



50th Anniversary 1968-2018

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 27 July 2023 10:45 a.m. at Oxford (City) Golf Club

1. Attendance

- a) Attendees: Keith Henley (Capt.); T. Killick (v-Capt.); Chris Spearing (Treasurer), Derek Honey (Life v-Pres); Bill White (Sec); Roger Sillence (Match Sec); Stuart Dobbs (Event Sec); Glyn Hall (Clothing); Peter Walton (Com).
- b) Apologies: Tim Nunneley (Pres); Ian Allison (v-Pres); Rob Daniels (Immed Past Capt.), Ray Shaw (Com).

2. Previous Minutes –

- a) Committee Meeting 13th June 2023
Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were Approved and duly signed by the Captain.

b) Matters Arising

i) Committee Meeting 31st August 2022.

(10.e) Discuss Chris Spearing's suggestion that, a limit should be applied to the amount of entries per Club for the ~~Hookham Trophy~~ Powell Cup i.e. a maximum of 4 entrants nominated in advance by Clubs that have more than 4 entrants and that only the best 3 of these scores count. (All)

After a short discussion it was agreed that, for reasons of equity in the Powell Cup competition and before play starts, any Club that has more than 4 players attending the Event must nominate 4 players as their Powell Cup competition Team. The person responsible for making the nominations will be the Club Member in attendance that has been a member of the OGC for the longest time. (Closed)

ii) Committee Meeting 13 June 2023

(2.b.i) Report on progress of defining the strategy and application of OneDrive for storage of data held by Officers with access for other Officers. (K. Henley/T. Killick)

it was reported that the OneDrive development review was continuing and some options were being trialled. It was pointed out that not much information was currently available in the OneDrive at the moment and more information should be deposited there. To handle additional data the OneDrive needs a robust structure.

It was agreed that liaison should be conducted between this task and the Website upgrade task being carried out by Ian Allison with Colin Whittle. (K. Henley/T. Killick)

(2.b.ii) Report on progress of defining possible split of Match Secretary duties and responsibilities between Annual Fixture List & Tours and inter-County Match Management.

(Roger Sillence/Ian Alison)

See discussion of item 7 of the Match Secretary's Report below.

(Closed)

(10.a.i) Reply to Nigel Lawton (Studley Wood), ref. the wearing of OGC blazers, etc.

(Keith Henley)

Keith advised that he has sent a response email to Nigel Lawton supporting the current OGC dress code.

(Closed)

(Keith; please forward a copy to me for the record)

(10.a.ii) Canvass other county Golf Captains associations regarding imposed dress code(s).

(Roger Sillence)

See discussion of item 8 of the Match Secretary's Report below.

(Closed)



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(10.b) Contact Cambridge Captains with a view to the reduction of match team to 12.

(Roger Sillence)

Roger reported that he had sent an email to the Cambridge Captains but had not yet received a response.

(Roger Sillence)

(10.c) Investigate and obtain quotes from professional website designers for improvement of the OGC Website.

(Ian Allison)

Ian sent the Committee the following statement by email:

"I have had various discussions with Colin regarding our Website. We are reviewing a potential new supplier who may provide us with an improved offering. We will report back to the Committee when we are in a position to do so."

(Ian Allison)

3. Secretary's Report

No comments or questions were raised.

4. Treasurer's Report

Chris Spearing drew attention to the loss being accumulated this year due to the increased cost of catering. This situation will be addressed in preparation of the 2024 Budget later this year.

5. Match Secretary's Report.

- a) Roger again highlighted the fact that some of the Club Captains of host Clubs for the remaining 2023 matches had not yet joined the OGC. Bill White advised that his recent review of recruitment showed that many Club Captains declared that they were too busy this year, but would reconsider for 2024 (see Secretaries Report).
- b) Roger reported that, further to the Match Results table included in his report, OGC had won the match against London.
- c) The "Future Role of the Match Secretary Discussion Document" included in Roger's Report was reviewed at some length.
 - i) Bill White suggested that items 5 and 6 could be added to "Role 2" to consolidate the responsibility for matches within one person's responsibility. This was not agreed.
 - ii) Bill White suggested that the responsibilities for management of the Queen's Jubilee and 4 Counties matches should be added. *(Roger Sillence)*

6. Event Secretary's Report

- a) No comments or questions were raised.
- b) Stuart Dobbs highlighted that so far he had only received three responses to his invitations to other County Captains to attend the Founder's Cup event. Fortunately these replies are acceptances.
- c) It was noted that 54 players would play in the day's event, Captains Day.

