



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1968-2018

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 10:45 a.m. at Burford Golf Club

**1. Attendance**

- a) Attendees: T. Killick (Capt.); Roger Davies (v-Capt.); Ian Allison (Pres); Peter Walton (v- Pres.)  
Chris Spearing (Treasurer); Derek Honey (Life v-Pres); Bill White (Sec);  
Roger Sillence (Fixtures Sec.); Ray Davies (Match Sec); Stuart Dobbs (Event Sec);  
Glyn Hall (Clothing); Colin Whittle\* (Website Manager).\*(part-time)
- b) Apologies: Keith Henley (Immed. Past Capt.); Andrew Gardiner (Com Mem.)

**2. Previous Minutes –**

- a) Committee Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023  
Minutes of the above meeting were approved for signature by the Captain.
- b) Budget Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Minutes of the above meeting were approved for signature by the Captain.
- c) Matters Arising
- i) Committee Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

2.b. Matters Arising

*It was agreed at the 27 July 2023 Committee meeting, that development of the application of OneDrive and the Website upgrade tasks should be carried out in tandem. At the Committee Meeting of 31 Aug 2023 it was agreed that the reporting of progress on these tasks would be included as a line item within the Secretary's Report.*

See Secretaries Report for this Committee Meeting of 10th April 2024. (closed)

3.c) Secretary's Report

*Ray Davies interest in being Match Secretary (revised role) in 2024 was well received by the Committee. A Nomination Form will be sent to Ray for completion and submission by the prescribed time preceding the AGM.*

Ray Davies was subsequently nominated and was voted into office at the 2023 AGM.

(closed)

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*b) Roger Sillence pointed out that rule 6.e), requiring one of the Committee to stand down each year, may have been breached in previous years. To prevent this happening this year, it was agreed that, as Ray Shaw had offered to continue or stand down this year (and in previous years), that Ray would be advised that this year his offer to stand down would be accepted.*

Ray was advised of the Committee's request for him to stand down from the Committee in 2024

(closed)

*c) The meeting agreed to discontinue serving coffee at Home Matches and Events*

See item 2.b of 2024 Budget Meeting (extended) below.

*d) The meeting agreed that bacon rolls could be served for lunch at Home Matches and Events instead of sandwiches.*

See item 3 of 2024 Budget Meeting (extended) below.

*e) It was agreed that the Rules of Association should be amended to include the following items and in good time for acceptance at the 2023 AGM.*

(i) Addition of the new position of Fixtures Secretary.

(ii) The number of Committee Members from any one Member Club allowed a vote on a decision to be limited to 3.



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- (iii) Increase the maximum number of "additional Members", to 4 (i.e. excl. Officers).
- (iv) Increase to 7, the number of Committee members required to form a Quorum.

See item 2.b of 2024 Budget Meeting (extended) below. (closed)

h) It was noted that the order of business at the 2023 AGM will require acceptance of the proposed revised Rules of Association (i.e. incorporating the split of the match Secretary's role), before the election of Committee Members.

The order of business of the 2023 AGM was arranged to satisfy this requirement. (closed)

i) It was agreed that the split of Event Competitions into two divisions, and other proposals, would be discussed at the forthcoming extended Budget Meeting.

See item 3 of 2024 Budget Meeting (extended) below. (closed)

ii) Budget Meeting (extended) 05<sup>th</sup> October 2023

2.b 2024 Budget

*Discuss the agreement reached at 31 Aug 2023 Committee Meeting, to cease provision of tea and coffee at Matches and Events (excluding the Committee Dinner).*

2024 draft 1 Budget states:

**"Catering costs budget;**

*At the last committee meeting we agreed to replace lunch-time sandwiches with bacon rolls, which should produce a saving of some kind. We also agreed to do away with coffee on arrival and after dinner for home matches and events. However, since then I have had some feedback. One comment is that we get coffee at most away matches, so should this not be discussed with other counties? Pete also comments: I thought we were stopping coffee after the meal but would still have coffee on arrival with a bacon bap now?*

*This therefore needs further discussion at our meeting. For the time being I am going to assume a £2 saving on all catering. It may prove to be more. Some clubs may charge us the same and just make more money! £2 would generate a total of £1,232 savings".*

