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## OPGCMA – Competitions Committee

**Meeting:** 05/09  
**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
**Venue:** Oak Park Committee Room

### Present

Cliff Simmons	Mike Wilkinson
Brian Cannan	Roy Mann
Steve Keeble	Colin Church
Mark Cooper	Ian Hawker
John Evans	

### Apologies

Margaret Church, Brian Matthews, Neil Dockar, Trevor Bracken

### Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

Item	Discussion / Topic	Follow up / Action
04/09.01	<b>Competitions Computer</b> BM requested that an approach to crown Golf with reference to relocating the Competitions Computer.	CS has put forward a proposal to Crown Golf and has been accepted in Principal, CS will take to the main Committee for final approval
04/09.04	<b>Winter Competitions</b> MC asked if the qualifying Competitions should be reduced and replaced with more Team events, as the Qualifying period had shifted to 3 in 12. CS would insert the topic for discussion in the next meetings Agenda, meanwhile CS requested MC come up with some ideas for the Team Comps.  Mark put forward some suggestions of the proposed format for future Winter Competitions, all were to take away ready for discussion and conclusion at the next meeting, consideration should be given for the Millennium Trophy to be moved, possibly to one of the May Bank Holidays.	Comps Comm to discuss with BM format for year 2010/11.  The current year to remain unchanged

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04/09.07	<p><b>Course</b></p> <p>A number of comments were brought to the table:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The Bridge which has been washed away between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fairways, is this to be replaced, if not should the lateral hazard be replaced with OOB due to the inability to cross the hazard locally.</li><li>2) It has been noticed that a number of hazards around the course have poor makings of late.</li><li>3) The fringes around many of the greens are of poor quality.</li><li>4) The OOB lining the Tee boxes on the 1<sup>st</sup> (WDC) are intermittent and make it difficult to determine if in or out of bounds.</li></ol> <p>The recent Course Walk report was reviewed and noted.</p> <p>It is proposed that during normal play, Comps Comm will record any on course issues and a spread sheet kept and updated and passed to the Main Committee for future updates with CG.</p>	<p><b>CS to take to the Main Committee the suggestion of additional signage on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the poss reinstatement of 13 being call up holes.</b></p>

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<p><b>04/09.09</b></p>	<p><b>Juniors</b></p> <p>Trevor Bracken asked if consideration be given with Juniors playing in Adult competitions, it had emerged that a female Junior had come through into the May Bank Holiday stableford as a reserve and therefore would be playing with Male members who she did not know.</p> <p>Concern was shown for her and also the Male members whom she would be playing with.</p> <p>TB was to try and rearrange her fixture to enable the Junior to play with either other female members or persons that she new.</p> <p>CS covered a recent meeting between Linda Warren (Juniors) and Crown Golf, at which Richard Pilbury (CG) felt that there was adequate protection and legislation in place for the protection of Juniors and Adults within the Crown Golf Group.</p> <p>CS had undertaken research into the Safe Guarding of Children in Golf and with the assistance of "The Children in Golf Strategy Group".</p> <p>It is noted that "One of the reasons for the popularity of Golf is that the game is not restricted either competitively or socially by skill, age or gender", every effort should be made to promote all mix within the game.</p> <p>Nevertheless, when playing golf with a Minor, Adults and Minors alike should be aware that certain age-related differences do exist and should conduct themselves in a manner that recognises this.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Committee that all CG Members had a responsibility, in the event of any mist mina occurring be reported directly to a Senior member of the Crown Golf organisation, in the event that a Duty Officer be made aware during a Competition, he should also report the occurrence to the said above persons.</p>	<p><b>CS</b> an Linda Warren review current procedures etc.</p> <p><b>Item Completed</b></p>

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### Last Months Competitions

Date	Competition	Name	Score	Comments
<b>Men</b>				
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Midweek Medal	Steve Beasley	net 65	
	Men's Monthly Medal			
	Div 1	Tracey Hart	nett 63	
	Div 2	Carl Jackett	nett 63	
	Div 3	Paul Fenwick	nett 66	
	Lowest Gross	Adrian Wheeler	71	
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Founders	Jeremy Corbin	nett 70	
	Phil Purvis	Neil Dockar, Mark Cartwright Jeremy Corbin Dimitri Velissariou	nett 55.8	
<b>Mixed</b>				
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Triple 6 BHS	Helen Mills & Mat Dunn Simon Lambert	42pts	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sat 25/05 Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bowmaker BHS Bader Cup	Graham Harrison, Brain Taylor & Mary Brindley Tom Jordan Pat & Gosta Bergkvist	43pts 41pts	
<b>Ladies</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Medal Div1 Div2	Teresa Lawton Ada Holmes	nett 68 nett 69	
12 <sup>th</sup>	County Cenetary Foursomes	Mary Williams & Jacqueline Davis	38 pts	
19 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stableford	Lyla Alleman	35 pts OCB	
	Stoneham Cup Stoneham Cup	Worldham (home) Petersfield (away)	OP Win 6/1 OP Win 5/2	
<b>Seniors</b>				
Mon 11/05	Medal	Roy Poynter	nett 69	

