



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY

Wednesday 25th January 2012 at the Deddington Arms.

Present: Tony Lowe (Chairman), David Darst (Secretary), Ralph Stewart (Treasurer), Mike O'Brien, Dave Chatterton (Captain), Peter Blackburn (Handicap Sec.), Ron Colley, Barbara Budd, Peter Curtis, John Dauphin, John Stiff, David Simpson, Lyn Talbot, Nigel Carter, Keith Spenglar, Arthur Kennedy, Jackie Vaughan, Steve McDowell, David Simpson, Daire Dowling, Phil Goodman, Chris Hughes, Maureen Forsyth.

Apologies for absence: Kevin Darke, Phil Wilks, Barbara Lowe, Roy Hart, Bill Brown, Jerry Coughlan, Mark Harper, Mandy Harper, Richie Durant, Nigel Oddy, Sue Oddy, Mike Housely, Rob Forsyth, Mike Roberts, Gary Fisher, and Mike Higgins.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7.40pm.

1. Matters arising from the AGM minutes of Feb 2011. There were no matters arising. Ralph Stewart proposed the minutes were adopted and Nigel Carter seconded the proposal.

2. Chairman's report. .

Firstly I'd like to thank John Anderson of the Deddington Arms for providing us with this meeting room, secondly those present not only for attending but along with the remaining members of DOGS for putting their faith and confidence in the DOGS committee to run the Society.

I've asked around but nobody is entirely sure when DOGS was formed but it's got to be close to 20 years. Many of the founding members are with us tonight so if you want to blame anyone, blame them...

The 2nd item on the agenda refers to the minutes of the 2010 AGM. The minutes have been circulated. Could I ask if there are any matters arising from those minutes?

It has been customary for the Chairman to give a review of the past year. 2011 has gone, it was a fantastic year and even in the current economic climate the DOGS days were really well supported.

David will, during his report provide some statistics on the 2011 season. Last year was quite eventful and as you will all know, Dave and Dee's house was burgled... there is however, no truth in the rumour that the robber was bringing back clocks that looked remarkably like prizes that had been won during the year ! Seriously, it was a

traumatic experience leading to Dave installing top security gates, CCTV, Rottweilers etc...

So rather than dwelling on the past I would like to look forward to the challenges of 2012.

Since the AGM on 2nd February 2011 your committee has been working feverishly behind the scenes and even had an interim committee meeting. It was last week actually, in a pub and we discussed a few initiatives we intend to try during this year.

These initiatives will be phased in during the 2012 playing season and if they work we'll carry them through to next year and onward or until a 'new committee' decides to change them.

They're not cast in tablets of stone but we are going to try to spread the prizes by creating two tables of handicaps. We're still analysing members handicaps and from this we will form the two tables and prize giving will consist of 1st & 2nd in each table plus an overall winner. We will, of course amend the book of constitution to reflect these changes.

Hopefully this will give everyone the opportunity of winning something. And we'll keep tweaking it until I win something !!!

Some sad news. Pete Blackburn has decided after many years to stand down as handicap secretary. I'm sure on behalf of everyone you would join with me in thanking Peter for all his hard work. *At this point the Chairman presented Peter with a bottle of wine to mark our gratitude for all his hard work.*

Regarding handicaps, and another initiative. We have developed a simple spreadsheet with everyone's handicaps in a table.

The objective will be to 'track' members handicaps during this years playing season and make adjustments prior to the next event. It will also assist in identifying the most consistent Golfer for our Golfer of the Year award.

And apart from Ron Colley's handicap we will be fair... and take the scores from each event into consideration.

I mention this now because we will be looking for someone to take on this review task and, along with myself to make amendments to members handicaps where appropriate. We'll cover this under election of Officers. Item no 7.

There will of course be a right of appeal which, in true DOGS tradition will be totally ignored.

For new members we shall be introducing, via the application to be a DOG form, a request for sight of or copy of the applicants latest handicap certificate.

The majority of DOGS members belong to golf clubs around the area, La Manga being the exception ! and via CONGU you are within your rights to request a certificate.

If an applicant doesn't belong to a golf club and doesn't have an official handicap we will assume a handicap of 18 for men & 30 for ladies which he or she will play off until he or she attends a DOG day out after which the handicap will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly. Probably downward !

As we have almost as many CATS as DOGS and totally depending on the number of ladies playing at each event, and where the course allows we will introduce a longest drive competition for each gender. Apologies to those who don't fall into one or the other category !

We may even try a 'nearest to the line' adaptation of the longest drive. I'm sure you're all aware of this concept ?

