

## Minutes



### OPGCMA Main Committee

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**Meeting:** 08/10  
**Date:** 3rd August 2010  
**Venue:** Oak Park Function Room

#### Present

Brian Matthews	Captain
Margaret Church	Lady Captain
Cliff Simmons	Vice Captain
Keith McDowell	Handicaps
Gosta Bergkvist	Seniors
Helen Mills	Social
Paul Fenwick	CompsCom
Roger White	Treasurer
Linda Warren	Juniors

#### Apologies

Gill Hawker                      New Members

Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

ITEM	Discussion	Follow up / Action
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. <b>LW to report at next meeting. Ongoing.</b>	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. <b>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. CS to advise Martin Skinner of position.</b>	CS/Mark Cooper
5/10/3	HM stated that there was a need for a bell on the 17 <sup>th</sup> 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. <b>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. Awaiting signage.</b>	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. <b>PF to investigate further. Ongoing Item Closed.</b>	PF

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<b>5/10/5</b>	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. <b>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. Ongoing.</b>	BM
<b>5/10/6</b>	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. <b>BM/CS to look at possibility of switching usage of some current boards. Ongoing.</b>	BM/CS
<b>6/10/3</b>	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. <b>Ongoing.</b>	PF
<b>6/10/4</b>	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. <b>MC to finalise with RW</b>	MC/RW
<b>6/10/5</b>	Tee times for comps seem to be different from those originally reserved with R Pilbury. BM to check with Martin Skinner. <b>Ongoing. Item Closed.</b>	BM
<b>6/10/6</b>	Clarification of when the grass practice teeing area is to be open is needed. This will be sought at the next Crown Golf Meeting. <b>Ongoing</b>	BM
<b>7/10/1</b>	New Honours Board Board is ready, BM to arrange a date for its fitting.	BM
<b>7/10/2</b>	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. <b>Item closed.</b>	CS
<b>7/10/3</b>	RW – refurbished 100 yard markers were really good. Can we have them on 12 & 14 plus the Village course. BM to take to Crown. <b>Crown Meeting due 09/08/10.</b>	BM
<b>7/10/4</b>	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. <b>Crown Meeting due 09/08/10.</b>	BM
<b>7/10/5</b>	RW – Could we change to having colour coded flags to show pin position? BM to take to Crown. <b>Crown Meeting due 09/08/10.</b>	BM
<b>7/10/6</b>	GB - When is Crown Champion of Champions competition? BM to take to Crown. <b>25/09/10 at Broke Hill.</b>	BM
<b>7/10/7</b>	HM – How will the new drinks buggy be utilised? BM to take to Crown. <b>Pro shop to operate, once delivered.</b>	BM
<b>7/10/8</b>	LW – Cannot produce aggregated competition prints for Junior weekend comps. BM to talk LW through the process. <b>Item Closed</b>	BM
<b>7/10/9</b>	LW – Juniors Honours Board needs updating for 2009 Championship. <b>Item Closed</b>	BM
<b>7/10/10</b>	LW – There is an increasing problem of cigarette ends on the patio. This area will need to be cleaned on a more regular basis. BM to take to Crown. <b>Mannager has asked staff to tidy this area as</b>	BM

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	<b>necessary.</b>	
<b>7/10/11</b>	AT the wake held on 5 <sup>th</sup> 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. <b>Manager advised, item closed.</b>	BM
<b>7/10/12</b>	CS – suggested that OPGCMA should have reserve administrators for occasions when Mark and Mike are away at the same time. Mark to be consulted. <b>Ongoing</b>	BM
<b>7/10/13</b>	CS – Bar staff often do not give a receipt unless requested to do so. A receipt should be the norm. BM to follow up. <b>BM has advised Manager twice as staff have not taken this requirement on board. Position to be monitored.</b>	BM

**Sub Committee Reports**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Follow up / Action</b>
	<b>Treasurer’s Report:</b> RW has not received Men’s report from Brian Cannan so current status cannot be confirmed.	