2024 Final Budget States:

**"Catering: no change to the draft 1 budget. No coffee after dinner (except Committee Dinner); bacon rolls on arrival instead of sandwiches".**

The introduction of bacon roll lunches and no coffee at Home Event lunches will be initiated at the Spring Meeting (today). (closed)

3. Rules of Association

*The following elements of the latest draft revision to the Rules of Association (prepared by Rob Daniels 04 Sep 2023), were reviewed and discussed.*

- i) The current imbalance of Officers vs Ordinary Members of the Committee and the proposal to increase in size of Committee to alleviate this,*
- ii) Quantity and voting rights of Committee Members from any one Club.*
- iii) Revision to quorum size in respect of items i) and ii) above.*

*The outcome was that the only alteration to this draft revision of the Rules was to reduce the voting rights for any one home club from the 3 to 2.*

The revised "Rules of Association" were presented at the AGM and accepted. (closed)



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**4. Members' Handicap Allowances**

*i) For open events, other than the Founder's Trophy, a two "section" system shall be applied. The split will be determined by equal division of the quantity of entrants listed in order of Handicap Index. Where an odd number of entries exist, the outstanding single entrant will be allocated to the lower HI section.*

*ii) In addition to i) above, a Handicap Adjustment System will be applied, similar that previously operated, to facilitate a reduction in the number of repetitive competition wins by any one entrant/club/team. Winners and place holders will have stroke(s) deducted according to a scale of quantities to be devised by the Events Secretary and with Committee Agreement. Chris Spearing volunteered to draw up a slightly tougher system for review. The details of this Handicap Adjustment System are to be advised to the Membership at the 2023 AGM.*

*iii) The decision as to whether this system (item ii), should be applied in retrospect for the 2024 season was left undecided.*

The above revised handicapping system was presented at the 2023 AGM and duly accepted.

(closed)

**3. Secretary's Report**

- a) In acknowledgement that it is now the preferred practice for the OGC Captain to present OGC ties to new Members at an OGC Fixture, the Secretary proposed to cease sending ties to such Members unless specifically requested to do so (see WW Email of 09 April 2024). No objections were raised.
- b) Discussion on OGC Website development and OneDrive optimisation was held at the end of the Meeting. However, this item is reported here for administrative reasons.
- i) Colin Whittle joined the Meeting and presented an extensive report of the investigations carried out and the information gathered to date.
- ii) It was perceived by the Meeting that the initial objective of the Website development had not been addressed and that the available functionality of the proposed use of the "Intelligent Golf" (IG) software system was still unclear. It was apparent that the full version of IG would be too expensive for OGC and it was suggested that a table of benefits and drawbacks should be prepared with reference to our current Website functionality and management requirements to help clarify choice(s), i.e. for the Micro version of IG.
- iii) Although the meeting was informed that a link between IG and OneDrive could be applied, there was no urgency to progress this element until a decision had been reached on the introduction of IG or not.
- iv) Peter Walton and Roger Sillence agreed to assist Colin Whittle and Terry Killick in analysis of the capabilities and benefits of IG against our current and likely future needs. (P. Walton; R. Sillence)
- NOTE:  
In Keith Henley's message of apology for absence he wrote; *"I have read Colin's report and would like to add my comments for consideration. To date, we have done very well using standard MS Office tools – Word & Excel. Moving forward there are more efficient ways of processing the data and providing an interactive service to our captains. I therefore believe we should look at the Micro version initially to see what benefits that could give us. Given my background in IT and experience with golf software, I would be happy get involved with any trials if required. I have also reviewed Bill's suggestion on the structure for documentation, all of this could be incorporated within a new website with the appropriate data storage facility, either accessible to all or restricted to committee/officers"*.



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**4. Treasurer's Report**

- a) Regarding the increased cost of printing and postal charges for OGC Fixture Cards in 2024, Bill White raised the question as to whether the cards should be discontinued. Roger Sillence and other Committee Members pointed out the prestige and recruitment merit of these cards. After some discussion, the meeting agreed that the issue of Fixture Cards will continue.