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7. Clothing Report

- a) No comments or questions were raised.
- b) Glyn advised that the shirt to be embroidered has now been received from Roger Davies.
- c) The OGC Captains jumper has also been received.
- d) Roger Sillence asked Glyn to ensure that an OGC tie is given to Keith for presentation to new Member, Mark Blakely, at the match to be hosted at his Club (The Wychwood), on 15 Aug 2023.

8. Extraneous Events/Competitions

- a) 50th Anniversary Trophy (pairs KO).
 - i) Ian Alison provided a summary statement of the position of the Competition together with copies of the Quarter Finals results and the draw for the Semi-Finals (see email 23 July 2023 attached).
 - ii) In response to Ian's invitation for the OGC Captain to consider the course location for the final (see the above email), Keith chose Oxford (City) GC.

9. Events at Other Counties

- a) See Secretary's Report

10. AOB

- a) Roger Sillence noted that the OGC Flag had not appeared recently at host Clubs. Bill White advised that he was in possession of the Flag and would make it available for future matches/events.
(Bill White)
- b) Derek Honey read out a brief history of the OGC he had prepared (see attached). The Meeting attendees much appreciated this and thanked Derek for preparing it. Bill White suggested that this could be uploaded to the Website for general view.
- c) When the definition of Match Secretary job split is completed and agreed, it will be circulated within the Membership to solicit expressions of Interest. Invitation for nominees, for the new Committee post created thereby, will be requested prior to the 2024 AGM and the successful candidate will be elected at that AGM. This being in common with the current procedure for all Committee Members and Club Representatives.
(Bill White)

11. Closure

The meeting was closed at approximately 11:50.

Next Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 10:45a.m. on Wednesday 31st August 2023 (Autumn Meeting) at The Springs G.C.

Approved by

Date: 31/8/2023

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Committee Meeting 27 July 2023

Secretary's Report

12 June 2023 – 27 July 2023

1. Membership

a) New members (since last report)

Joshua Cross* Drayton Park 2023 Hcp. Ind. 18.1

*OGC tie was sent by post.

(6 silk ties remain in Secretary's stock)

b) Withdrawals (i.e. requested no more contact);

None

c) Members' Deaths

Harry White Henley G.C. 09 July 2023.

d) Recruitment

Continued to liaise with some OGC Rep's for recruitment of remaining 2023 Club Captain's and the Club Captains annual election dates. See table of status below.

2. Records

a) The OGC Members Directory is being kept up to date.

b) Other Member related lists continue to be updated progressively.

3. Website

a) Colin Whittle continues to upload updated documents/lists to the OGC Website as required.

b) See separate email of 17 July from Ian Alison regarding ongoing actions to improve/modernise the look of the OGC Website.

4. Home Events (other than those reported separately by Events Secretary)

The current status of the OGC 50th Anniversary Pair KO competition is provided separately by Ian Allison (see his email of 23rd July).

5. Events by other Counties

a) Ian Allison and Glyn Hall attended the Essex Golf Club Captains, Captain's Day at Braintree Golf Club on 20th July 2023.

b) Tim Nunneley and Ian Alison will attend the Gloucester Golf Captains 70th Anniversary event, the Holiday Cup, at Minchinhampton GC on Thursday 27th July 2023.

6. Extraneous Events

Glyn Hall has advised County Golf Holidays that the OGC will not be sending a team to the Inter-County Challenge competition at the St Mellion Estate, Cornwall on Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th October 2023.



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Secretaries Report

12 June 2023 – 27 July 2023

Status of recruitment actions for Club Captains that are not yet members.

Club	OGC Rep	Status	
Burford	R. Sillence	Current Captain not likely to join	
The Cotswolds	Brian Kay	Invitation and application form sent by Secretary	25/06/23
Bicester	Phil Stanway	Current Captain not likely to join this year	
Feldon Valley	Mick Abbotts	Current Captain not likely to join this year	
Henley	Geoff Lockett	Current Captain not likely to join this year	
Kirlington	Graham Fullagar	Awaiting feedback from OGC Rep.	
North Oxford	Malcolm Hookham	Awaiting feedback from OGC Rep.	
The Oxfordshire	Graham Robinson	Club Captain now living in Spain	
Mapledurham	Mike Ford	Club Captain playing in match against Bucks	03/08/23
The Springs	John Edwards	Current Captain not likely to join this year	
Witney Lakes	Jason Donaldson	Awaiting feedback from OGC Rep.	

Oxfordshire Golf Captains

Treasurer's Report for Committee Meeting 27th July 2023

The Mixed Greensomes was slightly over budget, due to low numbers attending.

The Presidents Cup was well attended but overspent by £246, with catering £5 per head higher than budget.

