

**Minutes of the Birchwood Park Golf Club**  
**Committee Meeting 133 - Held on Monday, 14th April 2003**

**Present:**

Mr P Holland (Chairman)	Mr Ian Keith (Secretary),
Mr Steve Deacon (Captain & Competitions)	Mrs Barbara Fielder (Assistant Secretary)
Mrs Pat Carey (Lady Captain)	
Mr Barry Baker (Seniors Captain)	Mrs Diane Brannon (Lady Vice Captain)
Mr Terry Skeggs (Treasurer)	Mr Dave Grey
Mrs Julie Carter (Burhill)	Mr Scott Morley (Burhill)

Meeting Opened at 7.45 p.m.

**1 APOLOGIES:**

Mr Trevor Carter, Mr Lee Venus (Vice Captain)

**2 Minutes of Previous meeting No 132 of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003**

Mr Dave Grey and Mr Steve Deacon proposed the minutes as correct.

**3 Matters Arising from Meeting 132**

**3.1 Item 3.1 - Lettering** – Ongoing.

**Action: Mr Holland**

**3.2 Item 3.2 – Who's Who Board** – Ongoing.

**Action: Mrs Carter**

**3.3 Item 3.3 – Security** – Ongoing. –

**Action: Mrs Carter**

**3.4 Item 3.4 - Drainage by 12<sup>th</sup> green.** – Actioned.

**3.5 Item 3.8 – Fines** – Ongoing

**Action: P Holland/T Skeggs**

**3.6 Item 3.9 – SENIORS NOTICE BOARD** – Mr Baker said their committee were not prepared to pay for a Notice Board as they felt Burhill should provide this. Mrs Carter said her budget could not afford one. No further action?

**3.7 Item 3.11 – BURHILL INTER CLUB MATCH - 7th September**– Ongoing

**Action: Mrs Carter/Mr Deacon**

**3.8 Item 3.12 – SLOW PLAY** – The Committee felt that overall things had improved. Mr Grey had given out the leaflets on 'Ready Golf' and suggested we now break the advice down and concentrate on one item each week.

**Action: Mr Grey**

**3.9 Item 7.1 – CAPTAINS DAY** – Ongoing

**Action: Mr Deacon/Mrs Carey**

**3.10 Item 7.2 – CLUB RENEWAL FEES** – Mrs Carter gave everyone a copy of the new annual memberships fees.

**3.11 Item 7.8 – MASTERS DAY** – Actioned.

**3.12 Item 7.9 – PAR 3's PIN POSITIONS** – Actioned.

**3.13 Item 7.10 – THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, ROYAL ST GEORGES** – Mr Keith said that only a few people had shown interest in a day trip to The Open at Sandwich so far, but the list would be left up until the end of May - Ongoing

**Action: Mr Keith**

**3.14 Item 7.11 – OOB POST – 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLE** – Actioned.

**4 CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.1** Mr Keith read out a letter of resignation from Mr Alan Metcalfe, due to extra commitments at work.

Mr Metcalfe gave his apologies for any inconvenience caused. A discussion took place and Mr Holland said he would speak to the other members on the handicap committee about a replacement.

**Action: Mr Holland**

**4.2** Mr Keith read out an email from Mr Martin Nugent concerning the selection of Team Members. A discussion took place about the selection criteria. Generally it was felt that it should be people who are playing well and who have a good record in match play, which is the main form of inter-club matches. It is the Captains' decision who they picked, but it was felt that a list should be put on the Notice Board for people to put their name down if they are interested in playing. This would not guarantee being picked but it will ensure that team Captains are aware who is available to them to pick a team from. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Mr Nugent on behalf of the Committee.

