

# Minutes



## OPGCMA Main Committee

**Meeting:** 10/09  
**Date:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009  
**Venue:** Oak Park Committee Room

### Present

Norm Adam Captain  
Brian Matthews Vice Captain  
Lucy Church Ladies Captain  
Cliff Simmons Comps Com  
Neil Dockar Handicaps  
Linda Warren Juniors  
Gosta Bergkvist Seniors  
Gill Hawker New Members

Apologies  
Roger White Treasurer  
Tracey Hart Social

### Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

ITEM	Discussion	Follow up / Action
<b>09/09.1</b>	Honours boards. BM discussed with RP the possible move of full boards to ceiling in conservatory, this has been agreed and following discussions with FW & RW these will be put in place so that we can move full boards when need any changes to the existing boards could be difficult as the space on the walls will not be extended.	NA to discuss with FW to go ahead with boards on ceiling same size and 8 columns. No change to the list of boards for the men. LC to discuss any changes to boards with FW
<b>09/09.2</b>	TOPS fun competition. Following discussions with various members of the club regarding this competition it has been pointed out that any seniors competitions in the club are mixed as this has been the case since the seniors section was started. If this is deemed to be a seniors competition then it should be open to ladies & gentlemen.	This item included in Seniors report
<b>09/09.3</b>	Crown Golf League. It has been reported that Crown Golf have been piloting a league which they are hoping to expand next year.	No information on this at present BM to keep in touch with contacts.

### Sub Committee Reports

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<b>08/09.10.1</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Treasurer not present but monies in order and no outstanding queries at present.	

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<p><b>08/09.10.2</b></p>	<p><b>Ladies Captains' Report:</b></p> <p>September Medal Div 1 winner Jean Deverill Net 69 Div 2 winner Mary Williams Net 70 September Stableford Winner Lucy Church 37 pts Grandmas's Goblet Winner Gillian Strachan 36pts Canadian Foursomes 8<sup>th</sup> September won by Bronwen Brighton and Beryl Perring 70pts Ladies Bowmaker 22<sup>nd</sup> September won by Irene Jennings, Julia Ranger and Bronwen Brighton 79pts Fun Competition of a Chicken Chase on 29<sup>th</sup> September in teams of 3 with one ball, stroke play. Won by Linda Warren, Liz Seeney and Lyla Alleman Net 84 Ladies Friendly Match on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Tylney Hall was a win to Oak Park 2 ½ to 1 ½ Mid week competition 9<sup>th</sup> September - Men v Ladies – A win to the MEN October Medal won by Wendy Nightingale – Net 69 and a handicap reduction from 14 to 13. Tuesday Ladies October Medal cancelled due to bad weather.</p>	
<p><b>08/09.10.3</b></p>	<p><b>CompsCom Report:</b></p> <p><b>Committee Members</b></p> <p>CS had received the resignation from the Committee from John Evans, who has been replaced by Paul Fewick</p> <p><b>Winter Competitions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) BM has decided that the October Stableford is to be removed due to the last Medal is in October and that it falls on the same weekend as the Oak Park Classic. Other Competitions early 2010, are to remain unchanged and to stay in line with OP traditions, following BM doing some background investigation with existing members. BM may give consideration to fitting in an additional Fun Comp at the request of Neil Dockar.</li> </ol> <p><b>Course</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following on from the request for more course information, it is to be requested to Crown Golf (Craig), that we share the current report that is put onto the Crown Golf Web Site and the Mark Cooper and Mike Wilkinson will administer onto the OPGCMA site.</li> <li>2. It is proposed that Course comments from members of Comps Comm should be direct to BM by Email</li> </ol> <p><b>25th Anniversary Golf</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The format for the day has been decided and will be an Alliance Stableford, prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places for Both Men and Ladies/Mixed, Nearest the Pumpkin (Pin) on 15<sup>th</sup> and nearest the Warlock, to be sited between holes 6 &amp; 7 (2 chances)</li> <li>2) The sign up sheet is now on the mixed board, Teams of 4 and encourage Teams to have a Name on a Halloween Theme.</li> <li>3) Entry fee was set at £3:00 per individual, since the meeting CS has negotiated with Richard Pilbury, that CG will waiver the Green fees for 5day and Village members to try and encourage the whole club to take part, as this has now been finalised, the entry Fee for 5 and Village members will be £6:00 per individual.</li> </ol>	