The home match against the Ladies was overspent by £53.50. Catering £2 per head over budget.

At home to Warwickshire, the overspend was £135 – catering £5.50 per head over budget.

Sundry items include £60 for the Gloucestershire match trophy. Also, Colin Whittle has just claimed web costs of £136 which he paid in December 2021! This will come up again this coming December.

There is a recurring theme here. We knew catering costs would jump this year, but the jumps have been larger than expected!

You can see that we are currently £724 worse than budget, and I expect this to increase. We budgeted a loss of £811 this year – the actual loss will be in four figures.

We will be increasing fees next year.

Chris Spearing
24/7/23

Oxfordshire Golf Captains Results summary to 24th July 2023

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Variance 2023	No
Income				
Annual Registration Fees	£1,845	£1,740	£-105	116
Joining Fees	£240	£120	£-120	6
Bank Interest	£18	£36	£18	
Sundry Items	£0	£5	£5	
General Receipts	£2,103	£1,901	£-202	
Activities				
AGM	£0	£-101	£-101	37
Winter Lunches 1	£-30	£-1	£29	22
Committee Dinner	£0	£-2	£-2	20
Lunches and Dinners	£-30	£-104	£-74	
Home	£0	£0	£0	
Away *	£0	£0	£0	
Cornwall Matches	£0	£0	£0	
Home *	£-2,060	£-2,278	£-218	
Away *	£2,885	£2,863	£-22	
County Matches	£825	£586	£-240	
Autumn Meeting	£0	£0	£0	
Mixed Greensomes	£-162	£-205	£-43	28
Presidents Cup	£-12	£-258	£-246	52
Spring Meeting	£-24	£3	£27	33
Captain's Day	£0	£0	£0	
OGC Internal Events	£-198	£-460	£-262	
Donations *	£-1,300	£-1,125	£175	
Caps	£20	£3	£-17	
Shirts	£180	£142	£-38	
Slipovers	£40	£8	£-32	
Sweaters	£30	£7	£-23	
Ties	£70	£41	£-29	
Other	£0	£67	£67	
Profit on Clothing Sales	£340	£268	£-72	
Overheads				
Phone & postage	£-10	£-26	£-16	
Print, copying & stationery	£-120	£-132	£-12	
Engraving	£-205	£-101	£104	
Sundry Items	£-70	£-196	£-126	
	£-405	£-455	£-50	
Surplus / Deficit	£1,335	£610.93	£-724	

* Budget is for matches actually played so far

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MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT OXFORD CITY GOLF CLUB ON THURSDAY, 27TH JULY, 2023

(1) GOLF CLUB 2023 CAPTAINS

I still have concerns for home matches at The Wychwood, Feldon Valley, Witney Lakes and Burford, where we do not yet seem to have recruited the current captains. As usual, I will invite them to play in the matches as our guests and see what comes of that, but won't hold my breath.

(2) 2023 COUNTY MATCHES

Fourteen of our 20 matches have been played so far; the results thus far have been a trifle disappointing, and look like this: -

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opposition</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>		
April					
Thur 20 th	Somerset	Brean	HALVED 4 - 4		
May					
Wed 3 rd	Worcestershire	Henley	WON 4½ - 3½		
Wed 10 th	Cambridgeshire	Ramsey	LOST 2½ - 5½		
Mon 15 th	Cornwall	Looe	LOST 2½ - 9½		
Tues 16 th	Cornwall	St Enodoc	LOST 4½ - 7½		
Wed 17 th	Cornwall	Carlyon Bay	LOST 3½ - 8½		
Tues 30 th	Sussex	Studley Wood	HALVED 5 - 5		
June					
Wed 7 th	Dorset	Ashley Woods	WON 5 - 3		
Thurs 8 th	Devon	Dainton Park	LOST 3½ - 4½		
Thurs 22 nd	Berkshire	Donnington Grove	WON 5 - 3		
July					
Thurs 6 th	Oxfordshire Ladies	Badgemore Park	WON 5½ - 2½		
Tues 18 th	Warwickshire	Kirtlington	WON 7½ - ½		
Thurs 20 th	Gloucestershire	Drayton Park	HALVED 4 - 4		
Tues 25 th	London	North Middlesex	WON		
PLAYED 12	WON 5	HALVED 3	LOST 5	GAMES WON 57	GAMES LOST 61

(3) THE FOUR COUNTIES

Ever enjoyable, this event provided the closest ever finish at the Cotswolds Hills Golf Course in Gloucestershire on 20th July. The best six of eight 4BBB Stableford cards decide the result, with count-back determined by the best discarded card. The final tallies were:-

- 1) Oxfordshire 203 points - winners of count back, best discarded card 38 points.
- 2) Berkshire 203 points - runners-up on count back, best discarded card 35 points.
- 3) Gloucestershire 203 points - best discarded card 34 points and
- 4) Buckinghamshire 190 points.

