

Minutes



OPGCMA Main Committee

Meeting: 06/10
Date: 1st June 2010
Venue: Oak Park Committee Room

Present

Brian Matthews Captain
 Cliff Simmons Vice Captain
 Margaret Church Ladies' Captain
 Paul Fenwick CompsCom
 Keith McDowell Handicaps
 Gosta Bergkvist Seniors
 Helen Mills Social

Apologies

Roger White Treasurer
 Linda Warren Juniors
 Gill Hawker New Members

Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

| ITEM | Discussion | Follow up / Action |
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| 4/10/3 | Village Competitions, update from John Brown to be sought. BM advised that John Brown is out of the loop at the moment so further investigative work needed. BM to report back at next meeting. | BM |
| 4/10/7 | 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. LW to report at next meeting. | LW |
| 4/10/8 | 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. It was advised that agreement had been reached with Gavin over usage of the main grass tee area. Further discussion is needed with the General Manager on erosion of members' benefits and rights. BM to take to the next Crown Golf Meeting. BM gave his report. | Item Closed |
| 5/10/1 | MC advised that the recording of away scores was essential. Therefore the problem in doing this needs to be rectified, as a minimum a work around is needed. BM to contact Mark Cooper. It has been reported that this problem is ongoing. It is considered the responsibility of Crown to provide the necessary links so that OPGCMA can function as is necessary. | BM |
| 5/10/3 | HM stated that there was a need for a bell on the 17 th as many long hitters are not checking if the fairway is clear further down the hill before playing their shots. BM to take to the next Crown Golf Meeting. Awaiting findings from Craig Earnshw. | BM |
| 5/10/4 | GH noted that the Ladies' scores were not being shown on the screen during the recent BHS, despite efforts to address the situation. PF to discuss with Mark Cooper and report back. PF to investigate further. | PF |

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| 5/10/5 | At the AGM the best use of the surplus in Club funds was raised. A request for ideas was made but to date no suggestions have been received. BM will ask Mike Wilkinson to put a posting on the website. Posting put on hold pending reply from Crown reference cost-sharing of projects. | BM |
| 5/10/6 | CS asked if it was possible to get separate or at least a bigger notice board for the Mixed and Seniors sections. BM to take to the next Crown Golf Meeting. BM/CS to look at possibility of switching usage of some current boards. | BM/CS |

Sub Committee Reports

| Item | Discussion | Follow up / Action |
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| | <p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>BM gave a brief of the Treasurer's report in the absence of RW. Detailed Accounts, inclusive of Balance Sheet, Cash Flow and P&L were made available to the Main Committee members.</p> | |
| | <p>Ladies Captains' Report:</p> <p>The month of May has been a very busy month in terms of competitions, Stoneham and Interclub Ladies & Mixed matches with varying results.</p> <p>Mixed - Windlesham away – won. Bishopswood away – lost Ladies – Dummer at home – win Stoneham – 4 matches, won 2, lost 2</p> <p>Sadly our Ladies Mail on Sunday team lost away to Merrist Wood in the 4th round.</p> <p>There have also been external qualifying competitions during the month, results as follows:</p> <p>Peugeot LGU Coronation Foursomes – Winners Julia Ranger & Liz Seeney 39 points. Area final at Minchinhampton Golf Club 18th August.</p> <p>PING Fourball Betterball – our representatives will be Christine Shadrake & Roxane Meister with 39 points. We will be notified if they qualify for the Finals.</p> <p>Bader Cup Greensomes – Winners Ken & Roxane Meister 51 points will go on to represent the club at the regional final at North Downs GC on 10th August.</p> <p>June will again be a busy month with Ladies Invitation Day on 15th June, and the Early Bird on 23rd June which will again be run as a qualifier with full handicap.</p> | |
| | <p>CompsCom Report:</p> <p>1 – The computer issues surrounding 'view information' and 'Mr Test Man' has been resolved.</p> <p>2 – Following a number of issues with the completion of scorecards a 'guide to completion of scorecards' has been produced by CS, this is to be distributed around the locker</p> | |