**5. Fixtures Secretary's Report.**

- a) Roger Sillence forecasted that, due to alignment of practices across Golf Clubs (facilitated through Golf Club Managers' meetings), it is likely that more pressure will be brought to bear on the OGC to make a green fee contribution or specific payment of green fees in future years. Similarly, 2-tee starts may also become unavailable due to ongoing complaints by Host Club members.

As a response to the above together with the matter of increased costs associated with the wider practice of host Clubs to charge for the use of meeting rooms for Committee Meetings; action was agreed to review the location of these Meetings through the 2025 Fixtures List to favour those host Clubs that do not charge for these facilities. (Roger Sillence)

- b) In addition, Roger suggested that a restriction of team size to 16 for inter-county Matches could be a solution to the absence of 2-tee starts. This to be discussed with the other Counties. (Roger Sillence)
- c) Peter Walton raised the question of gaining sponsorship for our golf Fixtures. This to be given due consideration by all attendees of the Meeting. (all)

**6. Match Secretary's Report**

- a) The Meeting welcomed Ray Davies to his first OGC Committee Meeting. Ray expressed his thanks to Committee Members for their support, with special thanks to Roger Sillence.
- b) No comments were made regarding this Report.

**7. Event Secretary's Report**

- a) Stuart Dobbs advised that one player had dropped out of today's event (Spring Meeting), leaving 49 in total.
- b) Stuart expressed his gratitude to Burford G.C. for preparing score card labels for the day.

**8. Clothing Report**

- a) The ongoing purchasing of OGC jumpers was discussed and it was agreed to stop ordering the current type owing to the inferior quality and colour fade experienced after washing. Instead, Members will be offered an embroidery service for application of the OGC badge to Member-purchased jumpers (likely to cost £6 ea.). However, it should be recognised that a time lag exists between submitting jumpers for embroidery and availability of the finished item. (Glyn Hall)

**9. Extraneous Events/Competitions**

Ian Alison provided a report on the status of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary KO by email on 14 March 2024 (see attached).



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- a) Bill White proposed that the addition of a Policy Item for Host Club’s Captain’s Privilege. Chris Spearing advised that this was already incorporated in the Aide Memoir and as such it was not necessary to record it elsewhere.
- b) Ray Davies enquired as to any restriction in recruitment of Captains from Bicester GC now that Fixtures are no longer held there (i.e. since it had become a 9-hole course). Bill white advised that, as Bicester GC was still included as a Member Club in the Rules of Association, there is no such restriction at this time.
- c) It was suggested that, owing to Malcolm Hookham’s restricted activity at North Oxford through ill health, a replacement OGC Representative should be recruited. (Bill White)
- d) It was also suggested that due to lack of recruitment of Members at Henley GC over the last 6 years should prompt the replacement of Geoff Lockett as OGC Representative for Henley (Bill White)

**11.Closure**

The meeting was closed at approximately 12:15 pm.

**Next Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 10:45am on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Tadmarton Heath G.C. (President’s Day).

Approved by ..... 

Date: 25 JUNE 2024 .....



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**Secretary's Report**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**1. Membership**

a) New members (since last report)

Andrew Gardiner	Witney Lakes	2023	Hcp. Ind. 2.7
Melvin Keen*	Badgemore Park	2024	Hcp. Ind. 13.5
Gary Cross*	The Oxfordshire	2024	Hcp. Ind. 10.9
John Parsons <sup>§</sup>	Hadden Hill	2024	Hcp. Ind. 20.1
Stuart Temple <sup>#</sup>	The Cotswolds Club	2024	Hcp. Ind. 11.9
Tony Davies	North Oxford	2023	Hcp. Ind. 19.4

Legend: \* sent by post.      <sup>§</sup> given by hand (3 silk ties remain in Secretary's stock).  
<sup>#</sup> to be presented by Captain on 17<sup>th</sup> April (supplied by Clothing officer).