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	<p><b>Ladies Captains' Report:</b></p> <p>July has seen a busy month for Competitions &amp; Matches, all very well supported by our Ladies section, so my thanks to everyone who has played in and helped to organise.</p> <p><b>Ladies Club Championship &amp; Handicap Salver July 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>A very successful Championship, the first time the competition has been run over 2 days at the weekend. The level of entrants was up on previous years, with 26 participating. The culmination of a play off between Wendy Nightingale &amp; Jenn Luscombe over 2 holes for the Championship title was very exciting. Due to great scoring Jenn was also the winner of the Handicap Salver.</p> <p>The presentation of vouchers for the top three in each division for the two medal rounds was very well received and I had very good feedback regarding this introduction. We were able to do this as a contribution to the trophies was received from the funds of OPGCMA.</p> <p>My thanks to all who helped in the organisation of the weekend, and making it run so smoothly. Of course as always our grateful thanks to all the ball spotters who gave up their time to support the championship.</p> <p><b>Mixed Hedera Bowl 14<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> <p>A very good turn out (24 pairs) for a very competitive Hedera Bowl. The winners OCB with 41 points were John Pitt &amp; Rosemary Pinchin, a popular result. My thanks to Claire for her help with organising the event.</p> <p><b>Country Fayre</b></p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to extend my grateful thanks to all off the Ladies section who supported the Country Fayre and for the many generous Tombola donations. Thankfully the weather held up and it was an enjoyable day, even though I did get a little wet in the stocks! We raised £1300, which is fantastic. My special thanks to Fred &amp; Linda Warren, without whom the event would not have happened.</p> <p><b>Upcoming Events in August</b></p> <p>The following external &amp; County competitions are taking place in August – Good Luck to all our representatives:-</p> <p>Hull Shield – Alyson Paterson &amp; Ada Holmes          Centenary Foursomes – Wendy Nightingale &amp; Jenn Luscombe          Australian Spoons – Julia Range &amp; Elaine McCarthy          Coronation Foursomes – Liz Seeney &amp; Julia Ranger</p> <p><b>Mixed Greensomes –</b></p> <p>There is a change of date to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August due to a clash with two Societies having days on the 11<sup>th</sup> to which many Oak Park members belong. It would be beneficial for the incoming Captains when preparing next year’s diary to contact the societies to try and eliminate clashes in the</p>	
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	<p><b>CompsCom Report:</b></p> <p><b>Buggies in Club Championship</b>                  I discussion point was raised in the June meeting by Neil Dockar that the allowance of Buggies in the Club Championship be reviewed.</p> <p>It was discussed at length with the following points being raised (not exhaustive):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Injured Players with Doctors Certificate</li> <li>2. A player should not lose out if played in most Competitions throughout the year</li> <li>3. A disabled person being omitted from the Competition</li> </ol> <p>The decision to leave unchanged was made, mainly based on the fact that the Club Championship was an elite competition and the desire to try and emulate a competition where the criteria was as close as that to a professional competition.</p> <p>However, the topic did highlight that a further review was necessary, in light of the possibility of the club falling foul of the Disability Discrimination Act.</p> <p><b>Abolition of "Pay in Advance" feature of entry in Major Comps</b>                  I discussion point was raised by Neil Dockar (by email) regarding the logic behind pay in advance and if it was still relevant.</p> <p>It was discussed at length and although most agreed it was an additional hassle to the DO, that as majors required the some additional work, i.e Qualifying checks etc it should remain unchanged.</p> <p>It was felt that it was unnecessary to chase people as they know the competition entry criteria and the Committee should stop "nursing" the members and they should be responsible for the own actions.</p> <p>However, it was mentioned that an update of persons paid be communicated to the DO in order that he can maintain a close eye on the competition entry.</p> <p>MC is to look at adding a flash message to the Computer to remind people to pay when entering on the computer</p> <p><b>Items for discussion with Main Committee</b></p> <p>ND raised that he felt the Committee requirement for Handicap card was an infringement of the Congu rules.</p> <p>CS would like to take forward that an overriding decision be considered by the Main Committee that the Seniors Club Championship should follow the Min Club Championship, in order that it be possible to win the Gross and the Salver.</p> <p>CS also suggested that if Crown Golf were unable to provide a meeting room that Competition Committee meetings should be held elsewhere.</p> <p>It was suggested by Steve McManus that the teaching Pro's</p>	
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	<p>were approached and asked if they would be prepared to take Prize Vouchers in exchange for lessons.</p> <p><b>Items for discussion with Crown Golf</b></p> <p>Despite promises by Crown Golf, the restrictions to the Grass playing area are still not being adhered to.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Marshall supplied by Crown Golf was still not a benefit and probably a waste of money.</p>	
	<p><b>Seniors Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The July Seniors Medal was won by Chris Jackson with a net score of 60. Grahame Chenery and Mick Francis with 63 and Mike Slingsby with 64 were other excellent results on the day.</li> <li>2. The Oak Park Team in "National Seniors Club Classic" played their second match in the Plate yesterday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, at home against Test Valley. Result 2 ½ - 1 ½ for Oak Park.</li> <li>3. The TOPS team continues being unbeaten, with against Old Thorns at home 5-1 and Chobham away 4 ½ - 1 ½ and a draw away against Cams Hall. August is very busy as we play Blacknest, Dummer and Milford away and Bishopswood and Sand Martins at home.</li> <li>4. Brian Taylor and Brian Cannan won the 4BBB on 29<sup>th</sup> July with 48 points ahead of Carlo Mazur and pat Bergkvist with 46 points.</li> <li>5. The Men's Roll-Ups were played on 12<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August. On the last one we had the pleasure to have 3 Ghurka soldiers, all members at Oak Park, taking part. The next Roll-Up is on 6<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>6. The Senior's Club Championship takes place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August. The corresponding information sheet is up on the board in the Hall. The sheet for payment in the Competition book, which had not been prepared in advance, is also in its place.</li> <li>7. The next Seniors Committee Meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>Juniors Report:</b></p> <p>Busy time for the Junior section and the Academy as school holiday time has arrived. Many competitions. The junior team continue to perform well in the Hants Berks League. Oak Park have been asked to host the Hants Junior Champion ships next year, fuller details to follow.</p>	

