

**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Held at**  
**DORSET GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
**THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

Present:

John Smith	-	President
Douglas Pratt	-	Vice President
Iain Donnelly	-	Captain
Giles Legg	-	Vice Captain
Bill Kennedy	-	Colts Manager
Anthony Eden	-	Seniors Captain
David Steward		Executive Member
John White	-	Executive Member
Ian Hulse	-	Secretary

Apologies: John White - Executive Member

**ACTION**

**Meeting opened at 17:30 hours:**

**Item 1 - Welcome:** The President welcomed everyone to the Executive meeting and apologies were given for the above.

**Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting 09<sup>th</sup> July 2009:** No Amendments.

*The minutes were signed by the President as a true record of events.*

**Item 3 – Matters arising:** None.

**Item 4 – County Coach:** Martyn Thompson presented his over view of the 2009 season and his proposed outline coaching programme for 2010. After much discussion he was asked to now put together a detailed programme with costs together.

**Item 5 – Captains Report:** Since the last meeting I attended we have had the Surrey Match 5th July at Came Down GC were we had a good win 6.5 - 5.5. We have some established and now confident foursome's pairings helping us to compete very effectively, it was 2 all at lunch. Solid singles performances by Hector and Leech at top and bottom of draw with Cook/Joy doing the business in the middle. Very satisfactory result v Surrey after last year!!

I now look forward to meeting Sussex at The Ashley Wood on Sunday 30 Aug and the team is: Hector Walker Leech Windsor Welch Garwood McMahon and Sanger..

Next years home fixtures have been confirmed with Hants at Came Down and Kent at Remedy Oak.

**Item 6 – Juniors Secretary's Report:** Junior events since our last meeting include the following:

SW 6 Counties 14/15 July. Disappointing again. The team came 6<sup>th</sup> – or as Ian put it in his report, "maintained their last year's position"! Corey Coshan was dropped but, in a perfect example of Murphy's Law carded 76 and 73 which would have placed the team 4<sup>th</sup>. As it was we were 50 strokes adrift of the winners, Gloucestershire.

O18/U18 24 July. Martin & James Chapman from Broadstone won the individual pairs and the team went to the Dudsbury 'B' team.

Age Group 27 July. Crane Valley: U12 – Ben Small; U13 – Ben Oliver; U14 – Sam Allen; U15 – James Tibbles; U16 – Josh Eastwood. Ben Small (9) gave the players speech!

U14 v Devon 30 July. Played at Honiton. Lost 6:3 with scratch team as many of our top players were on holiday or competing in the USA.

County Stroke Play 2 August. Played at Parkstone: Oliver Courtney beat Jordan Howlett on count back for Weymouth Trophy – 137 net. It was encouraging to note that nine County Juniors took part.

SEBO 4/5 August. Won by Max Orrin on 211 for the three rounds played due to bad weather. Only two County players took part, Jackson Bowes and Robbie Mabb, scoring 228 and 232 for their three rounds.

Cyril Nash 7 August: Parkstone won both the individual and team events. Broadstone were runners up in the team with Knighton Heath third.

Juniors & Under 14s 10 Aug. Delighted to report that both teams won against Wiltshire at Broadstone.

Under 14s v Somerset 11 Aug. Also pleasing to say that the Under 14s beat Somerset at Chedington Court.

Under 14s v County Girls. Played at Iford Golf centre in a stableford format on full handicap, the County Girls prevailed.

County Team Junior KO Finals 26 Aug. In appalling weather at Canford Magna, Broadstone beat Highcliffe Castle and Knighton Heath disposed of Yeovil to contest the final. In even worse weather Knighton Heath won 4:2 with some spirited golf under the circumstances. They now go forward to the SW Regional final in Devon against Devon and two teams from Somerset in October.

#### Other news.

Under 14s. Andy Parsons has now taken over the Under 14s after a pretty successful season in which they beat three of the five counties in their league. He also arranged a most enjoyable meeting at Remedy oak where the County Girls, Under 14s and Under 16s had a triangular match, resulting in a win for the Under 16s.

Juniors. The remaining event in the Juniors calendar is the match against Hampshire and Sussex on 1<sup>st</sup> September at Ferndown. We compete in this for the Donnelly Shield.

