

Minutes



OPGCMA Main Committee

Meeting: 07/10
Date: 6th July 2010
Venue: Oak Park Committee Room

Present

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| Brian Matthews | Captain |
| Cliff Simmons | Vice Captain |
| Keith McDowell | Handicaps |
| Gosta Bergkvist | Seniors |
| Helen Mills | Social |
| Roger White | Treasurer |
| Linda Warren | Juniors |
| Gill Hawker | New Members |

Apologies

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| Margaret Church | Lady Captain |
| Paul Fenwick | CompsCom |

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. Without John Brown's input it had been decided not to proceed with this initiative. Item Closed. | 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 |
| 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. Ongoing. | 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 Earnshaw. BM advised that CE was costing this proposal and it was expected that a bell would be fitted in the near future. | 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. Ongoing | PF |

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| <p>5/10/5</p> | <p>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. Martin Skinner advised that "Crown Golf will provide money for projects they believe are appropriate and pay for these in full ie the new carpets. (They are not looking to share costs with projects the members may wish to finance as there are a number of projects within the group that will take priority re the Company spend)." BM to now ask the membership for ideas.</p> | <p>BM</p> |
| <p>5/10/6 6/10/3</p> | <p>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. Ongoing.</p> <p>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. Ongoing.</p> | <p>BM/CS PF</p> |
| <p>6/10/4</p> | <p>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. MC to finalise with RW</p> | |
| <p>6/10/5</p> | <p>Tee times for comps seem to be different from those originally reserved with R Pilbury. BM to check with Martin Skinner. Ongoing</p> | <p>BM</p> |
| <p>6/10/6</p> | <p>Clarification of when the grass practice teeing area is to be open is needed. This will be sought at the next Crown Golf Meeting. Ongoing</p> | <p>BM</p> |

Sub Committee Reports

| Item | Discussion | Follow up / Action |
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| | <p>Treasurer’s Report: The accounts are up to date with nothing exceptional to report. All sections of the club are more-or-less within the agreed margin of 15%. We are a little over break-even at the half year point. There are a few discrepancies with the office over supposed unpaid bills. RW will investigate.</p> | |
| | <p>Ladies Captains’ Report: Again the calendar has been packed with usual Tuesday and weekend competitions, friendly matches, Stoneham matches, and major competitions.</p> <p>Ladies Championship 3rd/4th July The Ladies Championship was held over two days at the weekend for the first time as a result of a poll last year and this appears to be the correct decision as there were 26 entrants this year as opposed to 17 in 2009. The weekend itself was a great success with Jenn Luscombe winning both the Championship and Handicap Shield with two rounds of golf. It was a very exciting finale with a play off over 2 holes to decide the Champion between Jenn & Wendy Nightingale.</p> <p>It was also the first time that vouchers were awarded for 1st to 3rd in</p> | |

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| | <p>Divisions 1 & 2 for the net rounds on Saturday & Sunday - this was well received by the Ladies as it meant that those who'd had a good round were acknowledged. We were able to do this thanks to funding from OPGCMA towards the prizes and I personally would like to thank the committee for their support in this.</p> <p>Ladies Invitation Day 15th June A small but very nice group of 15 members & guests for the day. The 4BBB competition was followed by a buffet meal which was excellent. All the guests were very complimentary of the day and the course. The raffle for the table decorations & the two's competition raised a total of £118 for the Captains Charity, Treloars,</p> <p>The Early Bird 23rd June A very successful morning, with 43 gallant members teeing off at 5.30am. The scores were very good considering the early start, the winner being Dimitri Velissariou with 40 points on count back from Brian Chambers. The competition was followed by a very good breakfast - this year for the first time the meal cost was included in the entry fee, it was run as a pay in advance and worked very well.</p> <p>Club Nights There was a discussion at the Ladies Committee meeting as to why Club Nights are not supported by more of our Ladies – I have asked that my committee think about ways to encourage more Ladies to attend and have suggestions at our next meeting.</p> | |
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| | <p>CompsCom Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men’s competition rules have been amended to reflect decisions made by Comps Comm. 2. There is currently a discrepancy in the numbers of the 3 divisions for Monthly medal’s. It was decided that in order to balance the divisions better the divisions should be changed to 0-12, 13 – 18 and 19 – 28 with effect from the July Medal. 3. The Men’s and Ladies club championships are aligned in allowing any player to win both the gross and net prize, if they have played well enough to have done so. However the seniors section still has a rule that a player may win only one prize, therefore potentially allowing the second placed player to have their name on a board as a winner even though they didn’t actually win. Whilst it is acknowledged that the seniors (and Juniors) make the rules for their own competitions it is thought that they consider falling in line with the other sections of the club allowing a player to win both if they have done so. 4. 2 items were opened for future discussion, that of allowing buggies in the club championships, with a medical certificate, and the abolition of pay in advance for the ‘major’s’. These will be further discussed next month when more members of the committee will be present. <p>Items to be discussed with Crown Golf –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GUR on the 3rd is not being regularly marked and being allowed to fade. 2. The question was asked by SK as to the actual duties of the marshal, what his hours are and what authority he has. It has been noticed that he is rarely seen and any attempts by him to speed up play are ineffectual. The question of necessity for a marshal on competition day’s was raised, with a suggestion that he would be better employed as a marshal / ball spotter on the 10th where he can monitor speed of play as well as assist in finding errant tee shots. | |
| | <p>Seniors Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The June Seniors Medal, also the Bill Greep Memorial Cup, was won by Derek Cranfield with a net score of 64. Derek, at the age of 78, is now playing off a very respectable handicap of 16. The Cup was presented by Mrs. Jenny Greep and her daughter Mrs. Catherine Hall on the club Night 2nd July. The June Midweek Medal was also won by a Senior, Ian Brown 70, with a net score of 65 and now playing off 15. 2. The Oak Park Team in “National Seniors Club Classic” won their first round in the Plate, away against Strawberry Hill by 3-1. 3. The TOPS team continued their unbeaten run with victories at home against Pyrford 3 ½-2 ½ and Sherfield Oaks 6-0. Cams Hall cancelled their match against us on the 22nd June, but their cancellation message did not get through to our team, so we all turned up here at Oak Park. In July we have further matches against Old Thorns at home and against Cams Hall and | |