(4) 2024 CALENDAR

The calendar is almost complete but, as usual, it's the Gloucestershire "away" match, which is proving difficult, but I know not why.

Once finalised, I will circulate the full calendar to Committee for approval to ask Colin to have it posted on the website.

(5) THE 2023 and 2024 CORNWALL TOURS

There is nothing further to add to my previous report on these three tours; preparations for the visit of our friends from Cornwall, from the 11th - 13th September, are continuing.

To repeat, the dates of next years' tours are as follows; -

In Cornwall from Sunday, 12th to Thursday, 16th May, 2024

(The Carlyon Bay Hotel have accepted reservations for 36 travellers for these dates.)

In Oxfordshire from Monday, 9th to Wednesday, 11th September 2024.

(6) OGC NEWSLETTER 16 of SUMMER 2023

The summer Newsletter will be prepared as soon as is possible, and ahead of circulation will be referred to Committee for approval.

(7) THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE OGC MATCH SECRETARY

Please see the attached discussion document

(8) OGC DRESS CODES - RESEARCH RESULTS

Please see the attached document.

Roger

Roger Sillence
Match Secretary
21-07-2023

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DRESS CODE – CONSULTATION RESULTS FROM OTHER CAPTAINS’ ASSOCIATION

CAPTAINS’ ASSOCIATION	DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE	RELAXATION FOR MATCHES	RELAXATION FOR INTERNAL EVENTS	COMMENTS
BEDFORD	For next meeting	Not envisaged	Not envisaged	
BERKSHIRE	For next meeting	Confident there will be no change.	As previous box.	No membership complaints
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE				
CAMBRIDGESHIRE				
CORNWALL	Yes	None – usual uniform required	Yes – except for Mixed	
DEVONSHIRE				
DORSET	Yes	None – usual uniform required	None	
ESSEX	Yes	None – usual uniform required	None	
GLOUCESTERSHIRE				
HAMPSHIRE IofW & CI	Yes	None – usual uniform required	None	No membership dissention
KENT				
LONDON				
SOMERSET	In meeting of 22-08-2023	None envisaged	Unlikely	
SUSSEX	Yes	None – see uniform as essential	None	“..we are not a golf society, we are more than that.”
WARWICKSHIRE				
WILTSHIRE	Yes	None – usual uniform required	None	No requests to dress down
WORCESTERSHIRE				

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THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE MATCH SECRETARY DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

The aim of this document for debate is to produce, by dividing the current Match Secretary's role, two acceptable and compatible roles that would inter-lock seamlessly to produce an efficient model, not too time consuming for either person involved.

ROLE 1 – FIXTURES AND TOURS SECRETARY

JANUARY - MARCH

1. Write to all the Oxfordshire Golf Clubs hosting our events in the current season, re-confirming our fixtures.
2. Write to all the other Counties, re-confirming times, dates and venues of our matches in the current season - both home and away.
3. Draft the schedule for all matches and events for the following year.
4. Arrange all dates and venues for all matches and events, both with opposing Counties and Oxfordshire host clubs.
5. Circulate all playing members with the coming season's matches, seeking their bids for places.
6. Maintain the working Excel spreadsheet of bids received as they come in.
7. Select and circulate teams for the 14 non-Cornwall matches.
8. Forward Excel spreadsheet to the Match Secretary for his use in selection processes for the 14 non-Cornwall matches.
9. Finalise all details for the current year's Cornwall tour, including payments, match selection, etc.
10. Begin discussions with the Vice-Captain for his Autumn tour the following year.
11. Provided he wishes, administer the current Captain's September tour.

APRIL - AUGUST

1. Assist with matches whenever required, but only when requested so to do.

AUGUST - DECEMBER

1. Confirm and organise September matches with Cornwall and also with the host Oxfordshire Golf Clubs.
2. Select and circulate teams for the Cornish matches.
3. If it is the wish of the current Vice-Captain, finalise all details, including payments etc., for the current Captain's autumn tour.

