

**Oak Park Golf Club**  
**Main Committee Meeting (05/08/08)**  
**Meeting Number 8/08**  
Minutes

**1. Attendees**

Phil Randle (Club Captain)  
 Alyson Paterson (Ladies Captain)  
 Tracey Hart (Social)  
 Jon Pope (New Members)

Norm Adam (Vice Captain)  
 Brian Matthews (Competitions)  
 Neil Dockar (Handicaps)

**2. Apologies**

John Scott (Seniors)

**3 Matters Arising / Outstanding From Previous Meetings**

Item #	Topic / Discussion	Follow-up / Timing
08/07.5.1.3	The <b>remote/local switch</b> on the computer base station has failed. Following internal inspection it has been confirmed that a professional repair is required. Repair is likely to cost in excess of £70. The committee agreed to go ahead with the repair to provide a back-up system to the touch screen for score entry. Following further review and evaluation of options, M.C. has developed an alternative zero cost solution utilising the old, redundant computer. MC to adapt old pc as back-up.	<b>MC</b> to action but no completion time available
12/07.4.3.3	<b>MC</b> has completed installation of free Log-Me-In software and included himself, MW and ND as users. This allows for the remote access. It was deemed by the main committee that no other users were necessary. The free software has limitations, no file transfer capability, remote printing or ability to have multiple users simultaneously so it was agreed to invest in the £30 annual subscription for the upgrade <b>MC</b> reported that he had upgraded the Log-Me-In package which allows for remote printing and file transfer and due to a promotional opportunity this was done at a cost of only £25. ND confirmed that the system was working well.	
4/08.5.4.3	<b>IW</b> raised the issue of unclaimed prize vouchers which CG have acknowledged and questioned whether redistribution of part could be discussed with RP. PR reported that RP was looking into the situation; it would need analysis and discussion, so is on-going. Not discussed at CG meeting 5/6. As at time of July meeting no update has been received. <b>PR</b> reported that this issue was discussed at that days CG meeting with no resolution as yet.	<b>PR</b> , on-going, to report back
7/08.5.2.2	<b>IW</b> pointed out that there is no 150 yard marker on the 8 <sup>th</sup> hole of The Village <b>PR</b> confirmed that the 150 yard marker was now back in place	
7/08.5.3.2	<b>JP</b> raised the issue of recent anonymous, abusive and false-name postings on the Discuss page. The committee's view was that there had been too many instances in recent months with some people abusing the open nature of the Discuss page. It was felt that due to the actions of an irresponsible few that some changes had to be made for the benefit of the majority who enjoyed the Discuss page for its true purpose. <b>MC</b> offered the committee five options and after a thorough discussion it was agreed that a system which validated a mandatory email address will be set in place. This will mean that a posting will initiate an email response from the website, which will require the poster to respond to and so confirm the email address which will be captured and identified by the system. This system is relatively easy to implement and does not require much time to administer. Work will begin immediately on this. <b>MC</b> reported (5/8) that the code to perform the email authentication and release mechanism had been written and was to undergo testing, MW will then initiate it, expected to be soon.	<b>MC</b> Progress report
5/08.5.4.2	<b>ND</b> asked if there were any plans to replace the tuck shop, since it is obvious that John and Sara will not be returning. <b>PR</b> , this issue was discussed at the last CG meeting and RP was not supportive of a new facility be it a van or a staff member in a buggy; arguments given were a mixture of cost and administrative issues. Further discussions at CG meeting dated 5/6 <b>RP</b> still not keen on either a permanent tuck shop nor a semi permanent mobile tuck shop, issues relating to Health & Safety, Public Liability and cost considerations allied	<b>PR</b> to report back

	with a fluctuating demand. There is a possibility of buggy adapted for the purpose driven by the marshalls. This will be considered, as at July meeting <b>PR</b> reported little progress on this matter but will keep discussions alive with RP as it was agreed that there is a need for some form of on-course catering. <b>Update from CG meeting held on 5/8:</b> There will not be a permanent structure put in place as RP does not see it as financially viable; however RP will use the marshalls to provide a “sometimes” service. Using bar staff for this purpose is not workable due to scheduling issues. A sign will be put in place outside the pro shop to notify us as to when the buggy service is available and when it is not. RP is open in principle to an outside contractor providing a service but they must meet all Health & Safety requirements plus other concerns such as financial and quality considerations. RP will not advertise this opportunity.	

