

Devon Dumpling Golf Society – A.G.M.
held at the Devon Dumpling on Sunday, 5th February 2017

1. Members Present

Ray Baldwin, Adrian Lardner, Jimmy Banks, Val Banks, Chris Bater, Ray Ford, Paul Bishop, Bernie Fenner, Dave Fenner, Rob Harvey, Alan Tucker, Nigel Ford, Doug Harris, Pat Harris, Stuart Wilkinson, Dave Wensley, John Woolcott, Mike Cox, Danny Davis, Bryan Easson, Tom Greenwood, Chris Pallister, David Bray, Hilary Bray, Tony Brinsley, Steve Courtier, Sue Gurney, Mike Hill, Ben Howard, Tom Howard, Andy Knapman, Terry Jones, Stuart Medway, Phil Porter, Libby Porter, Jan Reed, Mel Wilks, Bob Groves

Apologies

Barry Privett, Pete Higgins, Paul Green, Dan Lall, Andy Hayes, Alan Furner, Richard Brinsley, Paul Howard, , Billy Tucker, Bob Grogan, Colin Locker, Tony Gurney, Ben Gunn.

The Chairman, Ray Ford opened the meeting by thanking the members for attending and introduced the Captain, Paul Bishop. Paul said that 30 players had played at Dawlish earlier in the day which had been cold but enjoyable. The Dave Hyne Trophy had been won by Steve Courtier.

1st Steve Courtier 40 points

2nd Tony Brinsley 36 points

3rd Chris Pallister 34 points

The Vice-Captain, Tom Greenwood presented the order of merit prizes for the previous year that hadn't been presented at the Christmas dinner. 5th Paul Bishop, 6th Paul Howard, 7th Alan Tucker, 8th Bob Groves, 9th John Woollacott, 10th Jimmy Banks.

2. Confirmation of the 2016 AGM Minutes

Ray Ford reminded members that the minutes could be viewed on the website, or he had a copy for anyone who hadn't seen them. Ray asked for the minutes to be recorded as a true copy of the meeting - proposed by Dave Fenner and seconded by Nigel Ford, all agreed

3. Matters Arising from 2016 Minutes.

No matters arising.

4. President's Report

Ray Baldwin thanked everyone for good attendance during the year. He thanked Paul for his year of captaincy and Tony Brinsley and Jimmy Banks for their help with the running of the society. He thanked Adrian for taking the minutes and wished everyone a good year's golfing.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jimmy Banks explained that we had to spend a bit more than usual during the year restoring some of the trophies, primarily due to wear and tear. The sporting activities had covered the expenses of the society as per usual and he thanked everyone for their help.

Jimmy recommended that the membership fee should stay the same for the coming year and requested that everyone should pay by April or by the second fixture at the latest.

The accounts were proposed by Tom Greenwood and seconded by Dan Davis.

6. Election of Officers

Chair Person: Ray Ford

Treasurer: Jimmy Banks

Secretary: Tony Brinsley

Fines Chairman: Chris Bater / Dan Davis

Each was voted in unanimously by the members.

7. Retiring Captain's Report

Paul said that he wasn't aware that he should prepare a Captain's report. However, he said that everybody had been brilliant and all of us had a great time.

He had never shaken as much before each game but he had got through it and he thanked his Vice-Captain Tom Greenwood for his help.

8. Election of New Captain & Vice-Captain

The Chairman welcomed Tom Greenwood as the new Captain. Tom announced that his Vice-Captain would be Rob Harvey and gave Rob a high five to his left hand.

9. Election of new Members

Applications to join were received from Liz Sparkes, TQY Golf Club HCP 32, (present) Joe Bassett not a golf club member, no handicap, (present), David Bray, TQY Golf Club HCP 20 (present), Chris Paull, TQY Golf Club, HCP 20 (apologies), Darren Yeowell not a golf club member no handicap (present), Dave Eason not a golf club member, no HCP (apologies), Chas Smith not a golf club member, no handicap (present), Mark Matthews not a golf club member, no handicap (present), All were accepted as members and asked to provide their contact details.

Resignations: Stuart Medway, Mike Cox (moving abroad).

Ray Ford then proposed that Mike Cox should be made an honorary member as he had been a member for over 35 years and was part of the society when it was inaugurated.

This was greed by members.

It was confirmed that Tony has fixed the website and the facebook page is up and running.

10. Membership Fee

The treasurer had already stated that the annual accounts supported keeping the membership fee at £15.00. Agreed unanimously by members.

11. Fixtures

Ray Ford went through the list and thanked Tony for his hard work in getting them booked. He confirmed that we had dropped China Fleet and Bigbury and we were looking at getting Tiverton back on board, He said to look out for Okehampton being on Fathers' day and this may be reviewed.

Doug Harris asked if the Former Captains' golf day had now been dropped and it was confirmed that this was being looked at.

Members were all reminded that before we go into AOB, handicaps would be reset to official golf club handicaps for the coming year for those who are golf club members.

12. AOB

Alan Tucker said that we should consider changing the name of the Gordon Brown trophy as Gordon had died over 30 years ago and it would be better renaming it, possibly to the Ray Baldwin trophy.

He also mentioned about changing the society logo.

Nigel Ford said the new Dumpling sign is not a logo but more of a corporate sign.

Phil Porter said we should keep the logo as people comment on our shirts and it helps with the recognition.

Tom Greenwood said that the shirts should all be the same colour

Vote - all in favour of keeping the logo, with the exception of Chris Pallister

The committee to make a discussion re the colour of the shirt.

Bryan Easson asked what the protocol was on the restriction of guests and it was confirmed that members would always have priority over guests if there was a restrictions on numbers.

Ray Ford reminded members that once the draw for an event is made, if members then drop out they will still incur the £5.00 charge for prizes as they will already have been bought.

Tom Greenwood confirmed that when we make the course bookings we have to give estimated number of players.

Phil Porter brought up the matter of bad weather and said that if the course is open we should actually play regardless of whether buggies/trolleys etc. are allowed.

No further AOB so the meeting was declared closed.

Tom Greenwood said he was privileged and honoured to be the Captain this year and he hoped to do as well as past Captains. He was going to look at changing some of the formats of the competitions and adding some team events, as some of the days were quite serious and he wanted to make it more of a fun society.