

OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



50th Anniversary 1968-2018

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

31 August 2023 10:45 a.m. at The Springs Golf Club

1. Attendance

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

2. Previous Minutes –

- a) Committee Meeting 27th July 2023
Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were Approved and duly signed by the Captain.

b) Matters Arising

i) 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 agreed that the reporting of progress on this item will be included as a line item within the Secretary's Report.

(10.b) Contact Cambridge Captains with a view to the reduction of match team to 12. (R Sillence)
Roger reported that he had received a response from the Cambridge Captains to the effect that they had no objection to a 12 man Match team but they were sorry that OGC could not support a 16 man team. (Closed)

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

It was agreed that status of this action will be reported within the Secretary's Report together with the status of OneDrive development (see item 2.b.i above). (Closed)

ii) Committee Meeting 27th July 2023

(5.c.ii) Bill White suggested that the responsibilities for management of the Queen's Jubilee and 4 Counties matches should be added to the "Future Role of the Match Secretary Discussion Document" submitted for review.

Roger Sillence stated in his email of 5th Aug that "They're always seen as matches, I see no reason to distinguish them from any others at this time". (Closed)

(see subsequent action on this matter in the secretary's Report for this meeting)

(7.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. (Glyn Hall)

Glyn reported at the Meeting of 31 Aug that this task was done and the OGC tie duly presented by the Captain (Closed)

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(10.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)

Bill reported that the OGC flag was flown for the Founder's Cup event at Hadden Hill. Unfortunately, The Springs (Autumn Meeting) do not have a flagpole. (Closed)

(10.b) Bill White suggested that Derek Honey's brief history of the OGC presented at the meeting could be uploaded to the Website for general view. It was agreed that the OGC Website already had sufficient history information and that the content of Derek's document was not appropriate for public access. (Closed)

(10.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. (Bill White)

On 8th August Bill issued an email invitation to all Members for interest in taking up the position of Match Secretary in the new role shown on the "Future Role of Match Secretary" discussion document. See Secretary's Report. (Closed)

3. Secretary's Report

- a) Peter Walton advised that although Jeremy Stubbings has submitted his Application Form and paid his Joining Fee, he would not become captain at Burford until November.
- b) Chris Spearing volunteered to attend the Dorset Golf Captains' Annual Dinner with Keith Henley on 17th November at The Dorset Golf & Country Club.
- c) 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. (Bill White)

4. Treasurer's Report

- a) No comments or questions were raised.
- b) Chris Spearing advised that the annual Budget Review meeting will be held in early October at Drayton Park GC. Date to be advised. (Chris Spearing)

5. Match Secretary's Report.

No comments or questions were raised.

6. Event Secretary's Report

- a) Stuart Dobbs requested ratification of his proposal to remove the Front 9 and Back 9 prizes for both Guests and OGC players at the Founders Cup competition. This was agreed.
- b) Stuart proposal for the Founders' Cup completion to be made a qualifier in future was also agreed.

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7. Clothing Report

Nothing to report.

8. Extraneous Events/Competitions

Ian Alison confirmed that the final of the 50th Anniversary Trophy (pairs KO) is booked at Oxford (City) GC on 4th October 2023.

