

GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016
NENE PARK GOLF CLUB, HELD AT THE WOODMAN, 7 pm

Present

Chris Naylor, club captain

Jocelyn Faris, ladies captain

Nigel Alban, competition secretary

Chris Dann, junior's organiser

Dave Riley, men's representative

Sue Hansen, ladies competition secretary

Karen Martins, ladies handicap secretary

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Karen Martins has sent an amendment to Chris Naylor re minutes..to add that the ladies section had decided to cap handicaps at 36, rather than adopting the new, non competitive handicap option of 54.

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Men's matches.. Friendlies

Lost to Burghley 4-2 at Thorpe

Lost to Elton 4-2 at Thorpe

Jock Stewart

Lost final 3-0 to Bourne

Derek Burrridge

Orton beat Old Nene 5-0

Due to play final on 9th October

SENIOR'S CAPTAIN REPORT

Lost to St Ives away 4-2

Won Kettering home 7-1

Won Rutland County home 5.5-2.5

Lost Rutland County away 6.5-1.5

Halved Toft home 3.5-3.5

All good matches, and able to play eight pairs per game due to overwhelming support.

Senior Captain away day on Sept 5th attracted over 30 players

LADY CAPTAIN REPORT

Golf Committee Meeting 19th Sept 2016

Lady Captains Report – Jocelyn Faris

Inter Club Matches.

Ladies –Elton Furze Away Lost :0

Thorney Halved Match 3:3

Mixed V Rutland Cancelled due to weather. Re-arranged 22nd October

Ladies Events

Lady Captains Day 4th August – I had an excellent turn out with 45 Ladies and 10 Academy Ladies playing in a Texas Scramble format.

In the evening 43 ladies attended the meal at the Farmers in Yaxley where the prizes for the day and our 6 monthly competitions were presented.

£250.00 on the day was collected from Raffle and Donations for the Lady Captains Charity – The Stroke Association

Ladies 3 Ball Alliance at Orton Meadows Wednesday – 24th August - we hosted our 2nd Open of the year . The start sheet was full with 25 teams and all the participants had an enjoyable day.

£300.00 on the day was collected from Raffles, Competitions and Donations for the Lady Captains Charity – The Stroke Association

Academy Ladies – In consultation with Suzanne and Iain Caville, I have prepared a “Welcome Letter” for the Academy Ladies outlining some of the benefits of club membership. We have also invited them to come to our Roll Up on Wednesday 19th October at Orton Meadows.

Course Measurement - Simon tells me the course was measured for the ladies and, like the men’s, it is shorter.

Use of Ladies Allowance – I would like your approval to use some of our Ladies Allowance for Team Training for ladies who have participated in our interclub ladies and mixed matches (24 Ladies). The plan would be for 2 sessions with Suzanne on short game skills, 1 weekend and 1 weekday. I hope this would encourage our ladies to improve and gain confidence to a level where we can compete in Northamptonshire Golf Team Competitions. I would estimate the cost to be a maximum of £150.00

Men’s Competitions Secretary Report

No Shows in Men’s Competitions

Since the Previous meeting we have had a few issues with No Shows Daily Mail Pairs event, Mr Gerard Evans & Mr Gavin Corrigan, neither of the afore named made any contact with either myself or Chris or the driving range reception, leaving there playing partners having to have their entry fee refunded and unable to participate.

Cambridge Evening News Pairs at Orton Meadows there was again Two No shows Master Lucas Bickers and Mr David Toms with no notification. Competition was Pairs foursomes format, which meant we had to move people to make up a six

ball which obviously has its drawbacks with slow play but meant all pairs were still able to participate.

I have already emailed the Club Secretary to send a letter to ALL advising them of the correct procedure expected when not turning up to play. This has all been done

This weeks Competition again we had some no shows, all last minute but to be fair all notified driving range staff which caused a lot of shuffling about on the tee box before people went out, Chris and the starter were able to swap things around, but again this is not the best preparation for anyone who is playing in the Competition.

Ian Stilson made a great comment, you put your names down on Club V1 with people who you would like to play with, you don't expect to have it all changed when you turn up at the tee.

I shall be sending out another reminder email via club V1 advising all members again of what is expected by individuals when not turning up to play. With the detailed penalties of what they can expect as discussed at the last committee meeting.

Singles Knockout Competition

There was a situation again regarding this event when two people had not been able to arrange their match, (one Month Overdue) with neither myself or Chris being contacted, I have contacted both parties discussed their lack of communication to each other has caused this issue and I took the decision after consultation with Chris to disqualify Mark Forman as he is away for two weeks on holiday.

Next year it has been decided there will be NO CONCESSIONS on any round and dates to be played by will be clearly marked above each round. This will stop any confusion and avoid any late matches.

Cancelled Captains Salvagers

Having checked the fixtures diary and to allow enough time to get people to enter I propose a date of either Saturday 8th October 2016 or Saturday 22nd October 2016 to rescheduled this mixed Pairs Competition, but need confirmation of date from Committee members before we can book tees on BRS and enter it on club V1

LADY COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tee times booked through to March 2017 at both courses, with increase in numbers of tees booked. We are currently working on the diary for the rest of the year. Recent competitions have been well supported.

Ann Hawkins and Carol Alban played in the PING final at Gainsborough and enjoyed the experience.

The three ball alliance at OM will be on August 16th 2017, 25 tees will be booked.

The AMAM will be on May 10th 2017, both events will be booked on Golf Empire as soon as green fees are decided.

JUNIORS REPORT

Results and report

What a season Nene Park Golf Club Juniors have had.

Under the Captaincy of Kallon Rawlings they started their campaign against St Neots at home in the St Ives Cup on a very wet May weekend losing both matches 2-0 and bowing out at the first hurdle.

