

Devon Dumpling Golf Society – A.G.M.
held at the Devon Dumpling on Sunday, 15th February 2015

1. Members Present

Ray Baldwin, Adrian Lardner, Jimmy Banks, Ray Ford, Paul Bishop, Bernie Fenner, Dave Fenner, Phil Porter, Libby Porter, Rob Harvey, Tony Brinsley, Richard Brinsley, Alan Tucker, Nigel Ford, Alan Yeo, Doug Harris, Pat Harris, Stuart Wilkinson, Paul Howard, Mike Hill, Paul Green, Dave Wensley, Sue Baxter, Lynne Lyon, Val Banks, John Woollacott, Mike Cox, Danny Davis, Tom Greenwood, Barry Privett, Bob Grogan, Jan Green, Andy Hayes, Colin Locker, Dan Lall.

Apologies

Pete Higgins, Chris Bater, Chris Pallister, Ben Howard, Jon Yeo, Jan White, Dave Copping, Stuart Medway, Keith Fenner, Tom Howard, Billy Tucker.

2. Confirmation of 2014 AGM Minutes

Ray Ford reminded members that the minutes were on the website and then asked if anyone had any comments/amendments. No comments, so minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from 2014 Minutes.

No matters arising.

4. President's Report

Ray Baldwin asked Mike Cox to award the prizes for the competition played at Torquay earlier in the day. 30 members turned up to play and the winner with 38 points was Libby Porter, second place with 36 points was Dave Wensley.

Mike then presented the 2014 Order of Merit prizes for positions four to ten as only the top three were presented at the Christmas dinner.

4th Chris Pallister, 5th Alan Tucker, 6th Ray Ford, 7th Tony Brinsley, 8th Phil Porter, 9th Paul Bishop, 10th Chris Bater

Ray informed members who had not heard, John Hayne had passed away before Christmas.

Ray thanked Tony for his work as Secretary and the rest of the Committee for their help and wished everyone a good season for the coming year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jimmy Banks explained that our financial position looked solid and he would support the membership fee staying at £15.00 when it was discussed later. We had made a small surplus this year compared to the loss the previous year when we had supported Bobby Bradbury's widow. He reminded members that the intention was to try and break even each year. Dave Fenner proposed the accounts which were seconded by Tom Greenwood.

6. Election of Officers

- Chairman: Ray Ford
- Treasurer: Jimmy Banks
- Secretary: Tony Brinsley
- Fines Chairman: Ray Ford & Chris Bater

Each received a unanimous vote by the members.

7. Retiring Captain's Report

Mike said there was not a great deal to report although it had been an interesting year. He thanked the Committee and his Vice Captain for their support and all the members for playing. He then introduced the new Captain, Pat Harris.

8. Election of new Captain & Vice Captain

The Chairman welcomed Pat Harris who then thanked Mike for nominating her as his Vice Captain. Pat said we are lucky to have a great society which has now been going for 30 years; a great bunch of friends. As the first lady Captain she was looking forward to a good year with plenty of fun. She introduced her Vice Captain, Paul Bishop, as the first Welsh nomination! She hoped that members would support her and Paul during the coming year.

9. Election of new Members

Dan Lall (handicap 24) & Colin Locker (12) were both present and accepted as members.

Chrissy Morrell & Ian Jones were not present, but they are both Torquay Golf Club members and known to several in the Society, both were accepted as members of the Society.

10. Membership Fee

The Treasurer had already stated that the annual accounts supported keeping the membership fee at £15.00. No other proposals were put forward. Ray Ford proposed that the fee remain at £15.00, seconded by Dave Fenner.

11. Fixtures

Tony Brinsley explained that this year's fixture list had a few changes. Boringdon had been a one off and now dropped, Honiton and Taunton & Pickeridge had each been brought forward a month, and Stover kept as they had offered the winter price for April. Tony confirmed that the fixtures would be e-mailed out to all members and reminded everyone that they are also on the website.

Alan Tucker said that, for the proposed Staddon Heights fixture quite a lot of people were away in Portugal and could we look at changing the date. Tony said he would look into moving it, if possible.

Sue Baxter asked why we did not play China Fleet and Tony said the price quoted had been too expensive but he would look at it again.

Alan Yeo asked if the tee times were fixed and Tony stated that they were as we had been given some later times to fit in with members Sunday competitions at some clubs.

Ray Baldwin asked Tony to look at organising a past/present Captains day.

12. Facebook Page

Ray Ford read out a letter from Chris Pallister offering to set up and run a Devon Dumpling Facebook page where members could post pictures and post comments.

Paul Green said that most members were probably friends on their own Facebook pages.

Nigel Ford said it was a personal choice but thought it could run alongside the website and not replace it.

Barry Privett said we would need to be very careful about members posting negative comments e.g. what if someone said we had got a 'crap' meal at a golf club venue?

Ray Ford said it was up to the membership to vote on the proposal. The membership voted against the proposal of setting up a Facebook page.

13. Winners of Trophies

Ray Baldwin read through the trophy list to ensure all trophies were accounted for. He then explained what members should do if they win a trophy. They should take it to Torre Trophies in East Street to be engraved and then they can keep it at home for a month before returning it to the pub to be placed back in the trophy cabinet.

Ray agreed that he would keep a check on the return of trophies for the Committee.

Phil Porter stated that we needed a specific system for the Dog House as well, as often we are searching for it prior to the next event. After some discussion it was agreed that the member should return the hat and the trophy to the Secretary or President before the next event.

Ray Baldwin said that they could also return it to the Captain or bring it to the pub on the Thursday evening before the fixture when the Committee did the draw for the playing order.

14 Any Other Business

Mike Cox said that there were no Devon Dumpling fine pads left. After some discussion it was agreed that Rob Harvey would get some prices for the Treasurer but we would look to make the design simpler to reduce costs.

Danny Davis brought up about the fines and felt that it had become very nonchalant and we had gone soft on the process. People were not bothering to put fines in and we had lost some of the fun element of it.

Tom Greenwood said that perhaps members should be told that you could end up paying more than £3.00, in the past Paul Bishop had paid £10.00!

Paul Green said it was more fun if you are made to pay fines as opposed to just paying £3.00.

Paul Howard said that perhaps we should have some venues where there is no limit on fines.

Ray Ford said he would take the feedback on board.

Tom Greenwood asked if members of golf clubs were reverting back to their official golf club handicaps.

Ray Ford said that the rules of the Society meant that this year club golfers would revert back to their official club handicap.

Tony Brinsley also explained that he had a formula for non club members to reflect their actual play by reviewing their average across score cards.

Ray Ford proposed that members revert back to their official club handicap and those who are not members of a golf club would be subject to Tony's formula. This was seconded by Dave Fenner and agreed by all.

Alan Tucker asked if anyone would like to order new golf shirts i.e. for new members of the Society or to replace older shirts. Can you please let Alan know and he will also try and get some new jumper samples for members to look at.

Tony Brinsley asked members to notify him of any new or updated personal e-mail addresses.

Ray Ford reminded everyone to get their names up for competitions on the notice board in the pub as early as possible so that the Captain can work out numbers for prizes. Alternatively, you can email Tony Brinsley, Ray Baldwin or the Captain if you are not going in the pub. The list is up now for the first fixture, at Honiton.

Ray Baldwin reminded all members to come over and pay him at each venue as soon as they arrive so that he did not have to chase people.

Ray Ford thanked everyone for attending the meeting, wished everyone a good year and declared the meeting closed.