ROLE 2 – MATCH SECRETARY

MARCH - AUGUST

1. Approximately 5 - 6 weeks ahead of each of the remaining 14 matches;-
 - a. For home matches, confirm date and times with the host Golf Club.
 - b. Agree menu, with prices, and inform Treasurer.
 - c. For all matches, confirm venue, date and arrival time for all matches with the opposition.
 - d. Select team from the Excel spreadsheet - a simple "copy and paste" exercise.
 - e. Circulate selected team by email, with instructions; again "copy and paste" from previous such emails.
 - f. Keep a check on positive responses and find replacements for any drop-outs.
 - g. Select pairings and then exchange with opposition ahead of the match.
 - h. Prepare match day guide for the Match Manager.
 - i. Maintain record of match results - provided by return of the team sheet by the Match Day Manager.
 - j. (I have a very simple check sheet of tasks for matches which (so far!) has prevented any mishaps or oversights.)

This, at first sight, might appear lopsided in leaving the Fixtures Secretary with the bulk of the work but, in reality, it is probably only around 55/45%.

That's as I see it working to the benefit of both people, whilst neither detracting from efficiency, nor creating the risk of "too many cooks" types of errors or omissions. However, everything herein is open for debate and addition or amendment.

If these proposals acceptable to Committee, I would be prepared to remain in Role 1 for the foreseeable future.

Roger Sillence

Roger Sillence
Match Secretary
16th July, 2023

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Event Secretary's report for Committee Meeting 27th July 2023

President's Day 13th June 2023 at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club

52 players plus Derek Honey

Tim Nunneley asked for the competition to be a non-qualifier which it was.

Tim supplied prizes for Par 3's and a few special awards.

Handicap Indexed checked on June 13th.

Winner: Graham Fullagar (Kirtlington) 39pts c/b. 2nd Mike Swann (Tadmarton) 39pts c/b.
3rd Dave Drew (Studley Wood) 39pts c/b. 4th Robert Stroud (Tadmarton) 37pts,
5th Malcolm Nutt (Tadmarton) 36pts
Front 9 Mike Ford (Mapledurham) 20pts, Back 9 Stuart Dobbs (Hadden Hill) 21pts.

Many thanks to Derek Honey for his help on the day.

Mixed Greensomes 10th July 2023 at North Oxford

14 pairs entered with some truly amazing scores were recorded.

Winners Ollie Bowden and Paula Sibley 46pts, 2nd Chris Spearing and Penny Tucker 44pts

3rd John and Rachel Downey 43pts.

There was some discussion about the placings as both Chris and Johns' teams recorded a score lower than they actually achieved as Chris had 2 more holes and John 1 more hole with 2 shots than they realised.

Many thanks are due to both Derek Honey and Bill White for their invaluable help on the day.

County invites to Founders Cup on 23rd August 2023 at Hadden Hill

As of 23rd July the following have replied: *- affirmative*

Dorset - David Picton 2023 Vice-Captain (Weymouth GC) & David Woodroffe Immediate Past Captain (Bridport GC)

Wiltshire - Mike Bowes Treasurer & Ian Armstrong 2023 Captain & Hon. Sec.

Hampshire - Martin Bennet Hon. Sec. & Roger Corkhill, 2023 Captain.

All Members eligible for this competition, have been sent invites - to date 10 replies have been received of which 2 are in the negative.

Stuart Dobbs, Event Secretary, 23rd July 2023

Clothing report. July 2023.

Waiting for confirmation that the clothing prices to us are now firming up and will then have a number of things to correct on the web page. Understandably, Colin prefers to do the whole thing in one go than do piece meal.

The blazers that came into stock have all been sold. There is one order in the pipeline, due to delivery charges I am waiting for another to come along, as ordering 2 together avoids a delivery charge.

The shirts order has now been collected.

We have a provisional order for a playing jacket, manufacturer has now changed the style, so need to see a sample to check it is still suitable.

One of our captains, who seems very picky concerning the shirts we supply, is going to supply his own shirt to be embroidered. The current supplier is able to do this at the moment, so will be doing this. As we have offered this service to current and past Captains and Presidents, while this can continue, it is a solution to handle different requirements, so trust the Committee are happy for this to continue as it does give us the control for colours and suitability?

Can committee members be pro active in encouraging Captains to use the Website as a source of information, and in the instance of clothing be clear to our members that orders need to be done by email, so there is a clear trail to follow, as there have been instances where a verbal request has been made, then denied when attempting to supply.

On a positive note, most captains have been very cooperative in helping me get clothing to the recipient in time for matches and events, avoiding the need to incur delivery charges.

This is very helpful, and if the committee are all in agreement, can a general thank you be mentioned in a future email for the past, and likewise for the future help.

One other problem, which may be down to my personality, that happens, most captains think I am making a profit out of our service, it does lead to some interesting conversations. 😊

Glyn Hall
OGC Clothing department.