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

Barry Yates	Studley Wood 2009
Andrew Wheeler	Burford 2001
Gordon Milton	Bicester 2004
Donald Warner	Burford 2001
John Taylor	Cotswolds Club 1995
Joh Williams	Henley 2002

c) Members' Deaths (advised since 2023 AGM)

Dudley Carpenter	Wychwood 1993
Mike Jarvis	Drayton Park 2021
Michael Hughes	Tadmarton Heath 1993
Derrick Creese	Oxford City 1997

d) Recruitment

Although four 2024 Club Captains have already joined, efforts will continue by all to recruit other 2024 club Captains and those Captains of previous years. An email was sent to OGC Club Representatives on 04 April 2024 encourage action on recruitment.

**2. Records**

- a) The OGC **Members Directory** is being kept up to date. List for Website sent to Coin Whittle 05 April 2024
- b) Other Member related lists continue to be updated progressively (e.g. **List of Captains** by year, **Deaths**, etc.).

**3. Open Competitions** (other than those reported separately by Events Secretary)

- a) The draw for the first round of the 2024 OGC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pair KO competition was issued by Ian Allison on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (deadline 14 April). Ian will advise any further activity thereafter.
- b) Ian submitted the following status report on 14 March 2024;  
 "The competition still appears to be popular with 26 Teams entering by the closing date of 25th February. The First Round draw was duly issued the next day with 10 Matches and 6 Bys.  
 The First Round is due to be completed by the 14th April, with no hic-ups so far!"
- c) On 01 April, Ian issued the following statement;  
 "A few of our members have been struggling to arrange matches due to course closures/restrictions at some Golf Clubs. This run of wet weather we are having is considered exceptional and therefore, in order to enable as many matches as possible to be played, we have decided to extend all Rounds by 1 week."



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**4. Events by other Counties**

- a) Wiltshire Captains Spring Meeting at Upavon G.C. on 25<sup>th</sup> April.  
An invitation was received on 19 Jan 2024 for OGC Captain and President.  
Both Ian Allison and Terry Killick have accepted.
- b) Essex Captains' Captain's Day at Maylands G.C. on 15<sup>th</sup> July  
An invitation was received on 16 Jan 2024 for OGC Captain and Secretary to attend.  
No responses have been sent as yet.
- c) Hampshire Captains golf day at Skylark GC (near Fareham) on Monday 19th August.  
A "save the date" message was received on 12 Dec 2023 from for the OGC Captain and Secretary to attend. Formal invitation to follow.

**5. Extraneous Events**

- a) The date of the 2024 Burford Captain's Challenge yet to be advised (usually October).
- b) County Captain's Secretaries Competition – 25 September 2024 at Oake Manor G.C., Somerset.

**6. Website and One Drive development (report provided by Ian Allison)**

I have had a couple of meetings with Colin (Whittle) to discuss the possible use of Intelligent Golf (IG) and we have also both met with Andy Laird, Quality Assurance Technician, Intelligent Golf. Andy also happens to be a member of Tadmarton Heath and the Oxfordshire Golf Captains.

I think it is fair to say that Colin is quite impressed with the IG system and can see potential benefits over our current website, particularly in terms of match management. It is after all a website designed by golfers for golfers. The IG system may provide considerable benefit to Roger, Ray and Stuart in the long term, especially with the link to the WHS. It will also be beneficial to many members in allowing them live access to match information/management.

There is a concern over the costs which are yet to be clearly established with IG. Discussions are ongoing, but it might be too expensive. Their micro system cost of £90 pa (plus £88 per six months for WHS link) on the basis of membership less than 100. There is a further Micro Plus system at £295 pa (plus £88 six monthly WHS charge). There is an ongoing discussion about "active members"

Andy Laird has also agreed to provide us with help with initial installation. Sussex Golf Captains and London Golf Captains have recently adopted IG and contact is being made with them to ascertain their limited experience so far.

Action required: We need to establish exactly what the costs will be and whether they could be acceptable after considering the benefits. If the costs could be acceptable, then we need to purchase a development copy which Colin can assess in more detail, before making any recommendations to the Committee.

Colin issued a "Website and Intelligent Golf Report" by email on 08 April 2024. This was subsequently circulated to the Committee.

Keith Henley issued the following statement on Website development for the meeting on 09 April 2024:

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There will be further discussion on this topic towards the end of the meeting.

## Website and Intelligent Golf Report Colin Whittle 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The question I was first asked was 'could the website be enhanced or replaced to attract more members'.