9. Events at Other Counties

a) See Secretary's Report

10. AOB

- a) Tim Nunneley took the opportunity to inform the meeting that the Queen's Jubilee event held at Tadmorton Heath GC was a great success. Many of the competing counties remarked on the quality of the course and the extent of the hospitality afforded to them. This outcome was due mainly to the hard work of the management, greens staff, pro shop and catering team. Thanks were also expressed to Roger Sillence and Rob Daniels for their hard work organising the event.
- 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. (Bill White)
- c) Chris Spearing raised his concern that the consumption of coffee provided at lunch for Matches was very low because attendees tended to by their own drinks. He suggested therefore that, as this is a waste of funds, it could be discontinued. This suggestion was well received and it was also suggested that this could be extended to lunches at Events. The meeting agreed. It was also agreed that this would not be applied to dinners. (Roger Sillence / Bill white)
- d) Following on from the previous item, Tim Nunneley suggested that, like many other Counties, bacon rolls could be served for lunch at Matches and Evens instead of sandwiches and that this may also result in a saving. This was discussed and agreed. (Roger Sillence / Bill White)
- e) Rob Daniels highlighted the need to alter the Rules of Association to include the addition of the position of Fixtures Secretary (see item 3.c) above). It was agreed that this would be best done in good time for the 2023 AGM.
 - i) Rob also pointed out that:
 - (1) The current disproportionate representation of Member Clubs in the Committee and that an increase in this could result in the ability to "ram rod" resolutions through Committee that may favour a particular Member Club. He therefore proposed a limit on the amount of Committee Members from one Member Club could be established as 3. This was generally agreed.
 - (2) The future increased in Officers versus additional Members in the Committee (i.e. to become 10 vs 2 without co-opted Members), should be balanced by increasing the number of "additional Members", to 4.
 - (3) To further support the above items, Rob proposed that the required Quorum should be increased to 7 from the current quantity of 5.

Although modification to the rules had previously been carried out by Roger Sillence, Rob's offer to undertake this task was accepted and that a draft would be circulated for review. (Rob Daniels)

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- f) It was agreed that, to ensure that the proposed revision to the Rules of Association are agreed before the AGM, this year's Budget Meeting would be extended to include review thereof (see item 4.b) above).
- g) 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. (Bill White)
- h) The continuing question of how to deal with the apparent anomaly in the handicap indices for Drayton Park GC Members was raised. Stuart Dobbs informed the Committee of Alistair Brown's suggestion for split of Event Competitions into two divisions. This idea was well received and it was agreed that this and any other proposals would be discussed at the forthcoming extended Budget Meeting (see item 10.f) above).

11. Closure

The meeting was closed at approximately 11:55am.

Next Meeting(s)

- (a) Due to ongoing catering concerns at Drayton Park GC, the 2023 AGM will be held at Oxford (City) GC on 6th December 2023 at 6:30pm.
- (b) The extended Budget Review Meeting will be held at Drayton Park in early October 2023.
- (c) The next Committee Meeting will be held at 10:45am on 10th April 2024 at Burford GC.

Approved by

Date: 10 APRIL 2024



Committee Meeting 31 August 2023

Secretary's Report

28 July 2023 – 30 August 2023

1. Membership

a) New members (since last report)

Mark Blakesley*	The Wychwood	2023	Hcp. Ind. 16.3
Alex Black*	Feldon Valley	2023	Hcp. Ind. 19.5
Andrew Gardiner*#	Witney Lakes	2023	Hcp. Ind. ???
J. R. Stubbings*	Burford	2023	Hcp. Ind. 8.1

*OGC tie was/will be presented by the Captain. # Application form outstanding.
(6 silk ties remain in Secretary's stock)

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

None

c) Members' Deaths

None.

d) Recruitment

Roger Sillence has been successful again in recruiting new Members by means of contact through his organisation of matches (i.e. host club Captains whom are not already Members).

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

Ian Alison and Colin Whittle continue their ongoing actions to improve/modernise the look of the OGC Website.

4. OneDrive

Keith Henley and Terry Killick continue their actions to redesign the structure and the content of OneDrive as a common repository.

5. 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 22nd August).

6. Events by other Counties

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

b) An invitation has been received from **Dorset** Golf Captains for their Annual Dinner on **17th November** at The Dorset Golf & Country Club. Attendees to be determined.

c) OGC Secretaries and past Secretaries have been invited to the Secretaries annual golf event at Wrag Barn GC on 26 September. Three or more OGC representatives are likely to attend.

7. Extraneous Events

The 2023 Burford Challenge will be held at Burford GC on 11th October.

8. AGM – Committee Nominations

An email was sent to all OGC Members on 8th August inviting interest in the post of Match Secretary for 2024 under the new definition shown on the "Future Role of Match Secretary" discussion document prepared by Roger Sillence. An expression of interest was received from Ray Davies on 25 August.

