

TORPHINS GOLF CLUB

Zoom Committee Meeting

16th August 2021

Present Roy Mathers, Wilma Nicol, Paul Wilson, Brian Mathers, Stewart Cordiner,
Nigel Bennett, Wilma Urquhart, Stewart Adamson

Apologies Malcolm Riach

Accident Book No accidents reported

Stewart Cordiner informed the committee he wants to withdraw his services as a committee member, but will continue to provide a website and publicity role.

Secretary/Fundraising

Win Culley passed away on the 3rd August 2021. Win will be sadly missed by the senior ladies who thoroughly enjoyed her company and friendship.

Five couples have entered The Mathers Mixed – the draw has been sent out to the participants.

Re-issued request for members to enter The Learney Cup. 5 withdrawn 1 added to the original list. BM requested a Golf Bites be sent to the members asking for last minute entries – **WN** to send

2021 Rag Bags raised £612.40

Open Texas Scramble – 6 teams have entered, so far. Details sent to P & J ER.E. NE Draws, and FB. Catering will be available. **NB** to prepare a spreadsheet with handicap calculations for display.

Men's Open – 45 entrants. Successful day. The course was in great condition, thank you to Jockie for his hard work. Thank you to Graham for his meeting and greeting skills and directing play from the 9th tee. Also, to Janet for helping Wilma N. in the kitchen and the ladies who provided the home bakes and all who entered the competition

The Scottish Golf Course Rating Team will visit TGC on Tuesday 17th August to rate the course. Jockie will provide information on length of rough and greens. RM will provide the Course Measurement Certificate.

Outings - Total Pensioners 16th September Bacon Rolls and Soup and Sandwiches - Audrey Young to provide the catering

Ian Paterson 4th September (Bacon Rolls, Soup and Sandwiches and 2 course meal Wilma and Team)

A reply was received from Ruth and Rosemary Bowman regarding the maintenance of the bench at the 13th. *"Thank you for contacting Wealden Benches and getting their advice, which we're OK with the golf club following. Despite no maintenance costs being incurred by the club, we would still like to make a contribution so I'll not be changing or cancelling the standing order."*

Email from Raymond regarding the £20.00 introduction payment. It was agreed by the committee that any member having paid full membership who introduces another member paying the full membership fee will receive the £20.00 introductory discount. The discount will be deducted from their next year's subscription fee. This includes senior members who receive the long service discount.

Citation Services are part of The SG buying group. This is the service they offer at a monthly cost of £150.00. The committee agreed not to pursue the offer.

WN sent a thank you note to Kevin Leslie for his kind donation of a hover mower to the club. WN submitted an application to The Bread of Life requesting a donation to purchase a new Spreader which evenly distributes grass seed, top dressing and fertiliser.

Treasurer

Update at 15 August 2021.

1. Bank balance as at 15 August 2021 is £7,782. Special account is £30,043.
2. Membership numbers at 15/8/21 is 176 (36 new members so far, 10 of which are in the 22 - 30 category). 29 Resignations. Last year's total 169.
3. Membership Income to date is £25,111 plus £1,994 paid in advance from previous years = £27,105 (1 person paid in advance (3 years) so far - £500). Net £26,605. Last year's total £25,445.
4. 100 Club Winner £50 for July – No 102 Marion Mathers.
5. Green fees at 15/8/21 is £6,153 (End of August 2020 £7,521). Last year's total £12,200. 2021 Budget was £8k.
6. Footgolf income at 15/8/21 is £719 (End of August 2020 £318)
7. Current estimate on course costs is now nearly £10,000 (Budget £7,000). Total actual costs to date £7,413
8. Tee sponsorship - Duncans (3 years) only one outstanding. **WN** to contact Graham Duncan
9. Insurance for 2020/21 £1,830 – increase from £1689 last year.

Greens

RM read a copy of Rigby Taylor's recent report.

Further to our meeting on Thursday 29th July, please find the following update on the progress of the greens along with the cost of materials as discussed.

The greens are a great improvement from my last visit in June, the seeding work which has been carried out continues to be a success, grass coverage overall is very good and is a credit to the hard work which has been put in.

The greens now require to be top dressed on a regular basis, little and often every 10-14 days weather permitting.

These applications should be drag matted into the sward and where necessary, level-luted to leave a smooth finish.

The grasses should be allowed time to grow through the top dressing before more dressing is applied, hence 10-14 days. The current top dressing you have been using is not suitable for this as there is too much grit in the material and we cannot achieve the surface finish we require.

Over-seeding on the thinner areas should now be done with Browntop bent at 4-5grams per square meter, if possible, hire the dyno seeders as discussed so the seed can be applied to the correct depth.

Continue to apply wetting agent and Microdyne as per the programme, more wetting agent and water is required on the 12th Green which is showing severe signs of dry patch. This particular green may require a different approach to the regular wetting agent programme next season, with 2 granular applications made in early spring.

The date for my next visit is Thursday 2nd September at 10.30am, if this is not suitable, please let me know and we can arrange another date which is suitable to all parties.

Costs

20 x ton LMS USGA Top Dressing Sand	@	£43.15 per tonne
1 x 10kg 100% Egmont Browntop Bent	@	£167.48 per 10kg

Fertiliser distributor

1 x Optim8 36kg Powder Coated Professional Fertiliser Distributor	@	£374.24 each
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Based on the recommendation by Ribgy Taylor and further clarification by Colin Forbes we purchased the 20 x ton Top Dressing, Browntop Bent and the Spreader.

NB/PW/RM met with Jackie to discuss the preparation for the winter course. It was agreed by the committee to contact Martin Ferris for a quote to move the 6th winter green and to lay a foundation for the practice net.

NB to send latest programme to the committee for review.

Match Secretary

TGC finished mid to low in the Deeside League table.

Unlikely TGC will field a team for the scratch match.

Handicap will be played at Aboyne GC – date to be arranged

Walker Cup will be played at TGC on the 11th September. PW will arrange 6 gents and WU will arrange the 4 ladies. Soup and sandwiches will be available after the match

Handicap Secretary

Gents Club Championship Qualifier completed

Handicap Nigel Bennett vs Brian Mathers and Gordon Chalmers vs Eddie Johnston

Scratch Nigel Bennett vs Gordon Chalmers and Roy Mathers vs Graham Young

All gents' semi finals to be played by the 12th September

Seniors

No report

Ladies

Ladies C.C. Wilma Nicol vs Janet Young and Wilma Urquhart vs Maria Giblin

Ladies semi finals to be played by the 10th September

Juniors

No report

Clubhouse

No report

FootGolf

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Next Zoom Committee Meeting will be held on the Monday 13th September 2021