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	<p><b>Handicaps Report:</b>                  There were 4 new handicaps issued this month. 2 juniors and 2 transfers in. Instructions for the marking of cards for new members still not on website. BM to pursue.</p>	
	<p><b>Socom report:</b>  <b>July Club Nights</b></p> <p>Further to the points made on last report, other points made that may have contributed to the 15 members attending the July Social Night was the timing ie the night before the Ladies Championship. This again highlights the need to review activities vs 2010 Golfing Calendar</p> <p>Portuguese 1 Club, August 13<sup>th</sup>, poster has been produced and is on the web site. To date, take up is very poor. SOCOM members &amp; main committee (please) – are asked to remind other members, of the Portuguese 1 Club, during Captains day, August 7th. At what level of participation should we look to cancel?</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>September Club Night will be a Music quiz.</p> <p><b>Captains Day Dinner Dance</b>                  DJ booked; buffet menu confirmed with Mark (Chef) &amp; Lisa.                  Raffle to be fewer, bigger prizes - purchased                  Cost confirmed at £25</p> <p><b>XMAS Dinner Dance – Back Tie &amp; Formal Dinner</b>                  Why band have now been booked.</p> <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>License for Early Purchase of Raffle Tickets will not be progressed – Too many other ties required.</p> <p>Themed Social in Diary October 31<sup>st</sup> – This is not in Crown’s Diary as an OPGCMA requirement. We will ensure communicated on Website start September.</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>SOCOM will be seeking support in running functions from outside of the committee. (Unplanned circumstances are resulting in a core of 3 people being at the majority of meetings.)</p>	

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	<b>New Members Report:</b> GH on holiday so no report.	
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### Any other Business

Item	Discussion	Follow up / Action
8/10/1	MC advised that Ladies' Committee were looking at why there was low attendance of Ladies at prize giving on club nights. Ongoing.	MC
8/10/2	MC suggested that the office was 'pushing' the Village course rather than the Woodland to new Lady members. MC to take forward to Crown Meeting.	MC
8/10/3	RW suggested that the speed of play in the Club Championship was faster when the higher handicaps played early and this should therefore be adopted on both days rather than just the second day. P to pursue.	PF
8/10/4	RW suggested that Main Committee be held on the second Tuesday of the month, after the sub-committees had met. Accepted.	
8/10/5	PF noted that there had not been a Seniors' rep at the last 2 CompsCom meetings and this should not be allowed to continue. GB agreed and will pursue this.	GB
8/10/6	LW advised that Adam Copeland had made a request for financial help as he has been invited to attend the 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual World Junior Challenge in Florida. The cost is estimated at £3,900 for him plus an adult. After discussion it was decided that any financial help for the Juniors should be for the section as a whole, rather than an individual. OPGCMA do not have sufficient funds to offer financial support for these individual ventures.	

**DONM: Tuesday 7th September 7:30 pm**