Oxfordshire Golf Captains

Treasurer's Report for Committee Meeting 31st August 2023

Since my last report:

Home matches: Gloucestershire £28 overspent. Wiltshire £44 overspent. Buckinghamshire **underspent** by £164 – the catering cost was budgeted high (£33), but came in at a “normal” level (£28)

Captain's Day was just £26 over budget.

The Jubilee came in £261 better than budget. The wine bill was £80 less than expected. We saved £97 on prizes thanks to Roger's wine cellar. We charged our members £50 entry (same as Four Counties), having only budgeted £37. Guest teams were charged £62. Gratuities were overspent by £30 due to the number of non-playing diners. We spent £57 on printing, which had been omitted from the budget.

The accounts now show a surplus on the Knockout competition. I always budget for green fees for the final, but – for the second year running – we have been given courtesy. It is a welcome bonus in a tricky year.

Last month we were £724 worse than budget, but this has dropped to £123 due to the Bucks match, the Jubilee and Knockout comp in particular.

My estimate for this year is now £1,000 loss (budget £811)

Oxfordshire Golf Captains Results summary to 23rd August 2023

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Variance 2023	No
Income				
Annual Registration Fees	£1,845	£1,770	–£75	118
Joining Fees	£240	£180	–£60	9
Bank Interest	£18	£36	£18	
Sundry Items	£0	£5	£5	
General Receipts	£2,103	£1,991	–£112	
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 *	–£3,448	–£3,574	–£126	
Away *	£4,335	£4,314	–£22	
County Matches	£887	£740	–£147	
Mixed Greensomes	–£162	–£205	–£43	28
Presidents Cup	–£12	–£258	–£246	52
Spring Meeting	–£24	£3	£27	33
Captain's Day	£60	£34	–£26	54
OGC Internal Events	–£138	–£426	–£288	
Four Counties	£0	£0	£0	
Jubilee Trophy	£505	£766	£261	
Knockout comp	£60	£194	£134	54
Other Matches & Events	£565	£960	£395	
Donations *	–£2,605	–£2,405	£200	
Caps	£20	£3	–£17	
Shirts	£180	£160	–£20	
Slipovers	£40	£8	–£32	
Sweaters	£30	£8	–£22	
Ties	£70	£47	–£23	
Other	£0	£67	£67	
Profit on Clothing Sales	£340	£293	–£47	
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	£717	£593.98	–£123	

* Budget is for matches actually played so far

Chris Spearing
23/8/23

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MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE SPRINGS GOLF CLUB ON THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 2023

(1) 2023 COUNTY MATCHES

Seventeen of our 20 matches have been played so far, with just the three home matches against our Cornish visitors next month remaining; the results thus far continue to be a little mixed, 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 6½ - 3½		
August					
Thurs 3 rd	Buckinghamshire	Mapledurham	WON 6½ - 1½		
Tues 15 th	Wiltshire	The Wychwood	HALVED 5 - 5		
Mon 21 st	Hampshire	Alton	LOST 4½ - 5½		
PLAYED 17	WON 7	HALVED 4	LOST 6	GAMES WON 79½	GAMES LOST 76½

(2) 2024 CALENDAR

The 2024 calendar was eventually finalised after chasing up the usual recalcitrants, and has been circulated to Committee for final comments. It remains pretty much in readiness for printing and for Colin to post on to the website.

(3) THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE, 2023

After winning the Four Counties event in July, we hosted the Queen's Jubilee Trophy at Tadmarton Heath on Tuesday, 8th August. It truly was just about the wettest, most miserable day of the entire summer, with the unceasing rain falling throughout the period of play. However, we were admirably catered for at Taddy, in every possible way, and the result was exceptional. The weather was reflected in the scores, which were:-

1st Oxfordshire 187 points

2nd = Bedfordshire and Sussex 184 points

4th London 175

5th = Kent and Essex 173 points

7th Hampshire 166 points

The best individual score was returned by Chris Thomas of Kent with 37 points, the only player in the field of 56 who played to his handicap! Tough course or bad weather? A lot of both!