Yes, it could be visually enhanced, perhaps with a photo of a Golf Course for the Home page, to make it look more welcoming. Would this cause an increase in membership, sadly no, I don't believe it will.

The current website is an information only, passive collection of information for members, it is not a software application, people have to go to it, it does not go to them. Although incoming Club Captains can be made aware of the website, I don't believe it is an influencing factor on whether they decide to join the Oxfordshire Golf Captain's or not.

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### **Intelligent Golf**

An alternative to the current website has also been considered, which is the 'Intelligent Golf (IG) Micro Version' the FULL version of IG is an Application and Website used by many Golf Clubs.

A number of other County Past Captain organisations have started to use it, namely, Sussex, Essex and London.

We also have a past captain of Tadmerton, and member of the Oxfordshire Golf Captains, Andy Laird, who works for IG. Andy was kind enough to provide Ian Allison and myself with a demonstration. Andy uses the Micro version to run the Oxfordshire Foursomes league.

I have also spoken to the Sussex Past Captains Secretary, Joe Angella as they use the IG software to run their society and Peter Freeman from Essex Past Captain's, both have been most helpful.

The cost of the IG Micro version is currently £90 pa + Vat, so **£108.00 pa**

Our current website costs £68.00 + £12.00 Domain name registration i.e. **£80.00 pa**

Discussions with Joe Angelly (Sussex) and Peter Freeman (Essex), reveal that they pay much more than the £108pa, in fact Sussex pay £2400 pa and Essex pay £1900 pa.

It's not been possible to get a precise understanding of why there is such a difference.

They both have websites designed by IG and there will be support and hosting costs for that and Sussex have the England Golf 'Tournament Status' (aka WHS Link) which is an additional **£178.80 pa** inc Vat. The 'Tournament Status' from England Golf, often referred to as the WHS link, provides the ability to retrieve latest Handicaps when setting up a Tournament, and submitting results for Handicap adjustments.



I have tried to get the answer from the IG Sales dept., but it is still not clear, I am now lead to believe that Sussex and Essex have much fuller versions, integrated with the IG website.

Just having the IG Micro version stand alone, would not provide many benefits when running tournaments, but would provide benefits with Match management and availability.

Essex do not have 'Tournament status' apparently most of their tournaments are not singles strokeplay, whereas Sussex run 11 strokeplay comps and they do have 'Tournament Status'.

Sussex Past Captains currently pay £2,400 pa. They additionally paid £1,800 (one-off) for IG to produce their website. Sussex justified the annual cost on the basis of a saving they make of not producing an annual brochure, which contained lots of information and had a print / production cost of £2000 each year.

Sussex have over 600 members, of which around 300 are active, and they run 11 tournaments (compared to our 4) as well as 14 matches. They charge £60 per player for each tournament entry, so this may also help with their software costs, especially as they're likely to get larger entries than we get. They have 40 member clubs compared to our 18, so are a much bigger entity.

Essex have 71 clubs, 520 members of which 340 pay to be active, although the actual number of participants is much smaller.

So Oxfordshire Golf Captains are quite a small organisation by comparison.

The IG Micro version has a 'Marketing' limit of 100 users, but I am advised by Andy Laird that it is not a Software restriction so wouldn't present a problem to us.

The software is used by Sussex for emailing all it's members. They used to use Mailchimp, as I believe we do, but it has a limit of 500, so they use IG despite, as Joe Angelly says, Mailchimp being a bit more friendly.

Getting 'Tournament Status' according to Joe Angelly, can be a bit of a challenge.

I have subsequently spoken to England Golf and got the facts:

Applications are closed for this year, we could apply before October for the following year. You have to be approved by England Golf and meet their Terms and Conditions. The following is a link to the five page document for consideration.

<https://static.whsplatform.englandgolf.org/clubs/1000-1/uploads/downloads/whs/approved-tournament-organiser-terms2024.pdf>

There are some potentially onerous conditions.

