

# Minutes



## OPGCMA Main Committee

**Meeting:** 04/10  
**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
**Venue:** Oak Park Committee Room

### Present

Brian Matthews      Captain  
Cliff Simmons      Vice Captain  
Margaret Church    Ladies' Captain  
Roger White        Treasurer  
Paul Fenwick        CompsCom  
Keith McDowell     Handicaps  
Linda Warren       Juniors  
Gill Hawker        New Members  
Gosta Bergkvist    Seniors  
Helen Mills        Social

Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

ITEM	Discussion	Follow up / Action

### Sub Committee Reports

Item	Discussion	Follow up / Action
	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> The Accounts for the first quarter of 2010 have been prepared, except for the prize accounts, both Men's and Ladies' sections.	

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	<p><b>Ladies Captains' Report:</b></p> <p><b>Competitions</b>          Lady Captains Drive In held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 54 Ladies played.          Triple 6, 30<sup>th</sup> March – cancelled due to bad weather (rain)          April Medal – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – 23 players          Mail on Sunday Round 3 – Oak Park Team won 3 ½ to ½ - away to the Army          Spring Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April, first major of the year</p> <p><b>Handicaps</b>          3 (all 36) new handicaps awarded in March, increasing the Ladies Section to 68 with CONGU handicaps.</p> <p><b>Mixed Competitions</b>          Triangular Trophy 25<sup>th</sup> April – yet again a small sign up to date despite opening up to 5 Day members at green fee of £20. Graham Rose to assist with increasing number of players.</p> <p><b>Other</b>          Rules Evening being organised for 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010. Jean Preston has kindly volunteered her services. We will be encouraging all Tuesday, weekend and Village members to attend.          We are nominating one of our Stableford competitions to be a 'EWGA Trust Stableford'. The idea is that we add the points of the top 10 scores and multiply every point by 2p. It was proposed and agreed at Ladies Committee that this would be taken from the prize monies rather than increasing entry fee. The trust helps girls under 21 or those in full time education with coaching, competition expenses etc, these are not the elite girls but those just beginning their golf.          Affiliation Fees – at Hampshire Delegates meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March the issue of payment of Affiliation fees was raised. Fees are due 1 Jan, payment very latest 31 March. I have received emails from our Southern Region Representative regarding payment which I forwarded to Richard Pilbury as it is Crown Golf's responsibility to make the payment, and chased again on 31<sup>st</sup> to be advised that the cheque had been raised and sent (for Men &amp; Ladies). It was made clear at the meeting that failure to pay by due date will mean the club will be excluded from all County &amp; external qualifying competitions and that members would not hold CONGU handicaps. As this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that Oak Park has made 'late payment' it would be advisable to discuss at Crown Golf Meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>CompsCom Report:</b></p> <p><b>9 Hole Village Competitions</b>          Mgt C highlighted that the move forward for 9 hole Competitions seemed to be gather speed, but still to date that there had been no official approach by anybody regarding the necessity and correct procedures and the use of OPGCMA facilities, i.e. computer.</p> <p><b>Major Trophy Entries</b></p>	

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The topic of entry to the 'majors' was discussed at length and agreement reached that entry would be on the computer and in the book. It was felt that many members were now checking the computer for details of competitions rather than the notice boards. It was agreed that anyone entering in the book but failing to enter on the computer would be included in the draw, however anyone entering on the computer but failing to enter in the book and pay in advance would not be included.

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

#### **New Members bringing handicaps from other clubs**

Cliff Simmons highlighted that new members joining from other clubs are completing 3 cards at Oak Park and gaining a new handicap rather than transferring their old handicap with them. Neil Docker stated that this was a matter of trust but a new member who was previously a member of another club should transfer their handicap with them unless it has lapsed. It was agreed that this was a Handicap committee question not for Comps Com, but that Crown Golf should be asked what questions they ask joining members regarding handicaps and that if someone is found to have competed in a qualifying competition (not a fun team comp) then they should be disqualified at the time or retrospectively.