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| | <p>rooms, on the table in the pro shop, and on the website. Hopefully this will make the DO's job a bit easier.</p> <p>3 – The method of contacting the duty officer with regard to entry and withdrawal from competitions was fully discussed, many were in favour of allowing E-Mail as a form of contact. It was agreed that the discuss page of the website was not to be used. It was decided that the only official form of contact with the Duty officer should be by phone, but each individual DO can use E-Mail if they so wish, however the onus must remain with the player to ensure they receive acknowledgment from the duty officer or revert to telephone contact.</p> <p>4 – Some discussion took place over the Bank Holiday Stablefords and whether they were open all day or not. The rules held on the OPGCMA website showed no mention of 'open all day', but the rules on the Crown Golf website clearly state that the competition is 'open all day'. Mark Cooper stated he had scoured the past minutes and could find no mention of any change from open all day to not. It was agreed that they should be open all day, and to clarify it was agreed that any individual competition which is NOT drawn (i.e. midweek medals & BHS's) would be open all day, but any drawn competition (monthly medals/stablefords and Majors) would be selected tee times only.</p> <p>Items to be discussed with Crown Golf –</p> <p>1 – It has become apparent that the shop are taking back unused tee times at the end of competition times before they are being handed back by the DO. These should be left with the DO until he hands them back to the shop to cover any latecomers for the competition. The shop were spoken to by Ian Hawker and it was agreed we would show tee times at the end of the competition as RESERVED and then they would be handed back when it was apparent they were not needed.</p> <p>2 – Claire Weedon questioned a new Crown Policy regarding a group needing a stamped card to be on the course. She stated she and other ladies had been challenged by a member of Crown staff when they were playing in a competition, the staff member stated that it was now policy to either demand payment from or remove players from the course if they were not in possession of a stamped card. Clearly this has an effect on competitions where unstamped cards are left on the table to be taken by members to use in the competition. Secondly no-one from OPGCMA appears to have been told of this change in policy.</p> <p>3 – Neil Dockar requested confirmation as to when the grass tee on the range was to be opened/closed. He stated that on 22nd May it was closed prior to the Phil Purvis trophy. This appears in contravention of the previous agreement that the tee would be open prior to all competitions.</p> | |
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| | <p>Seniors Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The May Seniors Medal was won by Mike Slingsby with a net score of 62. Mike has consequently qualified for the Regional Final of the "Hall of Fame Seniors Golf Championship" at Mid Sussex Golf Club on the 8th September. Exactly £ 75.00, the minimum required, was raised for Cancer Research UK on the day. 2. As losers in the first round the team for the "National Seniors Club Classic" plays their next match, the first round in the Plate, away against Strawberry Hill on the 11th June. 3. The TOPS team continued being unbeaten also during May with wins away against Sand Martins 4 ½ - 1 ½ Sherfield Oaks also 4 ½-1 ½ and a draw 3-3 against Pырford. The next matches are at home against Pырford on the 10th June, Cams Hall on the 22nd June and Sherfield Oaks on the 1st July. 4. The date for the Joe McNally Cup has been changed from the 17th to the 24th June. The Plume of Feathers Golfing Society, in which a large number of Oak Park Seniors are members, has a tournament on the 17th June, so consequently both events would suffer being played on the same date. Further there had been some confusion, as far as the date is concerned, as the Printed Diary erroneously stated the 24th June. 5. The Men's Roll-Ups for May and June have been cancelled due to too few entries. If the July Roll-Up does not reach a sufficient number, these events will not be organized any more. 6. The presentation of the Bill Greep Memorial Cup, to be played on the 14th June, will take place on the Club Night on the 2nd July. Hopefully most Senior Members, who played in the TOPS match against Pырford on the 11th June 2009 will be able to attend the presentation by the Greep family. 7. At the last Seniors Committee Meeting it was decided that we should continue with a Seniors Eclectic covering the Medal competitions April-October. 8. The next Seniors Committee Meeting is on the 19th July. | |
| | <p>Juniors Report: No report as LW was on holiday.</p> | |
| | <p>Handicaps Report: KM reported that 5 handicaps were input to the system; one for a transferee from Hartley Wintney and 4 new handicaps. He also provided a copy of the new instructions for gaining a handicap, to be posted to the website. Also KM was advised by EGU that they only want to be kept informed of players with a handicap of +1 or better, rather than those with a handicap of 5 and below.</p> | |
| | <p>Socom report: HM ran through planned events for the coming months. The next main event is the Charity Summer Fayre on 17th July, closely followed by Captain's Day Dinner/dance. Plans are in</p> | |

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| | place for the upcoming Club Nights. | |
| | <p>New Members Report: In the absence of GH, BM advised that GH had emailed all new members with a very limited response.</p> | |

Any other Business

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| 6/10/1 | PF advised that the new method for entry to Club Majors was working well. | |
| 6/10/2 | MC advised that the Oak Park newsletter, issued by Crown had anomalies therein and commented it is vital that the facts given are accurate. | |
| 6/10/3 | MC commented that, to date, there had been no Supplementary Scores recorded. This is currently the only way that Village Members can maintain their handicap so it should be advertised, with the Pro shop staff being made aware. | PF |
| 6/10/4 | MC – Ladies’ Championship over 2 days this year, which will hopefully encourage more members to participate. A request for a contribution towards the cost of trophies from Club funds was made by MC. | BM/RW |
| 6/10/5 | Tee times for comps seem to be different from those originally reserved with R Pilbury. BM to check with Martin Skinner. | BM |
| 6/10/6 | Clarification of when the grass practice teeing area is to be open is needed. This will be sought at the next Crown Golf Meeting. | BM |

DONM: Tuesday 6th July 7:30 pm