### My Observations / conclusions are as follows:

1. The 'Tournament Status' (aka WHS link) from England Golf is necessary if you want to manage handicapping for tournaments I can see the combination of IG and Tournament Status, being of considerable benefit to larger organisations with more members, more activities and therefore more resources required to run them. E.g. Sussex 40 member clubs, 600 members (300 active); Essex 71 member clubs and similar membership numbers. London are likely to be even bigger. However we only have 4 tournaments and so I don't think the extra cost would be justified at this stage.
2. The standalone IG Micro version could still be useful for Match Management, although until we have had a chance to use it, I cannot be certain what functionality it provides.
3. Some training / hands on experience in the use of the IG software would probably be required for Events Manager, Match Secretary and Secretary. Andy Laird has indicated he would be willing to help with this.
4. It's unknown whether we can build a website within the Micro version, and I suspect that even if we can, there would be 'Hosting' costs, which are as yet unknown.
5. The Timescale would have to be for 2025 season.
6. Just the IG micro version software would be and **£28 pa** above what we currently pay, plus a possible additional Website hosting cost.
7. There is an IG App that costs **£2.99 pa** to subscribe but it is not clear if this is a mandatory requirement for all 'Active' members.
8. It would require existing and future Officers to be 'Switched on' to using the new software and to make best use of it, possibly a bit more technical than the tools we may currently use e.g. MS Word and Excel?
9. If a new website needs to be built within the IG world, it would need to be established if it has to be done by the IG specialists, using the IG software.
10. It's stated that Intelligent Golf Micro Version reserves the right to place adverts on your site, not sure how likely this would be but has to be borne in mind.

My Final conclusion is that I feel the Micro version could be a good first step in modernising / automating some of our management processes. However I am disappointed in the lack of clarity about what you get for £90 + Vat. Probably the only way to be certain is to buy it and see. If it becomes evident that what is provided is inadequate and further costs are required, then worst case, it is a one off loss of £108.

The 'Micro-Version' is clearly NOT Core Business for Intelligent Golf and I suspect that is why it seems to have such limited resource and knowledge supporting it's sales and marketing.

# Oxfordshire Golf Captains

## Treasurer's Report for Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

For the benefit of new committee members, the table of results does not show any events or matches, since there have been none to date. The budget total also ignores these non-events.

As can be seen, we have had 97 annual subs in so far – it was 116 this time last year. I will continue to check all players in matches and events.

Three new members paid to date.

The AGM was £41 overspent as the room hire was £150 against a budget of £100.

Clothing sales are at a similar level to last year.

Postage costs are £10 overspent.

Sending out fixture lists cost £40 this year against £26 last year.

The printing of those lists also came in over budget as print prices have increased considerably.

	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Variance 2024	No
<b>Income</b>				
Annual Registration Fees	£2,340	£1,940	£-400	97
Joining Fees	£200	£60	£-140	3
Bank Interest	£0	£0	£0	
Sundry Items	£0	£0	£0	
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>£2,540</b>	<b>£2,000</b>	<b>£-540</b>	
<b>Activities</b>				
AGM	£-24	£-65	£-41	
Winter Lunches 1	£0	£2	£2	
Committee Dinner	£0	£-2	£-2	
<b>Lunches and Dinners</b>	<b>£-24</b>	<b>£-65</b>	<b>£-41</b>	
Caps	£10	£0	£-10	
Shirts	£180	£39	£-141	
Slipovers	£20	£34	£14	
Sweaters	£0	£0	£0	
Ties	£50	£14	£-36	
Other	£20	£2	£-18	
<b>Profit on Clothing Sales</b>	<b>£280</b>	<b>£89</b>	<b>£-191</b>	
<b>Overheads</b>				
Phone & postage	£-30	£-40	£-10	
Print, copying & stationery	£-140	£-162	£-22	
Engraving	£-235	£-39	£196	
Sundry Items	£-70	£-68	£2	
	<b>£-475</b>	<b>£-310</b>	<b>£165</b>	
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>£2,321</b>	<b>£1,714.38</b>	<b>£-607</b>	

\* Budget is for matches actually played so far

Engraving costs so far only comprise regalia bars and 2 trophies arranged by the Captain. Sundry items is 1 year's web site hosting.

As usual we have a lot of cash at the moment (£7,300). However, the Cornwall deposit has yet to be paid. Also, we have the income for the Spring Meeting, but none of the costs as yet. My projections indicate no cash issues for the foreseeable future.