### TOPS

Pyrford Away OP win 3.5 ~ 2.5  
Sandmartins Away OP Lost 2 ~ 4

### Other Comps

#### Next 8 Weeks Competitions

Date	Competition	Duty Officer
<b>JUNE</b>		
Wed 03/06	Men's Midweek Medal	Brian Matthews
Sat 06/06	Men's Medal	Neil Dockar
Sat 13/06	Crondall Cup	John Evans
<b>July</b>		
Wed 01/07	Men's Midweek Medal	TBC
Sat 11/07	Club Championship	Work Group: Mark Cooper, Mike Wilkinson
Sun 12/07	Club Championship	Steve Keeble, Colin Church
Sat 18/07	Men's Monthly Medal	Trevor Bracken (TBC)

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### Any Other Business

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05/09.01	<p><b>Ladies Competition Tee Times</b></p> <p>CS was aware that Margaret had reason to change a number of Ladies Tee times for the remainder of the year, and all had been confirmed by Crown Golf.</p> <p>In light of the changes CS would check that all Mens Competition Tees Times were correct on the CG System.</p>	CS to check with CG.
<p>05/09.02</p> <p>Item 1</p> <p>Item 2</p> <p>Item 3</p>	<p><b>Encouraging Competition Entries</b></p> <p>Ian Hawker put forward a number of Items for discussion:</p> <p>Q) Majors/Pay in Advance, some comps limited to 24 Handicap, does this reduce numbers as players with a higher handicap tend not to play. Proposal: Remove handicap limit!</p> <p>A) There is no set ruling for this restriction but the consensus of opinion is that as Majors, it raises the profile of the event, encourage the lower handicapper and will reduce the likely hood of a freak result by a high handicap player.</p> <p>Incidentally, CONGU have changed the ruling for Handicap Limits for Stableford competitions, therefore the Rosebowl in 2010 will be unlimited.</p> <p>Q) Majors/Pay in Advance, players enter in comps book but forget to pay are excluded from the competition. Should the DO request payment prior to competition date?</p> <p>A) Entry rules for competitions exist for many reasons, including requirements for the DO to carry out certain checks, Numbers of Qualifiers prior to comp closing date, financial reward limit for comp prizes etc. Four weeks to enter and pay is felt sufficient time.</p> <p>Q) Should Majors be entered onto the Computer as well as in the Competitions Book?</p> <p>A) The initial introduction of entering Players details into the Touch screen was to assist the Duty Officer with the running of the Competition, at no point was it meant to guarantee event entry and at no point was it ever suggested that PIA would not be required.</p> <p>However it has been discussed and until further notice, Majors (PIA) would be via the Competitions book only.</p>	<p>No Change to current procedure</p> <p>No Change to current procedure</p> <p>Revert to entry into Comps book only.</p>

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05/09.02	Encouraging Competition Entries (cont)	Item Completed
Item 4	<p>Q) The cost of £ 6:00 entry fee for Majors (PIA), does this restrict entries as apposed to £ 3:00 for other Comps (POD)</p> <p>A) The additional cost for Majors allows for replica trophies, increased prizes retains the fact a Major is a more prestigious event.</p>	No Change to current procedure
Item 5	<p>Q) Majors/Pay in Advance, should late entries be allowed after closing date?</p> <p>A) All Majors are drawn competitions, to allow entry after the closing date would remove an element of the prestige associated with it. An extended entry time (4 weeks) for Majors should be sufficient for the majority to enter. The only exception being the Oak Park Classic (a pairs event played as a four ball, in the event that a pair pull out).</p>	No Change to current procedure
Item 6	<p>Q) Majors/Pay in Advance, should time slots be allowed?</p> <p>A) All Majors are Drawn competitions, including time allocations, there are only 5 a year and it is felt they should remain fully drawn.</p>	No Change to current procedure
Item 7	<p>Q) Majors/Pay in Advance, Players entering into competitions, who have not qualified (3 in 12 mth), should be allowed a refund)</p> <p>A) As previously discussed in Comps Comm, all members have the availability either via "How Did I Do" or a Comps Committee member to find out their player history and therefore have no reason not to know their playing status.</p>	No Change to current procedure
Item 8	<p>Q) Normal Pay on Day (POD)-Computer Registration, can multiple registrations be restricted, all early tee times being taken</p> <p>A) Computer Registration can be restricted to card swipe only, however this may resolve the multiple entry by a single user, but may cause other problems in the event of system/card failure etc. The only real way to overcome the early Tee time problem, is to turn up at the club on one occasion on the opening day of Competition entry, once this is done, you would then have an early tee time, normally allowing you an early Tee time for the next Comp, on the proviso you remember to enter.</p>	No Change to current procedure
Item 9 & 10	These Items are currently in existence with no change	

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### **Items for discussion with Main Committee**

Course: Ongoing

### **Items for discussion with Crown Golf**

Relocation of Competitions Computer ~ ongoing

### **Date of Next Meeting**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 @ 19:30 hrs