and it was agreed that the fee would remain at £10.00.**

#### 9. Competition & Twos Fees

Ray Baldwin said there had not been any change in the level of what we paid for a number of years now even though we were now offering additional prizes i.e. an additional 'nearest the pin' prize. As we had made a loss of £300 during the year perhaps we should consider an increase.

Tom Greenwood said we should set the number and value of prizes based on the number of players.

There was a discussion about what prizes a guest could win based on the number of guests and the amount they pay.

Someone asked how much tip was left for the waiting staff at venues and it was confirmed that it was normally £20.

Phil Porter said perhaps we should not just look at increasing fees but look at expenditure as well. He said that we should scrap the prize for the golfer who came last. This was put to the members.

**It was agreed by members that the prize for coming last would be scrapped.**

Adrian Lardner proposed an increase of £1.00 to the prizes for the coming year and for it to be reviewed after 12 months.

**This was agreed by the members. Prize fees for 2012 will be £6.00, £5.00 for prizes and £1.00 for 2s.**

#### 10. Fixtures

Pete Higgins has arranged the fixtures for the coming year. There has been a change for Captain's day which is now at Dainton Park which is much nearer and we should be able to arrange transport there and back easier.

Jan White asked if we could play for the Geoff White trophy at Torquay and switch the Homer trophy to the month before which is now at Dawlish Warren.

**This was agreed by the members.**

Ray Ford proposed that consideration should be given to re-naming the Pop Your Clogs trophy in memory of Jim Smith, a founder member of the society who had recently passed away. It was left that Ray Baldwin would contact Marie Smith for her permission to make the change.

**This was agreed by the members.**

#### 11. Collection of match-day fees

Chris Pallister said that help would be needed in collecting match day fees as Ray Baldwin would no longer be doing this. Chris said he did not mind doing it and Phil Porter and Adrian Lardner said they would also help. Dave Fenner suggested that past captains could organise a rota. It was agreed that the Captain and Vice Captain would accept responsibility and make a nomination when the draw for each match was made.

#### 12. Chris Pallister ideas

Chris said that perhaps the committee should hold a quarterly meeting to review and discuss new ideas etc and perhaps we should have a couple more people on the committee, one of which should be a ladies member. After some discussion Lynne Lyon was proposed by the ladies to sit on the committee.

**This was agreed by the members.**

There was some discussion re handicaps for non-members and how they should be decided if the guest did not have an official handicap. It was suggested that guests should have a maximum handicap of eighteen (18). After some discussion it was decided that the committee should be more rigorous and they would decide the handicap of non-members based on information they could gain. In addition, it was noted that at previous AGMs it had been decided that a guest should have played at least two society games with a member before being proposed as a new member in order to help try and ensure they are given a fair and realistic handicap.

**This was agreed by all members.**

**There was agreement that only members should play on the Christmas match.**

**There was agreement that the Captain could use his discretion about inviting guests to any of the matches including Captain's and Vice Captain's day.**

There was a proposal that, at the Christmas event, only the top 3 order of merit prizes be awarded and the others are awarded at the AGM.

**This was not agreed by the members.**

13/14. Alan Tucker/ Tony Brinsley ideas

Ray Ford said that most of these issues had already been discussed earlier in the meeting and the way forward had been agreed.

Alan had proposed the joining fee to be £20.00 to include a shirt.

**This was not agreed by members.**

Tony has raised issue about the £5.00 forfeit for not turning up on match days which had already been discussed and agreed.

Ray Ford said that for future AGMs members should ensure they submit any points they want raised in advance of the meeting by sending them in writing to the committee. All members should check they have provided an up to date e-mail address to ensure they get all news. Jimmy Banks said we must not make it so formal that we cannot allow ideas to be discussed at the AGM as it was the one chance for ideas to be discussed.

Ray Baldwin read out a letter from the girls (Beverly and Sarah) who had helped on Captain's day and also attended the Christmas event, where they thanked everyone for a fantastic meal and a great night.

Andy Hayes asked if the Minutes of the AGM could be circulated quicker to members and not to wait until the end of the year. This was agreed by the committee.

Ray Baldwin said that once the fixtures had been set for the coming year we should not change the dates as changing them to suit one group might mean that other people could not then make the new date.

Ray Ford thanked everyone for attending and, as no other business was forthcoming, he declared the meeting closed.