

Oak Park Golf Club
Main Committee Meeting (08/10/08)
Meeting Number 10/08
Minutes

1. Attendees

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

Neil Dockar (Handicaps)
 Brian Matthews (Competitions)
 Ian Wilson (Treasurer)

2. Apologies

Tracey Hart (Social) John Scott (Seniors)

3 Matters Arising / Outstanding From Previous Meetings

Item #	Topic / Discussion	Follow-up / Timing
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 PR reported in October meeting that Richard would assess unclaimed voucher situation before the next CG meeting but he has agreed in principal to return part or all of lapsed unredeemed vouchers to OPGCMA. He does however intend to withdraw the option of voucher holders to use them for membership fees. This approach did not receive the support of the main committee and further discussion is needed.	PR to report back
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. PR was told by Mark Cooper that the code had undergone testing but at the time of the meeting the result was unknown, however the new system had not been implemented.	MC Progress report
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 8/10 ND brought to the meeting the header pages for the new Competitions Book, it met with general approval, although IW had issues with the line spacing plus there were some Ladies and Mixed Competition to be included. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with AP, BM, IW and ND to finalise the detail before book is put together. The book will be ready in November	IW and ND to look at new Competition Book options
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	CompsCom to discuss and report back

	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. BM reported that there will be a trial run of a three hole play-off (Holes 1, 2 and 18) when next needed. If no winner found after the three holes, sudden death to be used starting again from the 1 st . After the trial a questionnaire will be used to assess acceptance.	
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 8/10 ND confirmed that all systems were in place for the Supplementary System, notices on website, in clubhouse, books in Pro Shop and the computer updated with Supplementary Score Input in operation.	ND to organise
9/08.5.2	JP wanted a clarification on the calculation of the Greensome Handicap, 8/10 ND has placed calculation sheets around clubhouse, however JP pointed out that these went up only to 28 handicap so needed inclusion of up to handicap 36, ND said the spreadsheet he had could be adjusted and he would do this	ND to update spreadsheet to include for up to 36 handicap
9/08.5.3	IW wanted to know if there was a Staff v OPGCMA match this year, PR had asked RP for date in November but not yet to hand	PR get date

4. Sub Committee Reports

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10/08.4.1	Treasurer’s Report: IW reported that all was good with the figures year to date	
10/08.4.2	Ladies Captains’ Report: AP reported that the Stoneham Cup team were beaten by the eventual winners, Royal Winchester, at Brockenhurst Manor but a fantastic effort overall to finish 3 rd equal out of a field of 50 teams. Victoria Wooldridge has made it through to the last 16 of the World Wide Carpets, congratulations to Victoria. Laura Gibson and Jude Townsend represented OP in the recent regional final for the Ping Qualifier held at Meon Valley. There were two competition cancellations due to a small field (Ryder Cup) and bad weather (Mixed v Chobham) however The Autumn Meeting was a success with 34 ladies playing and all enjoying the meal afterwards. Margaret Church won the Autumn Scratch Trophy, congratulations, and a thank you to Hugh Lovatt, Allen Leech and Norm Adam for manning the halfway house. A disappointing turnout for the Midweek Triple 6 saw only 14 people play.	
10/08.4.3	CompsCom Report: BM reported that there will be no late start for lower handicap players in the Club Championship as proposed but a trial three hole play off will be used if needed. A date for the Winter KO Finals has been set for March 8 th . RP has allowed any 5 Day members who make a final to play FOC. Winter Rules came into play today (8/10). A decision to change the Stableford scheduled for 22/11 to a Bowmaker, this bringing more fun into the winter programme, JP raised the issue of this decision reducing the OOM campaign and thus possibly effecting a some players ability to win the OOM. The decision to stand. An argument to change the playing order of “the hill” (10, 11, 12 and 13) as suggested in last years Course Report will be prepared by ND for the next Compscom meeting. The change proffered is thought to improve the traffic flow, and would also mean players would not walk off the 13 th down past two teeing areas, the change if agreed by CG would mean the holes would be played in a new order: 10,13,12 the 11. Compelling reasons are needed to effect the changes.	
10/08.4.4	Seniors Report: JS sent a report in: the TOPS Summer programme has ended with the following record P17, W10, D2, and L5. Abbotsley GCC are the new CG Senior Inter Club Champions, Oak Park, the defending champions finished a creditable third from the field of 20 clubs but could not match the home teams performance. Next years competition will be held at Sherfield Oaks. The first TOPS Winter League match was lost at Hoebridge (3-1)	
10/08.4.5	Juniors Report: No report	
10/08.4.6	Handicaps Report: ND said there were 4 new handicaps awarded, and that the compulsory Annual review will be undertaken in the coming weeks, effective	

	from January 1 st	
10/08.4.7	SoCom Report: In his absence TH reported that the September Club Night was a success with 44 people taking part in the Quiz organised and run by Fiona Horton, however the October Club Night saw only 27 people taking part in the Call my Bluff competition, which was disappointing especially as the awarding of all the Summer KO prizes took place on that evening. Early indications are that the Elton John Tribute act was being well supported for Saturday November 1 st	
10/08.4.8	New Members Report: JP reported a quiet month with only 20 new members on the report from CG , most of which have been contacted.	

5. Any Other Business

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10/08.5.1	Honours Roll Board: PR proposed that there be a special honoursboard to recognise those members who have contributed over and above the norm for many years to the OPGCMA. This was met with a mixed response from the committee, citing selection criteria issues, space for such a board and overall appropriateness of this. PR would need to offer more reasoned argument for this to be accepted.	PR to consider views and report back
10/08.5.2	IW suggested that the bunkers were not being raked before competitions. PR confirmed that Craig Earnshaw had assured him that this was being done, PR said that the condition of the bunkers was possibly more a reflection of the care taken by players when raking or “not raking” them rather than the groundstaff not maintaining them.	
10/08.5.3	JP offered his apologies, that due to work commitments he would be unavailable for the next two main committee meetings.	

6. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday November 4th 7pm