

Oak Park Golf Club
Main Committee Meeting (02/09/08)
Meeting Number 9/08
Minutes

1. Attendees

Phil Randle (Club Captain)
Alyson Paterson (Ladies Captain)
Tracey Hart (Social)
John Scott (Seniors)

Norm Adam (Vice Captain)
Brian Matthews (Competitions)
Jon Pope (New Members)

2. Apologies

Neil Dockar (Handicaps)

3 Matters Arising / Outstanding From Previous Meetings

Item #	Topic / Discussion	Follow-up / Timing
08/07.5.1.12	The remote/local switch 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. Sept , will report final action once work has been completed.	
4/08.5.4.5	IW 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. PR reported that this issue was discussed at that days CG meeting with no resolution as yet. PR reported that he had discussed with RP and saw the CG records; it would appear that the older items have been purged from the system but RP would discuss with CG and see what could be done. No time was given for this action by RP. Will report back to committee once response received from CG	
7/08.5.3.2	JP 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. MC 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. MC 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. PR reported that the testing had started and that the IT team were hopeful of implementation by mid Sept as long as the testing went well.	MC Progress report
5/08.5.4.2	ND asked if there were any plans to replace the tuck shop, since it is obvious that John and Sara will not be returning. PR , 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 RP 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 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 PR 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. Update from CG meeting held on 5/8: 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. PR discussed again with RP, the marshalls had been used as mobile tuck shop one recent Friday with a take of £15, bad summer weather had not warranted more activity. RP would not commit to a scheduled service. No further discussion planned on this topic at this juncture.	
8/08.4.1.2	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. Sept , no resolution yet, IW to investigate and finalise before next October meeting	IW and ND to look at new Competition Book options
8/08.5.1.1	ND asked if any of the suggestions made in last years Course Study Group report were likely to be implemented. Especially the intermediate range items. PR 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. Sept , PR had raised issue with RP , he confirmed that the report had been read but could give no guarantee that any of the propositions would be acted upon	
8/08.5.3	ND 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.	CompsCom to discuss and report back
8/08.5.4	Questions from Compscom: What was the policy for the usage of the grassed practise area? PR 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. Sept PR confirmed that the area would be open the week before monthly comps and majors during appropriate times of the year.	
8/08.5.5	Questions from Compscom: What is the plan for temporary greens this winter? PR reported that this was discussed at that days CG meeting. RP 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. PR to discuss further with RP. Sept PR discussed committees concerns with RP who confirmed that the back up temps will be positioned on fairways in front of greens where available, exceptions such as on the 12 th where gradient of fairway made this inappropriate.	
8/08/5/6	MC 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. Sept no action yet taken, ND to organise before next meeting	ND to organise

4. Sub Committee Reports

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9/08.4.1	Treasurers Report: IW presented figures for Jan 08 to August 08 showing that all is working smoothly, competition fees are being dispersed correctly by all three sections. IW announced that Roger White has agreed to take over the roll of Treasurer starting 1 st Jan 2009, Ian and Roger have already met to discuss systems and accounting methods. Roger will need to be added to list of cheque signatories. The committee agreed to this and welcomed Roger to the team.	

9/08.4.2	Ladies Captains' Report: AP reported a busy month, the Ladies Captain Day was a great success with 42 entrants, the golf was won by Liz Seeney and the day was capped off with an excellent meal provided by CG. AP wished to thank Hugh Lovatt, Allen Leech and Graham Harrison for their help on the day. Two friendly interclub matches played were both lost but the highlight was the Stoneham Cup team winning at South Winchester to progress to the finals day to be played at Brockenhurst Manor on Sept 24. Congratulations to all ladies in the team and best of luck for the finals.	
9/08.4.3	CompsCom Report: BM reported that the Winter KO draw will be published this week. Due to several committee members being unavailable for the last meeting many of the items on the agenda were rolled over until next month.	
9/08.4.4	Seniors Report: JS reported that the TOPS played in 6 matches in August with a W4, D1 and L1 return. The Seniors Championship was won by Barry Scott who will compete at the Champion of Champions at Cottesmore. Jean Preston won the Salver, well done to both. It has become evident that both the Claret Jug and Silver Salver have incurred damage, it was agreed that they should both be repaired with the cost being borne by OPGCMA and hopefully CG. The Mixed Comps were well attended with 45 entrants in the recent Texas Scramble, a great sign for the future. External Competitions - Roger and Wendy White won the Meon Valley Seniors Pairs Invitational. Also John Scott and Brian Davis came third in the Broadstone Seniors Pairs Open Competition, in a field of 124 players, 62 pairs. Crown Golf Championship at Abbotsley - The team selected to represent Oak Park on 2nd October is: John Scott, Allen Leech, Brian Chambers, Graham Rose, Ian Brown	
9/08.4.5	Juniors Report: The Juniors Club Championship was won by Jordan Rogers with a gross 72 and Tom Jordan won the Handicap Salver, well done to both.	
9/08.4.6	Handicaps Report: ND reported in absentia that it had been a busy month with 4 handicaps allocated, the lowest being 20 but many other cards in the system. No supplementary scores.	
9/08.4.7	SoCom Report: TH reported a successful Captains Day Dinner with 86 in attendance, while there were some issues with the food, mainly the temperature of it, the evening was enjoyed by all those in attendance. CG will look at menu choices for the larger social functions. The next major function will be the Elton John Tribute Night in November, 4 tickets have been donated to the Captains' Charity. Club Nights will return to indoor activities. The Xmas Dinner Dance will be an optional masked ball. The diary dates for next year have been looked at.	
9/08.4.8	New Members Report: JP reported a steady month with several new members contacted but with a mixed response again.	

5. Any Other Business

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9/08.5.1	JP raised the issue of the Juniors Section remaining rudderless. The consensus of the committee after much discussion was that CG needed to take more responsibility for this section of the club, although OPGCMA would always support the Juniors in anyway we can. It was generally felt that we were not taking full advantage of the potential of the 50 junior members..	
9/08.5.2	JP wanted a clarification on the calculation of the Greensome Handicap	ND to clarify
9/08.5.3	IW wanted to know if there was a Staff v OPGCMA match this year	PR to discuss with CG

6. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday October 7th 7pm