



## Thelwal & Grappenhall Golf Society – Meeting Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.

In attendance: John Davies (Chairman), Graham Rose (Acting Secretary), Stuart Rae, Rob McLean, Mick Metcalfe, Andy Henshaw, Neil Titchard, Andrew Courtney-Smith, Steve Occleston, Daniel Dunn, Philip Young, Nader Rehmatullah, John Owen

Apologies: Tim Jordan, Rob Slater, Rick Hudd, Mark Tyrer, Steve Coulton, Vinnie Mason, Steve Pickford, Darren Smith, Ray Lee

### Previous Minutes

Accepted.

### Actions

The following actions from the previous meeting were carried forward as ongoing:

Charity Day. Just Giving page setup. ACTION RS - **DONE**

Charity Day. Contact Club Golfer. ACTION RS

Charity Day. Entry Form to be posted on website. ACTION RS

Charity Day. Sponsorship of Holes. Members who may want to, or know a company or person willing to sponsor a hole, to contact TJ ASAP. ACTION All

Charity Day. Support for Day Volunteers required. ACTION All

Charity Day. Options to alleviate need for cash to be investigated. ACTION JO/TJ

Trophies. Coordinate repair and engraving. ACTION VM (with support from RS)

All other actions have been completed, overtaken or are referred to in the Agenda items below.

### Next Day Out

ACS confirmed that the next day out is booked for 24 people on Sunday 25 February. A full breakfast and coffee will be provided at 9.30 prior to tee off for 18 holes golf at 11.00. A two course carvery dinner (main and dessert course) will be served after the golf. The total cost for the day will be £60 (including breakfast, golf, dinner and two's comp money).

ACS informed the meeting that the club will honour its commitment to provide a carvery for dinner as long as 'we get close to' 20 attendees. ACS is confident that we will meet the numbers.

So far, from the meeting, 12 people confirmed their attendance plus Tim Jordan. ACS will send an email to all members in the near future and payment will be required beforehand in the usual manner. ACTION.

Anyone wishing to stay overnight on the Saturday and who wishes to stay at a pub run by Occy's friend in nearby Tremadog please contact Occy direct. ACTION.

Otherwise, others wishing to make alternative accommodation arrangements or travel on Sunday please coordinate amongst yourselves.

## WEA update

Tosh advised that all 24 places are now taken. The Ryder Cup would be competed for over all three days in the usual format. The individual Weekend Away Trophy would also be played for, as usual, on the Saturday.

A dinner and final presentation will be held on Sunday but there will be an option for people to drive home afterwards (at around 20.00) if anyone only wants to stay two nights. Some single rooms have already been requested. Tosh will send out an email asking for everyone's requirements and finalise rooming lists accordingly. ACTION.

Total costs are £260 for 3 nights including golf (£200 for 2 nights). Single room supplements will also apply and will be advised by Tosh.

Teams have already been selected by the Captains loosely based on football club allegiance colours and are as follows:

Red Team		Blue Team
Gyum (Capt)	1	Tosh (Captain)
Ira Washer	2	John Owen
Mike Davidson	3	Steve Coulton
Nigel Hartley	4	Philip Young
M Tabbernacle	5	ACS
Tim Jordan	6	Stu SA
Tony Sharp	7	Mick Metcalfe
Andy Mason	8	Ray Lee
Noddy Rehmatullah	9	John Davies
Rob Slater	10	Rob McLean
Rick Hudd	11	Mark Tyrer
Barry Galvani	12	Dan Dunn

Team Castore Polo shirts (blue and red) are to be ordered from Tosh's son Mathew.

#### 40th Anniversary Event

Gyum advised, on Tim's behalf, that at the time of the meeting 19 members (including Ray) had so far confirmed their attendance. As it is booked for 24 attendees there are now only 5 spaces left. If any member still wishes to attend please contact Tim Jordan by the end of January when any remaining places will be offered to past members or guests. ACTION.