It seems a lot to absorb at this moment but I'm sure all will become clearer as the year progresses.

3. Secretary's Report. David reported that attendances at all events in 2011 were very encouraging as we go forward into the 2012 programme:

Studley Wood 28 golfers
Winner: Ron Colley

Burford 44 golfers
Winner: Steve Kemish

Cherwell Edge 34 golfers (Pig Roast 82!)
Winner: Nigel Carter

Temple 32 golfers
Winner: Steve McDowell

Golfer of the Year: Sue Oddy

We have worked on further development of an 18 hole option for those that prefer to play 18 holes and partake in the evening meal. This seems to be popular and will be a permanent option.

Communications continued to receive emphasis in 2010. Deddington News and Deddington-on-Line are major tools in getting the word out about DOGS into the community.

Some data from the DoL web site:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Viewings (Hits) (2011)</u>
Programme of Events 2011	555 (997)
DOGS v DOGS	254 (409)
Burford	301 (343)
Week-end Away @ Bath	292 (324)
Cherwell Edge & Pig R	418 (429)
Temple	321 (299)

Our 2011 donation to the Katherine House Hospice was a fantastic £150!
Additionally, DOGS raised £82.20 for the British Heart Foundation.

4. Treasurer's report. Ralph presented the accounts for 2011, which showed the society to be in good financial position further enhanced by the subscriptions for 2012.

**DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY
2011 ACCOUNTS**

	INCOME	COSTS
SUBSCRIPTI ONS	660.00	133
TRACY PARK	2,888	2,945
BURFORD GC	2,924	2,907
TEMPLE	1,566	1,727
CHERWELL EDGE	1,718	1,749
STUDLEY WOOD	1,030	1,114
HEYTHROP	690	690
TOTAL	11,476	11,265
Surplus in year	211	
Surplus b/f	1,691	

Total Society Funds 1,902

CURRENT ACCOUNT 1,825

Business Premium 77

Total Bank 1,902

Summary **INCOME** **COSTS**

2011 11,476 11,265

2010 11,457 10,950

2009 10,303 10,372

John Stiff proposed to accept the accounts and seconded by Peter Curtis.

5. Social secretary's report.

Tracy Park

The golfing weekend was a qualified success. Both courses were in good condition and all players enjoyed the challenge.

The rooms were excellent situated around a mews complex and probably as good as we have experienced. Unfortunately one room had no hot water which was eventually sorted by the hotel.

The evening meal was adequate and the service very good.

Unfortunately the food service in the clubhouse was abysmal although the food was OK once it arrived.

We look forward to an improvement at Donnington Park this year.

Pig Roast/BBQ event

The move of venue was welcomed by most and the weather was kind to us. Once again Sue and Nigel Oddy hosted the evening BBQ. The change to a pig roast was a success and we managed to help a heart charity in the process. As always thanks go out to Nigel and Sue, John Parkinson and John Vaughan plus all the guys who helped with tents, tables and chairs and all the girls who prepared delicious salads on the evening.

We need to find another venue for the BBQ for 2012

6. Election of officers for 2012.

Chairman. Tony agreed to stand another year of pain! Proposed by Ron Colley and seconded by John Dauphin.

Social Secretary. Mike agreed to stand another term. He was proposed by John Stiff and seconded by Peter Curtis.

Treasurer. Ralph agreed to stand another term. He was proposed by Peter Blackburn and seconded by Maureen Forsyth.

Secretary. David agreed to stand another term. He was proposed by Barbara Budd and seconded by Arthur Kennedy.

Peter Blackburn, Handicap Secretary has stood down. Ron Colley agreed to assist the Chairman in handicap matters.

Dave Chatterton, Captain for the Dogs v Dogs match, agreed to continue another term.

7. Programme of events for 2011.

The following were proposed as venues for the events this season and these were very well received in particular the events at Chipping Norton, Studley Wood GC, Burford GC of course, and the outstanding Aspley Guise later in the year.

- **Friday, 27th April 2012 Studley Wood G C** 18 holes
- **Monday, 11th June 2012 Burford G C** Full Day
- **Friday, 10th August 2012 Chipping Norton G C** 18 Holes/PM Evening Social Function
- **Friday, 19th October 2012 Aspley Guise G C** Full Day

The Chairman pointed out that consideration had been made for 2 other potential venues but on checking neither were able to accommodate our preference for Monday or Friday dates.

The acceptance of the 2012 DOGS fixtures was proposed by John Stiff and seconded by John Dauphin. (What are the 2x Johns up to?)

8. Any Other Business

The meeting was concluded at 8.12 pm.



Tony Lowe
Chairman