**Action: Mr Keith**

**4.3** Mr Keith read out a letter from Mr Brian Smith on behalf of the Seniors Section, stating that now that there are more Seniors taking part in competitions, they would like to be responsible for their own prizes and would like the invoices sent to Mr Chilmaid. A discussion then took place, and the majority felt that this would segregate the Seniors Section. This is against the constitution of the Club and its policy of equality. The competition fee also supplements the club funds which pays for everything including the prizes, the Honour Boards, the Computer, and subsidising the Dinner & Dance. Mr Baker was asked if it was just because of the prizes or if there were other issues, which the Seniors were unhappy about. The committee would be happy to consider a request for more prizes if this was the only problem. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Mr Smith and ask him to take the issue back to his committee to ask them to reconsider.

**Action: Mr Keith**

**5 COMPETITIONS**

**5.1 WATSON TROPHY** – Mr Mick Hampson finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 54 and the Committee would like to record their congratulations for a great effort.

**WHITBREAD TROPHY** – Birchwood won against Fawkham Valley 4-2

## 5.2 LADIES COMPETITIONS

**BRADLEY COOK** – Birchwood lost away match to Chislehurst, but won the home match against Chislehurst, with Birchwood being overall winners 6-4.

**TAPPIN TROPHY** – Birchwood lost 2-1 against Sidcup.

**LADY CLUB CHAMPIONS** – Anne Bridges had played at Chelsfield Lake and won her match.

**LADIES V SENIORS** – The ladies won 5-3

## 5.3 SENIORS COMPETITIONS

Invicta League v Chelsfield Lakes (H) Won 2-1

## 6 FINANCES

Mr Skeggs reported that the funds are looking quite comfortable and that we should soon be in the position to offer a free competition, even though we are down on competition entry fees. There are still a couple of invoices to come in. Mr Skeggs said on some occasions the record keeping on Sundays is not very good. He reported that the Masters money was short, but this might be because some people had dropped out.

Mr Skeggs said he is still working out the budget for the trophies – Ongoing

**Action: Mr Skeggs**

## 7 SOCIAL EVENTS

### 7.1 EASTER CARVERY

### 7.2 CLUB PARTY – 31<sup>st</sup> May

### 7.3 FATHERS DAY CARVERY – 15<sup>th</sup> June

### 7.4 TRAD JAZZ EVENING – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Mr Deacon reported that 6 weeks before his Captaincy started, he had ordered some shirts from the London Golf Centre and was still waiting for them, others reported having the same problems, but that it was nothing to do with Burhill as the golf shop is franchised out.

8.2 Mr Keith asked about local rules, and if we routinely reviewed them and was told that this was down to Burhill who acknowledged that a review might be in order.

**Action: Mrs Carter**

8.3 Mr Skeggs highlighted that there were a number of discrepancies in the club's Competition Rules' because of issues that had been agreed at previous committee meetings but not incorporated in the Rules. Mr Holland said that, with the assistance of Mr Steve Farley, he had recently gone through the minutes and identified such changes and a revised version of the Conditions and Rules would be issued shortly. The Committee would be responsible in future for ensuring that any such changes were incorporated immediately.

**Action: Mr Holland**

8.4 **4<sup>TH</sup> HOLE** – A discussion took place about the earth being dumped there and Mrs Carter said one of the reasons is they are filling and landscaping part of the lake, plus other projects on the course. The area including the pond for the time being is GUR and the committee asked if they could have a dropping zone there whilst the work is in progress.

**Action: Mrs Carter**

8.5 **9<sup>th</sup> HOLE/DRIVING RANGE:** Mr Skeggs reported that there are several white posts missing. **Action: Mrs Carter**

8.6 **QUALIFYING ROUND** – The rules state that all qualifying competition should be off the White Tees.

8.7 **MASTERS RULES** – The committees attention was drawn to the fact that the Masters has historically been played as a  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap competition and unanimously voted to continue this format although recognising that all other honour boards are played off full handicap.

8.8 **WEB SITE** – Mr Holland said he would arrange a meeting with Mr Steve Farley to discuss the future operation and content of the club website.

**Action: Mr Holland**

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at 7.45