Chris Spearing  
4/4/24

# OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



## FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE BURFORD GOLF CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024

### (1) 2024 FIXTURES

- i. I have re-confirmed the dates and venues of all our 2024 matches and events, both with all our competing Counties and also the Oxfordshire golf clubs; all our diaries are happily in accord.
- ii. The "availability" circular went out to members in early January and to date I have received 86 replies, which is exactly the same number as at this time last year. However, as always, the number may well be improved by those wishing to play in events only. So far, my respondents have asked for 596 of the 300 available spaces and, once again, only 19 members registered an interest in the Cambridgeshire game. That number is the bare minimum at 16 a-side and three reserves. We really do need to think again about either reducing the team number or cutting the fixture altogether.
- iii. As you will all have seen, the final match selections were circulated on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

### (2) 2025 CALENDAR

- i. Our 2025 golfing calendar, is all but complete as far as home matches and events are concerned, but I am still waiting on seven of our "away" matches; the draft document, also attached to the accompanying email, details the progress thus far made.
- ii. We are still on the cusp of fixture numbers matching available venues, so it might not be too early to consider again the combination of the Founders' Cup with another of the internal events, and/or the reduction in the number of County matches - Cambridgeshire?

### (3) THE CORNWALL TOUR 2024

- i. For the 2024 tour I have once again booked our party, this year currently of 29 travellers, into the Carlyon Bay Hotel Spa and Golf Resort. As always, our final match is to be played on the hotel golf course, so it's ultra-convenient and also provides free golf and use of the Spa, handy for those members not playing in matches.
- ii. The appropriate deposits have been paid to the hotel, where we are staying from Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May until the morning of Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.
- iii. As usual, a full itinerary, with all the satnav references etc., will be prepared and circulated in plenty of time before our departure date.
- iv. Reservations have also been made at the Carlyon Bay hotel for the OGC 2025 tour to Cornwall.

### (4) THE CAPTAIN'S TOUR 2024

You will all be aware that the 2024 Captain's Tour is to be held at the Forest of Arden. Arrangements are now well in hand and we have 24 confirmed travellers who have committed to the tour and paid their deposits.

Roger

Roger Sillence  
Fixtures Secretary  
4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

# OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



## MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT BURFORD GOLF CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024

### (1) Match Secretary (New Role 2024 Onwards) Preparation for Role Implementation

- a) Dialogue with Hon Fixtures Secretary, Roger Sillence, soon after the 2023 AGM culminated in a briefing/ handover meeting at Burford Golf Club on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Numerous soft copy records, procedures and related forms were shared, together with a small Match notebook of withdrawals/replacements and late call up Members.
- b) Immediate intention going forward, is to continue substantively, applying and recording Match data as before, for continuity of existing methodology. Matters of style in correspondence with Members, Clubs and other County representatives arise inevitably, at any change of OGC Officer. The objective remains, to deliver Match Admin and maintain good relationships, in as seamless a fashion as practicable, managing change effectively.
- c) At this, my first OGC Cttee Meeting, I would like to place on record my thanks to all Members of the Cttee, for their support and encouragement. In particular, to Roger Sillence for his advice and guidance as I transition into the Match Secretary (New Role 2024 Onwards). In developing my working knowledge of OGC procedures I am grateful also to our Hon Treasurer Chris Spearing and Hon Sec Bill White, for their ongoing counsel.
- d) Several kind messages of support and encouragement have been forthcoming from Members, appreciative of the considerable duties which the in-season Match Secretary role involves. A testament, in parallel, to the dedication and commitment that Roger Sillence has shown to OGC match management, fulfilling these tasks over many years.