#### **Training on the computer**

Mark Cooper offered training to anyone who wants it on the functions of the comps computer.

#### **Roped off areas**

Neil Docker stated that there were a number of areas that are roped off, but they are not marked as GUR. He asked that they either be correctly marked as GUR or clarification sought.

#### **Head Of Handicaps**

The question arose as to whether the head of handicaps should sit on the Comps com.

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

#### **Booking of pay and play tee times prior to and during OPGCMA Competitions**

It has been noticed that on 2 occasions, prior to the Winter Stableford final, when 3 4 balls were allowed out immediately in front of the competition, and during the Champions Trophy when a 3 ball was allowed to take one of the time slots allocated to the competition, that pay and play tee times had been given to non-members during or immediately prior to OPGCMA competitions. Crown were spoken to at the time by Brian Matthews and requested to leave these blank to allow for any late entrants to the competition to be

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	<p>catered for.</p> <p><b>New Course Cards</b> Neil Docker asked when new cards would be printed, and before they were could OPGCMA be consulted, as there were ideas for a change in the order of the holes on the Woodland course that could be discussed with Crown Golf. If new cards were printed before these discussions could be held this would delay any possible changes in the layout.</p>	
	<p><b>Seniors Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Members of the Seniors Committe for 2010 are: Gosta Bergkvist, John Brindley, John Core, Roy Mann, Mike Slingsby, Brian Taylor and Judy Craig. Brian Taylor has taken over the role of Coordinator for the TOPS from Doug Johnson, who has left Oak Park to join Sand Martins.</li> <li>2. The March Seniors Stableford was won by Roy Mann with 39 points.</li> <li>3. The Winter League Oak Park team’s last match for the season, away against Old Thorns, ended 2-2. Old Park had already before this match secured their 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive Winter League victory.</li> <li>4. The team for the “National Seniors Club Classic” has been selected and registered. The players are: Ian Brown, Graham Harrison, Brian Matthews, Dave Newdick, Warwick Perring and Roy Poynter with Ian Brown as “the Team Captain”. The first match is against Wellow GC at home and it has to be played by May 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>5. Oak Park TOPS has had a good start to the summer season with 6-0 against Milford and 5-1 against Blacknest. Both matches played at Oak Park. The next match is against Dummer at home on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>6. Next Seniors Committee meeting is on the 19th April.</li> </ol>	

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	<p><b>Juniors Report:</b></p> <p>Big progress within the Junior Section already this year, we have played our first round of the Green Jackets and won 3 – 0 against Test Valley, our second round is against Lee – on - Solent currently due to be played on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at home.</p> <p>We have joined the Hants &amp; Berks Junior League and will have 5 home games and 5 away games the winners of this league along with many others in the country will play a final in Spain at the end of the Summer. Details of which I am not too sure about, lets get there first.</p> <p>The Academy membership is just about full with an upper limit of 100 these range from complete beginners to those who are ready to upgrade to full junior membership and obtain Congu handicaps.</p> <p>We have 4/5 juniors currently taking part in County training, and Josh has been selected to play in the Hampshire under 13 Team.</p> <p>As the junior members improve and get their handicaps and become well versed in the Rules of Golf and Etiquette they will then be encouraged to take part in adult competitions as well as having their own things i.e. Junior Championships and Order of Merit. Along with the Academy driven comps.</p> <p>Three new members over the weekend Adam Copeland who has come from either Dummer or Tylney following a visit his school by Gavin as part of the Schools initiative he has a handicap of 5. Another two are Adam &amp; Michael Rossiter who have been living either in France or Spain and playing golf in both of these countries as soon as we can get their Federation handicaps changed into the Congu they will be able to play at whatever level they have attained. I am led to believe that Adam plays off about 8..</p> <p><b>The Academy Championship was on the last Sunday in March, details of wjchich I am very hazy about at the moment as I was away, but will get more info from Gavin or John Pitt or Roy Poynter, or Roger White whom I belive were in attendance on the day.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Handicaps Report:</b></p> <p>KM is finding his feet in his new role. He will be calling an initial meeting in the near future as part of this process. Nothing else to report at this stage.</p>	
	<p><b>Socom report:</b></p> <p><b>Captains Drive In Dinner</b></p> <p>The feedback was very good everyone enjoyed the food, were pleased with the service and thought that the DJ provided a good choice of music and interacted well with the guests. Ticket sales resulted in a £111.17 profit for the social fund.</p> <p>The Raffle and dance card was very successful making</p>	