OOM. Lastly the OOM events have now all finished with the resulting Elite Squad being:

Robbie Mabb, Jackson Bowes, Harry Shaw, David Steward, Billy-Joe Bugden, Harry Mitchell, Jordan Howlett and Sonny Wilkinson.

**Item 6 – Senior Captains Report:** At last a major final for the Seniors team and Dorset golf. On 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July at Lyme Regis Golf Club we won the National Team Qualifying and will now go to the National Finals at Tandridge from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th October. The weather on the Tuesday was awful and the first round had to be called off, but on the Wednesday, although still blustery and bleak, the team did magnificently with Brian Medlam scoring 70 to win the individual South West Championship. Chris Dennis was second with 73 and with David Lock 76, Graham Taylor 77, Rob Clapp 78 (with a nine at the 17th!), Bob Dukes 78 and David Backhouse 79 we were the only team to have every member in the seventies. The two extra practise rounds certainly paid off.

Unfortunately John Nash will be away in South Africa for the finals but John Smith, our President, has just joined the golden oldies and will be taking his place. Otherwise the team is the same as that which won at Lyme Regis.

Friendly matches:

We have also played friendly matches against Devon at Lyme Regis, won 4½ - 1½ Wiltshire at Kingsdown, won 3½ - 2½ and Somerset at the Dorset Golf CC, lost 1½ - 4½. As always I took a mixture of first team members and those who had contributed to the Dorset Senior team in the past.

Southern Area Foursomes Qualifying:

Monday 17th August saw us at the Lansdown Club, near Bath. We had gone up to practise on the Sunday but could only play nine holes as there was a race meeting on the adjoining track. As Ian Watkins the Gloucestershire secretary said to me the course looked straight forward but actually needed a lot of local knowledge with greens that were quite slow but very hard and fast to pitch or chip into. The first mistake of the day was mine as I drew the playing order and we got the home team Gloucestershire. Chris Dennis and Brian Medlam played well all day winning 2 up and Graham Taylor and Bob Dukes turned a 3 down deficit into a 2 up win. Unfortunately John Nash and Graham Butson, who had been 3 up twice, were putted out of it at the end by Sean Lynch and Richard Boulding losing 2 & 1. Gloucestershire won 3-2. In the afternoon a desultory match against Wiltshire saw us win enough to pay the green fee from Sunday. In the final Gloucestershire beat Somerset 3-2. I am sure that if we had played Somerset or Wiltshire in the morning we could have won through to the finals. However it was not to be.

**SE League.**

We play Hampshire in our last match on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept if we win we win the league, a half will probably not be good enough as both Hampshire and Kent, who still have to play each other, have much better games won totals than us. Thus a win is vital.

**Item 7 – Vice Captain Colts Report:** Since the last meeting we have played all three matches with Hampshire beating us at Knighton Heath followed by Kent at Yeovil and on paper on of our stronger side's also getting beat. The last match against Sussex at Cottesmore was for the Wooden Spoon as neither team had won this year and at lunch it was all square at 2 all but the single proved to be our downfall and Sussex took all but a halve point to win.

The committee then discussed the future of Colts golf and it was felt that it would leave to big a hole in between stepping up from the Juniors to the County Squad and after much debate it was decided to stay in the SE Colts League.

Secretary

**Item 8 – Secretary's Report:**

**Correspondence:** Thank you from DLCCA for donation to their Centenary Book..

**Finances:** Secretary briefed the meeting on the accounts.

**EGU Matters:** The secretary reminded the meeting he did require comments on the topics discussed at the last meeting. The meeting then discussed the Merger and after much discussion the meeting voted against the merger proposal.

Could you please send me written notes in whatever form suits you by 30th September 2009 so I can consolidate before we meet again in October.

All

**Item 9 – Any Other Business (AOB):**

- a. County Cuff Links: The secretary gave update and sample pair was shown to the meeting.
- b. Dorset Golf Partnership: The meeting was given a brief update on the Partnership and Club and Coach initiative.

**Item 10 –Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held at DG&CC Thu 27 August 2009 at 1700 for a 1730 hour start.

All

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:35 hours.

**Signed as a True record:**

**John Smith President 27 August 2009**