### (2) 2024 Match Admin Progress

- a) Cotswolds Club contacted 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, to re-confirm April 17<sup>th</sup> Fixture home v Somerset on 17<sup>th</sup> April per details agreed in writing by our Fixtures Secretary previously. Unexpected double booking of other Society by Club caused concern. A 1244pm first Tee Time now agreed, OGC Match all off-10<sup>th</sup> Tee (subject to possible few second Tee starts).
- b) Catering prices for 17<sup>th</sup> April agreed in writing with Cotswolds Club Head Pro, at £25.85 per head (£30 budget) and menu choices. Tea/coffee, bacon rolls on arrival; two-course dinner, main & dessert, after golf (without tea/coffee).
- c) Home Club Captain 2024 at Cotswolds Club, Stuart Temple, accepted my invitation to partner OGC 2024 Captain Terry Killick in our April Somerset Fixture, dining as the guest of OGC. Stuart has also accepted my invitation to join The Oxfordshire Golf Captains. Hon Sec Bill White has received Stuart's completed application to become a member and Chris Spearing confirms OGC receipt of his £35 enrolment fee. Stuart's OGC Tie is also in hand, ready for presentation.
- d) 2024 Season long composite match selection list, prepared by our Fixtures Secretary, has generated a small number of withdrawals and several offers to play at short notice. OGC Captains Letter of Invitation to play in Somerset Match, amended accordingly. Player/Reserve responses received for Match, produced a full, albeit slightly revised, OGC Team.
- e) Contact made with Somerset Captains in good time. Somerset Fixture Secretary in post from 2023, has delegated Match Management for 17<sup>th</sup> April to another Cttee Member, who like myself is administering his first inter county Match. A more detailed than usual brief was therefore issued and his verbal feedback affirms it assisted his Match Manager role for Somerset, considerably. Such detail will not necessarily be warranted in correspondence with other more experienced County representatives.
- f) Somerset Team Pairings, with current Clubs and WHS Index of each player have been received and applied against OGC Pairings on draft Match Day Team and Label sheets.
- g) Further Match administration ongoing. Match Manager Sheet, WHS Index and other updates for Somerset home and Team/(Club)/County communication for Worcestershire away on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and home to Cambridgeshire on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Ray

Ray Davies  
Match Secretary  
4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024



OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS

**Event Secretary's report for Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Spring Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April at Burford GC**

To date 50 players – 2 Tee start - 7 groups from 1stand 10<sup>th</sup> in 3balls. 1 tee from 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in 4balls.

Burford have agreed to enter all players and their H/I and CDH numbers into a competition on their computer, they have also asked if they can produce and fit labels onto the scoring cards.

Many thanks to Peter Walton for expediting this.

Derek Honey Life VP has once again offered to sort out the score cards to determine the placings.

**President's Day** invites will be sent out to OGC members on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

**Founders Cup** invites to County Secretaries will be send out on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 with the invites to those eligible OGC members on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Stuart Dobbs  
Event Secretary  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Clothing Report.

As usual, there is very little clothing movement during the winter.

There has been and will be some embroidering of Captains own supply of product.

As to be expected, prices have been moving up, and now to get free delivery of blazers, we need to order 3 at the same time.

One bright spot, we have 3 new blazers on order and hopefully will be available at our Spring meeting.

Anticipating there may be some orders for stock clothing coming in for Burford. Hope to be able to meet them.

As has been experienced over the last couple of years, where Captains have an urge to have nonstock items of clothing, it is easier for them to supply and get logoed. Obviously, the item has got to be the correct colour and meet with sensible tradition born in mind.

As usual, we do have the odd Captain wanting to have exceptional service as if they are dealing with an actual tailor, I try and let them down gently.

Glyn Hall

OGC Clothing.



William White &lt;ox.golf.caps.secretary@gmail.com&gt;

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**Inter Counties competition.**

1 message

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14 March 2024 at 12:51

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Dear Captain, President and Committee,

Appreciate this is not an official OGC entry to this competition but thought polite to update for the Committee Meeting.

Currently, we have 8 Captains who have entered, we need 12.

It would also be nice to have 3 reserves.

All the entrants responded very quickly and since then it has gone very quiet even after a reminder.

So, we are currently in the same position as last year, for which we had to pull our entry later in the year.

Personally, I think this is a good competition, fun for entrants, and gives us a chance to renew friendships with other County Captains who we meet during the year.

Hopefully, you will all be happy to help me tout for more entrants at Burford, and Captain Killick would be kind enough to make an announcement during his first presentation on the day, asking all Captains to have a chat with me on the day if they are interested.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Kind regards,

Glyn

Glyn Hall