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	<p>£500 for the Charity – Treloar, a very good start.</p> <p><b>2010 Social Calendar</b></p> <p>The schedule and contents were agreed by all.</p> <p>It was agreed that events, notably the indoor events, would be planned to give greater focus to prize giving which would hopefully encourage greater attendance by the recipients. Ie So recipients would know when to turn up and not have to wait / give up too much Friday time.</p> <p>Helen informed the Committee that John Pope, Brian Miller and Rob Hawes have all agreed to help with Social Functions when extra help was needed.</p> <p><b>April Club Night – 9<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p>We discussed the format for the evening and it was decided that, as there were a large number of Presentations to be awarded as well as a 30 minute talk by this year’s nominated charity “Treloar”, that a general knowledge quiz for the evening ,be compiled and run by Steve, would only take place if the members wanted it after the Presentations at approx 9.00pm. The evening will start with the Talk at 7.45.</p> <p><b>Summer Social Events Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p>Barn Dance with a Bar B Q style buffet. To be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Summer evening Club Nights</b> Putting (7<sup>th</sup> May) 3 Club Challenge (4<sup>th</sup> June) ; Shoot Out (2<sup>nd</sup> July) Portuguese One Club Challenge (7<sup>th</sup> Aug) Nb in case of poor weather preventing an outdoor event, alternative indoor events to be arranged</p> <p><b>Captains Day – 7<sup>th</sup> August</b></p> <p><b>It was agreed that this would be a Black Tie evening with a 3 course meal and live music.</b></p>	
	<p><b>New Members Report:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report. GH continues to phone and/or email new members but it needs the new members to respond /react to this offer of help. In the latest period just 2 new members replied.</p>	

## Any other Business

	<p>Mark Cooper made a presentation regarding the possibility of setting up on line payment for social events and possibly competitions. More investigative work is needed before consideration /discussion by Main Committee can be undertaken.</p>	
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<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>MC commented that the normal prizes for Mixed competitions consisted of wine. This could prove irresponsible if Junior members were to win. It was agreed that if this eventuality should occur, an alternative prize would be found.</p>	
	<p>CS – There is still a need for Crown to provide a monthly list of Executive members and their playing history to ascertain their eligibility for competitions. This will be discussed at the next Crown Golf meeting.</p> <p>RW – It has been requested that a stock of flower containers be purchased for use at social functions, at a cost of £200 approx. As it will be difficult to monitor and control it couldn't be decided if this was good use of club funds. Further discussion to follow.</p> <p>LW – The category of each member is not necessarily recorded on the OPGCMA computer, making it difficult to pull off reports for the individual groups – Men 5 or 7 Day, Ladies 5 or 7 day, Juniors etc. MC to update computer from latest hard copy list.</p> <p>LW – It was requested that the entry fee for the Junior entry into Junior League be funded from Club funds. It was agreed that funds would be made available but it was essential for the Junior Committee to discuss and agree a budget for activities so that an understanding of the expected cost could be ascertained.</p> <p>RW – There was a view that the Academy wants to remain distinctly separate from OPGCMA, this is not considered possible several OPGCMA Junior members were involved in both. This issue needs to be addressed by all party meeting. BM to follow this through.</p>	

**DONM: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 pm**