In their first League match in Division 2 the juniors travelled to Gog Magog and came away with a creditable half. From then on there was no turning back.

Our Junior Team qualified for the English Golf Finals at Frilford Heath after winning the regional tournament at Bar Hill on the last May Bank Holiday , and blew all but one team out of the water. Competing against 33 clubs the result was tied 1st after 36 holes and 2 days of golf. Unfortunately the ruling for a tie saw the 3rd score over the two days come into play and so we lost out by 1 point to Long Ashton Golf Club of Gloucestershire. Massive achievement!!!!

In the League more juniors were blooded in matches and although we still have not had the final tables for the season through CAGU we are fairly sure we have finished no lower than 2nd in Division 2. Without knowing Gog's final results we are not sure yet if a top of the table has been achieved.

On September the 4th The Final of the Cambridgeshire Friendly Cup took place.

The Venue – Elton Furze – less said the better aha

The Opponents – Milton Golf Club

What an exciting game ... with our last pairing out going down 4&3 the first two pairs were still on the course and looking to secure a point apiece to win us the cup 2-1 . Both matches went down to the 18th with Lucas Bickers and Rylan Thomas winning their final hole to win 1up ... 1-1. So it came down to Vice Captain Corey Dann and Dan Clarke, 1 up with 1 to play it looked very promising ...even with both teams on the final green in 3. Nene Park closest it was Milton's Lisa Johnson to putt first (green surrounded with supporters) she holed from 15 feet and we missed so a half ...1 and ½ v 1 and ½ ... So it was extra holes .. Milton played a blinder ...par 4 at the first and the cup was theirs ... credit to both teams, what a battle.

Nene Park Golf Club should be very proud of their Junior Section in 2016/2017 showing great promise.

Handicaps were lowered by great golf in competitions over the Spring and Summer. Some wins in major competitions having been invited by the club to play in regular competitions on a Sunday and even some of the juniors representing the Adult men's team in Club matches.

Our Junior Club Champion for the year was Kallon Rawlings winning the Gross prize and George Geddis winning the Nett.

We even have a Junior still competing in the final stages of the prestigious club match play knock outs pairs and singles.

The juniors are all very grateful of the support received by the Adult members of Nene Park Golf Club and would like to add the following

Special thanks should be given to Barry Orgil for being available to transport teams to junior matches and Junior Opens along with Aaron Jones and Chris Dann.

Another thanks goes to our fantastic Nene Park Golf Club Captain, Chris Naylor, who not only attended our final at Elton Furze GC but has always been on hand to offer advice and encouragement to any of the Juniors that have been seen practising around the chipping green, on the course and even inviting my son Corey to attend a practise session at Newmarket GC for the Jock Stewart team.

A special thank you also goes to our sponsor Robert Moore of Progressive Property. Without people like Rob we are certain our successes this season would not have been possible and the juniors always looked smartly dressed while representing the club at away venues and whilst hosting matches at Thorpe Wood. At this point Sue and Andy in the Woodman also have to be thanked for providing some great hospitality in support of the League and Cup matches that were played at home ...Thank you !!

A special donation was received from the main committee earlier in the year which was invaluable. Thank you again!

Another thank you goes to Do Bagley for her constant effort in updating our website with all the results after ever match and posting pictures of the team in their smart attire.

I couldn't write this without saying thank you to Simon from me personally ...and also Phil and his team of green keepers for providing a great venue for our children to play golf. It was a constant source of compliments when teams visited Thorpe Wood from May onwards.

Planning has already started for 2017. Aaron has spoken to me (Chris) about entering the team into Division 1 next season. This will ensure matches will have full compliments of players and category 1 and 2 handicap players will also be allowed to compete.

An end of season event for this season has also tentatively been pencilled in with the juniors being invited out on the last Friday in October ...details to be finalised.

Aaron has also started to design literature to display and mail shot encouraging more juniors to join Nene Park Golf Club in order to boost numbers and competition for the forthcoming new season.

I personally would like to thank everyone for their support to me in my new role but

most of all please make sure we all say a massive well done to Aaron when you see him for all his efforts as without his Monday night sessions and work over weekends when he would normally have days off we would not be in the position we are now with this most important section of this fantastic golf club.

Looking forward to 2017

Yours in sport

Chris

Chris Dann - Junior Organiser NPGC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Naylor

1. Captains day allowance allocated, £550
2. Working on senior's comps for next year, also looking for candidates for a new position, Seniors co-ordinator, one expression of interest for senior's handicap secretary.
3. Thorpe Wood course has been re measured, so new cards and tee markers will need to be generated...so a good opportunity to revise existing stroke indexes. Looked at performances per hole over recent months and suggestions drawn up. Committee members to look at and discuss at next meeting, but initially good response.
4. Tees to be booked in one block for men's competitions on Sundays, instead of splitting into two lots of tees.

Nigel Alban

Three people required to form and represent a handicap committee. So Nigel for the men, Karen and Sue for the ladies, and? Ian Stilson for seniors.

.? Would these reps be responsible for allocating new handicaps, informing people of changes etc.

Jocelyn Faris

Suggested funding for some coaching to lady members who take part in inter club competitions, from Suzanne Dickens. Estimate £150. Approved by this committee.

Chris Dann

Discussion around specifying a date for club knock-out finals, to make it more of an occasion for players. Decided it may not be practical to dictate a date, as may deter people from entering, but could advertise when finals taking place, so people could support if they wished.

This led to discussion about possibility of a board either by starter hut, or by range, stating comps, societies etc out on that particular day. Chris Naylor agreed to approach Simon Fitton about this.

Meeting finished 8.30 pm.

Next meeting, Monday 24th October, 7 pm, The Woodman