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	<p><b>Club Championship and Handicap Salver</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CS has received an Email from a long server member of the Club, airing his disappointment over the level and distribution of prizes to the "PREMIER" event of the year and the spreading over the 4 events, more prizes siding with the individual medals (7 on each day) where as the Club Champs and Net Salver only had a grand total of 6.</li> <li>2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> comment was why "IF YOU PLAY WELL ENOUGH" you shouldn't be able to win both? It has been agreed that CS will add to the Agenda for Octobers Comps Comm meeting</li> </ol> <p><b>Items for discussion with Crown Golf</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) None</li> </ol>	
<p><b>08/09.10.4</b></p>	<p><b>Seniors Report:</b> <b>Seniors Report - 06.10.2009</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bill Greep's family have decided upon the cup to be given for the "Bill Greep Memorial Cup", which will be played in the month of June starting in 2010.</li> <li>2. The next Fun Competition will be played on October 19 and Senior Ladies are taking part. However it was never the purpose of these events to increase the number of Senior Mixed Competitions, and the Senior Committee has therefore decided that a meeting should be arranged with Senior Ladies soon after the October event, to discuss and define future Senior Mixed Competitions.</li> <li>3. During the month TOPS won at Old Thorns 6-0 and lost 1-5 at Bishopswood. During the season Oak Park registered 14 wins and 3 losses (all away). One match was abandoned.</li> <li>4. The Seniors Medal for September was won by Peter Caldwell.</li> <li>5. The Oak Park Seniors Team, although getting 114 stableford points for 3 players (3 scores out of 4 counted), an average of 38 points. Sherfield Oaks won with 118 points. Oak Park players and individual scores were David Lang 41, Roger White 37, Graham Harrison and Gosta Bergkvist both 36. Next year's event will be played at Cottesmore.</li> <li>6. A team from Oak Park will play in tomorrow's Seniors Captain's Invitation Day at Old Thorns.</li> <li>7. The TOPS Winter League started yesterday against Hoebridge away, and Oak Park won by 3-1.</li> <li>8. For some reasons there were no Senior Stableford Competitions in the diary for November and December. I have now agreed with Richard Pilbury that these competitions can take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December respectively, and they are now on the web and also in the computer system at Oak Park.</li> <li>9. The TOPS players donated £ 100.00 for the Captain's Charity Day.</li> <li>10. The next meeting for the Seniors Section is on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>08/09.10.5</b></p>	<p><b>Juniors Report:</b></p> <p>Juniors are continuing their growth trend with a new series of medal competitions aimed at encouraging those without handicaps to get them, and those with to consolidate and reduce, by playing in competitions which will allow them to</p>	

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	<p>put in qualifying cards on a weekly basis, and by playing on both the Woodland and Village courses is encouraging improvement in all aspects of the game. We have had several handicaps awarded and reductions in the last month. We now have getting on for 20 junior members with Congu handicaps and Neil and John Pitt are doing a great job in getting them through, although sometimes you do need some special skills to decipher the writing, but we are working on that. We also now have 5 people undergoing Hampshire County training, they are Josh, Thomas, Christian, Ada and are hosting a Junior County Competition in April of next year. The way things are looking we just might have the next Justin Rose in the club.</p> <p>Gavin is working on a weekly programme aimed at all aspects of golf including, etiquette, marking cards, course management, rules knowledge, behaviour in and around the clubhouse, etc.,</p> <p>The Academy is doing a great job with a large number of young people becoming very enthusiastic about the game. There is something in the region of 80 Academy members of which about 15 - 20 are girls. We now have full junior members.</p> <p>Gavin &amp; I had a meeting today with the regional manager of the Golf Foundation regarding accreditation, many of the things they require are already in place so it looks as though we will get this very soon. I have agreed to be CRB checked and also attend a child safety course along with Gavin, Paul Mayo and Mark Stuart-Buddery.</p> <p>I have asked Mark Cooper if it is possible to create the facility play from the yellow tees on the village as at present the only facility is from the whites. It may make some difference to the scoring, and handicap reductions. I have also asked him if we could have a separate junior handicap list as the logistics of keeping track of the junior handicaps is very complicated and prone to error.</p> <p>Next years Championship dates have been finalised and it is proposed to include a Junior Open and to incorporate a Junior Telegraph Qualifier. Richard has O.K.'d this, all we have to do is find a suitable date.</p> <p>We do realise that not all members are quite as enthusiastic about the numbers of juniors about the club and on the courses at the weekend and are trying to keep any conflict of interest to a minimum by playing comps at times when there is a low demand, and not clash in use of practise facilities particularly when there are Major comps on. We are also aware that they are the future of not only Oak Park but of golf in general.</p>	
<p><b>08/09.10.6</b></p>	<p><b>Handicaps Report:</b>            Busy month again with nearly 40 cards submitted. 6 new handicaps awarded ranging from 18 to 27. No supplementary scores submitted</p>	
<p><b>08/09.10.7</b></p>	<p><b>SoCom Report:</b>            Unfortunately I will again miss the main committee meeting this week I have not had a report from my team regarding the club night but I believe attendance was low. Tickets for the 31<sup>st</sup> of October are selling well but we still have many more left. Should anticipate more selling but we will open the offer up to guests if the allotted 120 do not go.</p>	

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<b>08/09.10.8</b>	<b>New Members Report:</b> New members have been contacted and some interest gained but limited response from intermediate members. Continuing to assist with new members gaining cards.	
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### Any other Business

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<b>AOB</b>	LC discussion on cards submitted for scores and subsequent request to be NR, this is not normal practice and score once entered must stand. CS recent no shows on medal due to others putting names down. Suggestion of going to swipe cards for entry. Responsibility of the individual to check if on the entry list and withdraw before competition.	

**DONM:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009