

TORPHINS GOLF CLUB Committee Meeting Virtual – Whats App - 19th November 2025 7pm

Present: Wilma Nicol, Nigel Bennett, Brian Mathers, Roy Mathers, Stewart Adamson and Paul Wilson

Apologies: Maria Giblin, Mike Scott

Accident Book - 1 accident reported, Bobby Kerr fell and broke his ankle. NB will record the accident in the book.

Matters Arising / Secretary

This year's Presentation Night held on 1 November was a great success with 28 members and family attended. Following the presentation an enjoyable quiz was set by Paul Wilson.

The Volunteers Lunch was held on 16 November with 21 members. Food supplied by Stuart Donald. Another great success for the club. Delicious food and good fun.

Scottish Golf has requested all clubs carry out an annual review of the Handicap Indexes. A report can be downloaded from the Scottish Golf website showing variances and if action is required. SA/BM/JY. The Fixture Meeting set for the 20th November is now postponed and to be rescheduled the following week.

Further discussions took place with TGC and Lumphanan GC regarding Joint Open. Agreed Date 25 July 2026. Further discussion needed re Walker Cup date.

New cooler purchased from Nisbets for the kitchen. Total cost £412.00 incl. VAT and delivery. The cooler will be delivered on the 19th March 2026. The Fundraising account will fund the purchase. New double-sided flag purchased and received from Rood Signs. Registration for the Howdidido App webinar is open for all involved (November 20th) with score entry, competition set up etc. Evonex (phone) platform migration will be take place.

Nigel, Graham and Wilma and potentially Roy to be involved in a Budget meeting in the next couple of weeks. Green Fee Rates for 2026 - £25 and £15 for weekdays and weekends upto May 31.

£30 and £20 for weekends for June, July and August. Weekday rates to remain the same.

Update Catering and Outing Rates for 2026 – Currently 60% Catering profit. There will be a slight increase in catering costs. Over 12 people or more - £20 for 18 holes – then catering thereafter - aiming for a good profit.

Treasurer - Update as of 19 November 2025.

1. Bank balance is £7,716. Special account is £45,884.

Membership numbers at 19/11/25 is 184 (G 132 L 19 J 33). 53 new members (16 at winter rates). 40

Resignations to date. Budget was 155. Last year's total 171

Income Membership income is £31,568 plus £2,340 paid in advance from previous years, less £1,955 (including Graeme Macauley) paid in advance for future years = £31,953. Last year's total was £29,813. Green fees to 19 November are £16,232 (end Nov 2024 £9,861). Budget was £9,000.

Footgolf income to 19 November is £2,006. (end Nov 2024 £1,416). Budget was £1,200.

Expenditure Course actual costs for 2025 are £15,859. Budget was £15,000. Forecast is now around £17,500. Last year's total was £13,389. Estimated Greenkeeper costs of £14,800 for this season, which includes volunteer's lunch and munchies. (Budget was £18,400)

100 Club - October winner of £100 was George Paterson and runner up of £50 was Nigel Bennett.

Miscellaneous Reclaimed £116 from HMRC re overpayment of PAYE (Martin Grimmer). Estimated profit for year is now around £13k before depreciation.

Greens

Two new tyres have been replaced on the rear of the Mule. The team lifted turf on the 1st tee and lessons learnt will be applied to other tees. The 2nd medal tee is the new priority rather than the 7th. The aim is to play on the main course as long as possible. Winter tees and greens being prepared. Fairway mats to be used on the winter course. Graham Macauley took out two trees from the 4th tee.

Alan MacLean has almost finished with the structure behind the reservoir tee. It is currently stacked on the concrete. Tidying of the ground around the 4th and 6th to reduce trip hazards. Calum to be contacted to drain the irrigation. Very little moisture below the surface of the ground, however snow on the course has resulted in cross country skiers and sledgers today. Top dressing to be purchased for next year.

Match Secretary - nothing to report

Handicap Secretary - Annual Review to take place next week or so.

Seniors - nothing to report

Ladies - AGM held Secretary: Maria Giblin Treasurer/Match Secretary: Alison Christie Handicap/Senior Ladies Captain: Janet Young. The ladies are unable to recruit a representative to attend the Main Committee Meetings. Ladies have a 9-hole winter competition starting Monday 24th November

Juniors – Nothing to report

Clubhouse - Soap dispenser in ladies toilet sticking, Soap dispenser in the kitchen dripping. Change the heating and immersion to web enabled systems.

FootGolf - Nothing to report.

Digital Presence – Minutes on the website and clubhouse. PW to contact SC. Local Rules to be published on website. Post the winter course details. NB to contact SC. More regular Facebook items to the community have been posted.

AOCB Discussion about handicap limits for the Joint Open. £20 per person. Play will commence at Torphins Golf club in the morning, Lumphanan in the pm. Will try to find a sponsor. Lochnager Cup/Trophy. Roy completed his Child Protection Training – frustrating experience but he got his certificate! He is also available to stand for next year's committee.

Next Committee (virtual) Meeting : Wednesday 14th January 2026

Date for AGM: Tuesday: 17th February 2026