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| | <p>Chobham away.</p> <p>4. The Joe McNally Cup, played as a Bowmaker on the Village course, was won by Fred Warren, Elaine McCarthy and Roy Mann with 86 points.</p> <p>5. The Men’s Roll-Ups is again being played and the next one takes place on the 12th July.</p> <p>6. The Senior’s Club Championship takes place on the 23rd and 25th August, and the corresponding information about it will be put up on the board in the Hall in the next couple of days.</p> <p>7. The next Seniors Committee Meeting is on the 19th July.</p> | |
| | <p>Juniors Report:</p> <p>Ada Holmes has played her match against Freshwater Bay, which she won, her next opponent is from Weybrook Park. She has also been balloted in for the English Girls Close Amateur Championship later this month. This is a 4 round tournament with 128 entrants and the cut after 2 rounds being made, the top 40 going through for the remaining 2 rounds. The competition is being held at Skegness.</p> <p>Gavin has arranged a talk for the Juniors, regarding careers in golf, which takes place on Friday evening, 9th July.</p> <p>LW advised that having successfully completed the PGA course, she is now a Level 1 coach which means she is able to work under a Level 3 or better coach.</p> <p>The Juniors have played 2 matches in the Hants & Berks League, losing both of them 4 & 2. Valuable experience has been gained.</p> <p>Junior Championships are on the 22nd and 24th August.</p> | |
| | <p>Handicaps Report:</p> <p>5 new handicaps input to computer during the month, 3 transferred in and 2 new. Apart from this a quiet month.</p> | |

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| | <p>Socom report: June / July Club Nights Excellent turnout with 40 members attending, across Juniors, Ladies & Men’s section. However, take up on food was just 15. Have agreed to review with Paul during July.</p> <p>Conversely, despite good weather, only 15 took part in the July club night – the shootout. Over next 2 months, all SOCOM members to quietly ask for comments ref. summer activities.</p> <p>Portuguese 1 Club, August 13th, poster to be produced and SOCOM members to pick up newer members with a view to explaining the mechanic of the competition. (Ie to overcome any confusion about the technicalities of the competition)</p> <p>September to be reviewed vs weather for 2011– evening hours should be comparable to May and , based on prior years, should be warmer.</p> <p>SOCOM slush fund contains @ £40 – We will be building on this as a subsidy for the Xmas Black Tie Dinner Dance</p> <p>Captains Day Dinner Dance DJ booked; buffet menu to be confirmed with Mark (Chef) & Lisa w/c 12th July Raffle to be fewer, bigger prizes. Target cost £25</p> <p>XMAS Dinner Dance – Back Tie & Formal Dinner Why band have now been booked.</p> <p>Race Night This will be on 23rd October and replaces the Themed social evening originally planned for 30th October.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>License for Early Purchase of Raffle Tickets being progressed by Tricia.</p> <p>SOCOM team will be holding an additional meeting early August to brainstorm ideas for 2011; and therefore, finalising early bookings for bands etc. Also to review dates vs holiday periods etc. and to finalise the February Social Function – potentially a Casino Night</p> | |
| | <p>New Members Report: GH sends a welcome emails to all new members advising them of all relevant events, competitions and contacts. The response rate is very low.</p> | |

Any other Business

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| 7/10/1 | New Honours Board Board is ready, BM to arrange a date for its fitting. | BM |
| 7/10/2 | RW asked when new diary is due, so that people can make plans for next year. CS advised that once the draft was complete, a copy would be made available. | CS |
| 7/10/3 | RW – refurbished 100 yard markers were really good. Can | BM |

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| | we have them on 12 & 14 plus the Village course. BM to take to Crown. | |
| 7/10/4 | RW – what is the best way to repair divots on the course. Could we supplied with bags of seed/soil mix and infill as we play> BM to take to Crown for discussion. | BM |
| 7/10/5 | RW – Could we change to having colour coded flags to show pin position? BM to take to Crown | BM |
| 7/10/6 | GB - When is Crown Champion of Champions competition? BM to take to Crown | BM |
| 7/10/7 | HM – How will the new drinks buggy be utilised? BM to take to Crown | BM |
| 7/10/8 | LW – Cannot produce aggregated competition prints for Junior weekend comps. BM to talk LW through the process | BM |
| 7/10/9 | LW – Juniors Honours Board needs updating for 2009 Championship. | BM |
| 7/10/10 | LW – There is an increasing problem of fag ends on the patio. This area will need to be cleaned on a more regular basis. Bm to take to Crown | BM |
| 7/10/11 | AT the wake held on 5 th July – 133 people in attendance – there were only 2 staff to deal with this plus the needs of golfers. More staff needed for such events. Also, the golf bar should be kept for golfers, event attendees to remain in the function room. BM to take to Crown | BM |
| 7/10/12 | CS – suggested that OPGCMA should have reserve administrators for occasions when Mark and Mike are away at the same time. Mark to be consulted. | BM |
| 7/10/13 | CS – Bar staff often do not give a receipt unless requested to do so. A receipt should be the norm. BM to follow up | BM |

DONM: Tuesday 3rd August 7:30 pm