#### **4. Sub Committee Reports**

	<b>Topic / Discussion</b>	<b>Follow-up / Timing</b>
8/08.4.1	<b>Treasurers Report:</b> No financial figures tabled. <b>IW</b> reported that he had ordered more self sealing competition payment envelopes. A stock count on blank vouchers revealed we have enough until early 2010. The competitions book was nearly full so a new one would have to be sourced, IW said that it would cost circa £100-150, ND questioned the need to spend this amount and volunteered to look for a better deal, as would IW. If one not found ND said he would look at the possibility of producing one himself.	<b>IW</b> and <b>ND</b> to look at new Competition Book options
8/08.4.2	<b>Ladies Captains' Report:</b> <b>AP</b> reported a good turnout for the recent Hedera Bowl which was won for the second year in a row by Claire Weedon and Norm Adam. Feedback from competitors in the recent Ladies Club Championship indicated a preference for a one day championship, twice around the Woodland and will probably be played in three rather than two balls next year. The Stoneham Cup team has qualified for the knockout stages for the first time with a match against South Winchester to be played at Botley Park. Thanks were expressed to Sheila Purvis for her work as Stoneham Captain. A field of 42 was in place for the upcoming Ladies Captain Day. The Mixed won against Bishopswood away and the Ladies lost to Cranleigh.	
8/08.4.3	<b>CompsCom Report:</b> <b>BM</b> reported that the field for the Junior Championship was only three. Questions were tabled which came from the recent meeting, see AOB.	
8/08.4.4	<b>Seniors Report:</b> No report	
8/08.4.5	<b>Juniors Report:</b> <b>PR</b> reported back from that days CG meeting. As per previous discussions CG initiatives <b>RP</b> reported that there is 50 Junior members (under 18yo) approx 40 male and 10 female, there will be Golf Clinics running weekly from June 21 <sup>st</sup> until the end of August, these will be run by Paul, Juan and Graham from the Pro Shop, starting at 2pm for one hour including coaching and lessons on rules and etiquette, followed by a round on the Village Course, each clinic costing £5. There will also be an Oak Park Summer League ( £5 entry fee) starting out as a league table with the top 4 going forward to a knockout section. The letter outlining this was posted to Juniors last week. <b>How is this progressing? RP reported as at 5/8:</b> There has been slow progress made with between 5 and 6 juniors availing themselves of the programme each week. The proposed league has not started due to small numbers attending. Importantly all parents have been notified of the activities available.	
8/08.4.6	<b>Handicaps Report:</b> <b>ND</b> reported that the month had been busy with six handicaps allocated but no supplementary scores submitted	
8/08.4.7	<b>SoCom Report:</b> <b>TH</b> reported that the Skills Challenge held at the July Club Night went well, 84 people had booked for the Captains Day Dinner and that a raffle for the benefit of the Charity would be sold throughout the day and evening. The November 1 <sup>st</sup> social night would have an Elton John tribute act, the deposit was arranged and it would be a non-food evening.	
8/08.4.8	<b>New Members Report:</b> <b>JP</b> reported that 10 of the 20 people phoned were contacted with a variable level of interest received.	

## 5. Any Other Business

	<b>Topic / Discussion</b>	<b>Follow-up / Timing</b>
5/08.5.1	<b>ND</b> asked if any of the suggestions made in last years Course Study Group report were likely to be implemented. Especially the intermediate range items. <b>PR</b> said that previous discussions during CG Course Walks revealed it was unlikely that ideas would be fully implemented but that he knew that the report had been read by Craig Earnshaw. Some ideas maybe partially used however no commitment from CG could be expected.	<b>PR</b> to discuss further with CG
5/08.5.2	<b>ND</b> asked if it would be possible for the lower handicap players to have later tee times in next years Men's Club Championship. After discussion it was thought that unless it was a drawn competition that this would be not be practical. The point was raised that professionals start as early as 6.30am at The Open and that there was enough daylight at the time of the year to allow for sufficient warm up time.	
5/08.5.3	<b>ND</b> suggested that in the event of a tie in future Men's Club Championship that there be a three hole play-off (using holes 1, 2 and 18) instead of a sudden death solution. It was thought that this should go to CompsCom for further discussion ie what happens if there is still a tie after the first three holes were played, as there is a time element to consider. There were no strong feelings either way from the main committee but it was felt that if any change was to be made then it should be supported by reasoned argument.	<b>CompsCom</b> to discuss and report back
5/08.5.4	<b>Questions from Compscom:</b> What was the policy for the usage of the grassed practise area? <b>PR</b> reported that this was discussed at that days CG meeting however it was deemed that further clarification was needed, as there was some confusion as to whether the area would be used for the week before competitions or on the day of the comps.	<b>PR</b> to clarify
5/08.5.5	<b>Questions from Compscom:</b> What is the plan for temporary greens this winter? <b>PR</b> reported that this was discussed at that days CG meeting. <b>RP</b> had said that we will play on the real greens with the existing temporary greens being prepared as back up. The main committee agreed that time spent on preparing and maintaining the temps located in the rough was not a good idea and would prefer simply to have bucket holes cut in the fairway in front of the real greens when necessary. <b>PR</b> to discuss further with <b>RP</b>	<b>PR</b> to report back
5/08/5/6	<b>MC</b> reported that the Supplementary Score Entry feature had "disappeared" from the PSI system but a way to restore it had been found. However he would not restore it until the process and procedure documentation for submitting supplementary cards was published on the website and in the clubroom.	<b>DN</b> to organise

**6. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday September 2nd 7pm