

Barnard Castle Golf Club.

Management Meeting.

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Attendees: Colin MacLeod, Craig Hamilton, Andrew Hall, Tony Buckley, Graham West, Dianne Wilkinson

1) Apologies

- Geoff Wall, Joy Pallister, Yvonne Carr.

2) Minutes of last meeting.

- Proposed: Graham West
- Seconded: Andrew Hall

3) Actions List

- Action list reviewed and updated.

4) Updates

- Chairperson / Finance

- SGM took place Tuesday 28th February in the club house where the budget for 2023/24 was presented and member annual subscriptions, green fees, buggy hire, etc were communicated. In addition, those in attendance were given an update on the financial years 2020/22 (18 month) and 2022/23. At the conclusion questions were taken from the floor.
- Adverts placed with The Northern Echo and Northern Golfer concerning Member Subscription and Visitor green fees.
- Work continues through the month of March to close of the 2022/2023 accounts.

- Admin

- 2023 / 2024 Members' Bag Tags will be available from the pro shop from 3rd April.

- Welfare

- No update

- Greens

- Head Greenkeeper highlighted an unacceptable high number of divots and pitch marks across the course which are not being repaired. Members to be reminded via e-mail and Facebook Members Page of required etiquette (**Action: Lisa**)
- Work continuing through March on course maintenance.,
 - Wetting agent to be applied mid-March to aid surface drainage especially on the 6 really wet poorly drained greens where Winter Greens are still in operation.
 - Continue to aerate the surface via use of sorrel roller one week and the slit tiner the following week to break up surface compaction and permit both air and water movement.
 - Light aeration on approaches via slitting with weekly mowing has improved surface as well as roping off throughout winter months (removing end of March) which will provide better areas for winter holes next winter.
 - Remaining bunker sand will be used to excavate both greenside bunkers on 2 and replace with new sand. Full raking will be carried weekly on Mondays and Fridays.
 - Fairway perimeters mowed weekly in March with full mow by the end of month. Slitting has not been carried out this winter as tines are all worn and awaiting replacement before next winter. Worn areas will be verti drained throughout March.
 - Tees mown weekly and slit weekly. The 7th tee is finally nearing completion following the really wet late autumn and winter which left the tee unworkable. New irrigation is currently being installed and should be turfed before the end of the month and in play at the end of April.
 - The brushing and raising of low canopies on several copses and in play areas will be complete, which will improve aesthetics, air flow, and stop inhibiting both golfers and mowers.

- **Competition**
 - The Winter League concludes 25th and 26th March, bringing the off-season competitions to a close.
 - The Spring Open takes place 1st April. Places are still available.
 - Review of course to take place Thursday 30th March to determine course layout (**Action: Andy, Craig and David**)
 - Entries are now open for the 2023 four ball better ball and foursomes' knockouts. Entries can be taken via the Pro shop or the HowDidiDo App.
 - The first inter club match of the season will be against Appleby GC at home on Saturday 22nd April 22nd - first tee time 12.30pm. The team sheet is displayed on the notice board and members wishing to represent the club are requested to put their name on the sheet. The team sheet for the home match with Bedale GC is also displayed on the notice board.
 - The 2023 / 2024 fixture diaries will be available for collection from the pro shop from 3rd April.
- **Captain**
 - The first edition of the Club Chronicle, written by Geoff Wall was published and sent to all members, 13th March. Information and updates included were:
 - ❖ Chairperson
 - ❖ Ladies
 - ❖ Seniors
 - ❖ Competitions
 - ❖ Greens
 - ❖ Club House
- **Ladies**
 - On Tuesday 21 March Ben Hunt from the GNAA received cheque for over £1834.77, the proceeds of the very successful coffee morning held in February.
 - The Mixed Friendly against Knaresborough takes place Sunday at BCGC on Sunday 26 March.
 - The Ladies Opening Tea proceeded by a 9 hole fun competition is on Sunday 2 April after which the 18 hole competitions commence.
 - The 9 hole winter competitions were well supported, the overall winner was Lainey Hunt with Marion Robinson second and Maureen Raw third.
- **Seniors**
 - Seniors' competitions continue to be well supported. Preparations are underway for the new season ahead.

5) Matters Arising

- None

6) Correspondence

- None

7) AOB

- None

The next management committee meeting will take place, w/c 17-Apr. Availability from MC members required for 18th and 19th. Upon receipt, date will be communicated. (**Action: Colin**)

Colin MacLeod