Gyum confirmed the competitions which will be played for, including a team event - see 2024 programme. A private room has been booked for dinner on the Sunday evening where a slide show of TAGGS photos over the years will be projected on a screen (Gyum and Slates will arrange this). The competition standings/results will also be announced by one or more of the 2024 Captains at the Sunday dinner and after golf on the Monday.

Other ideas for the Sunday evening are still being considered and any suggestions, and support in organising them, would be most welcome - please contact John Davies, Rob Slater or Tim Jordan. ACTION.

### MNDA Charity Day

Gyum, on Tim's behalf, advised that the next planning meeting was arranged for 23 January after which Tim and others would be able to respond on the various actions listed above as ongoing.

In the meantime, John Owen confirmed that he has opened a new TAGGS bank account. This will solely be used for funds associated with the Charity Day before it replaces the current TAGGS account later in the year.

Philip Young advised that he had previously been able to secure card readers for Thelwall Parish bonfire night events which had cost £50 per card reader plus a small commission per transaction. Tosh also agreed to ask at Grappenhall Cricket Club how such devices had been obtained and the costs.

In view of the pending actions regarding team entry requirements, a short discussion was held and concluded that, for the time being, members should simply advise Tim ASAP if they wish to enter a team of four and the ratio of TAGGS members & guests in their team. There should be no need to pay any entry fee at the moment but members will eventually be responsible for paying their team entry fees.

### Treasurers Report

John Owen advised that there was nothing significant to report on the accounts.

Members are asked to note that they are required to pay their £25 TAGGS membership fee before the first event of the year at Porthmadog or they will be ineligible to compete for the trophy. ACTION.

## Handicap Secretaries Report

Rick had requested confirmation of the intention to continue the POTY in 2024.

The meeting reviewed each day out and whether the intended competitions would allow their eligibility for POTY events as follows:

February Porthmadog - Yes

March Prestbury - Yes

April Sandbach - Yes

May Hawkstone - Yes

June - Blackpool North Shore - currently unknown

July Warrington - No

August Walton - Yes

September Yorkshire - Yes

In conclusion, it was agreed that the POTY would be competed for in 2024. The winner would be based on the best 5 scores out of all eligible events (6 or 7 between February and September inclusive). This would also allow a 'Slog to St Anne's' Play Off for the top eight POTY places to be held in October.

Whilst some additional one-off competitions may be played on days out this year (eg. 4 man team comps, hidden holes, 9 hole medal sponsored by individual Captains) it was still intended to compete for the TAGGS trophies in a Stableford format which would allow Rick to undertake his usual slashings. If any Captain is unsure of how the format of their intended competitions would impact handicap adjustments, they are requested to consult with Rick in advance. They should also maintain contact with him regarding attendees at their days out in order for him to get his laptop fired up and running.

## Any Other Business

The Chairman advised that, for future meetings in this busy year, he would like to have a two month look ahead to each day out. For example, at the February meeting, the days out at Porthmadog and Prestbury would be discussed - and so on. The meeting agreed that this was a good idea.

As Tosh's son is able to supply the polo shirts at a bargain price of £15 (including logo), it was discussed whether these should be provided free of charge to all members and paid for by TAGGS. It had previously been agreed that TAGGS would provide a golf towel for all paid up members but this has not yet been progressed.

It was agreed that TAGGS should fund the polo shirts instead - and thanked Picky for his offer to procure towels which are not now required.

As the polo shirts would be provided to all members, including those not attending the Weekend Away, it was agreed that the logo should be based on the Anniversary Year and not specify the Weekend Away or Yorkshire. Tosh and Gyum will supply a final, simple logo design which will incorporate TAGGS (in letters), a golf ball and 40th Anniversary. ACTION.

Members attending the Weekend Away will be supplied with their free polo shirts in either blue or red per their chosen team. Other members will be able to choose either blue, red or white. All members will also be able to purchase additional shirts in blue, red or white. As Tosh would like to be able to make the minimum order (one in the near future, plus possibly one more later in the year) he intends to issue an email in the near future asking requirements and sizes. ACTION.

Meeting closed at 21.22.