(4) THE 2023 and 2024 CORNWALL TOURS

Everything is fully prepared for the visit of our friends from Cornwall, from the 11th - 13th of next month. I understand that they are bringing 25 Captain on tour and that, because of some anticipated late arrivals, the Monday match will only be of 22 a-side. As ever, the only issue for me has been the large number of members dropping out of matches.

The dates of next years' tours are as follows; -

- (a) In Cornwall from Sunday, 12th to Thursday, 16th May, 2024.
(The Carlyon Bay Hotel have accepted reservations for 36 travellers for these dates.)
- (b) In Oxfordshire from Monday, 9th to Wednesday, 11th September 2024.

(5) THE CAPTAIN'S TOUR - Sunday, 1st to Wednesday, 4th September, 2024

Nothing has been decided yet, but there is still plenty of time for Terry to decide on venues etc.

(6) OGC NEWSLETTER.

As soon as possible after the playing season has concluded, I will write the Newsletter for members, providing them with the results of all this year's golfing endeavours.

Roger

Roger Sillence
Match Secretary
26-08-2023

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31st AUG.

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

Captain's Day 27th July 2023

55 players took part

1st place - Ray Davies (Oxford) 42pts, 2nd place - Ken Smith (Tadmarton) 38pts c/b

3rd place - Robin Kennett (Studley Wood) 38pts c/b,

4th place - Chris Spearing (Drayton) 38pts c/b, 5th place - Keith Bowker (Drayton) 37pts c/b

Front 9 - Niall Campbell (Feldon Valley) 21pts, Back 9 - Jon Parvin (Hadden Hill) 29pts

Many thanks are due to both Derek Honey for his invaluable help on the day.

Founders Cup on 23rd August 2023 at Hadden Hill

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

Wiltshire - Mike Bowes Treasurer (Wrag Barn) & Ian Armstrong 2023 Captain & Hon. Sec. (The Wiltshire

Hampshire - George Harris President (Weybrook) & Brian Homersham Past President (Sandford)

Cambridge - Stuart Watson 2023 Captain (Girton) & John Thompson 2023 Vice-Captain (St Neots)

Essex - Peter Freeman Hon. Sec. (Romford) & Kevin Smith 2023 Captain (Braintree)

All Members eligible for this competition, had been sent invites - 12 accepted + Jon Parvin 2023 Captain of Hadden Hill (Guest)

Unfortunately, David Woodroffe didn't show, he thought it was on Thursday 25th August 2023. After waiting for a Buggy for the 3rd group which one of the greenkeepers had taken and didn't bring back until 20 mins after he was asked to return it and some juggling of the Tee times, we managed to have a great day of golf. Our county guests thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Results

OGC - 1st place - Tim Nunneley (Tadmarton) 37pts, 2nd place - Richard Green (Oxford) 35pts

3rd place - Chris Spearing (Drayton) 34pts, Front 9 - Bill White (Hadden Hill) 19 pts

Back 9 - Stuart Dobbs (Hadden Hill) 18pts.

Guests - 1st place - Brian Homersham (Hants Past Chairman) - 39pts

2nd place - John Thompson (Cambs Vice Captain) - 32pts

I would suggest that, in future, for this competition there should be NO Front 9 and Back 9 prizes.

It has been suggested that this competition should also be a qualifying competition for both OGC and our County guests.

These suggestions should be brought up at the Autumn meeting committee meeting.

Autumn meeting 31st August at The Springs

40 players have entered as of 26th August - Gary Walker, 2023 Captain of The Springs has declined our invitation. —

Matthew Kimber GM of The Springs has generously agreed to enter this as a qualifying competition.

Unfortunately, only 3 Tee times from the 10th have now been allocated to us which means there will be 10 Tee times from the 1st, Matthew has also asked for all Buggy users to play at the end of the field.

Stuart Dobbs, Event Secretary, 26/08/2023