



# Porchester Golf Society



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## Annual General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2005 @ The Magnum Club

Ash Amin opened the AGM with an outline of the agenda to be followed.

All Members of the existing PGS Committee were present: -

Ash Amin (Secretary) - AA  
Mayur Patel (Fixture Secretary) - MP  
Honey Patel (Handicap Secretary) - HP  
Rakesh Gupta (Treasurer) - RG

### Agenda:

Collection of Subscriptions for 2006. (£10.00).

1. Apologies for Absence. :-(AA)
2. Approval of Minutes\Notes of AGM held in 2004. :-(RG)
3. Treasurer's Report. :-(RG)
4. Issues\Concerns from Season 2005. :-(AA\HP)
5. Proposed New Rules\Changes - Members Idea's. :-(PGS Comm)
6. Election of Officers for both PGS Comm & Soc Comm. :-(New Committee Take Over).
7. Draw for the 2006 Preliminary Round MatchPlay Competition. :-(AA)
8. Any Other Business.

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### 1. Apologies for Absence. :-(AA)

AA formally opened the 2006 PGS AGM proceedings with an apology from the members who have been unable to attend (listed below)

\*\*Anil, Bsharat, Channa, Chico, Dax, Dipesh, Etan, Kiran, Milan, Neal,  
Nish, Patrick, Sammat, Sanjay T, Shailen, Shital, Shreya, SM & Sital\*\*

22 of the 41 Members Attended the AGM.

## 2. Approval of Minutes\Notes of AGM held in 2004. :- (RG)

All the members present approved the minutes from the AGM held in 2004.

## 3. Treasurer's Report. :- (RG)

RG presented a breakdown of the annual accounts. Copies of the current PGS balances plus a P&L report was available for all members. The total P/L for 2006 was £ 116.52, 25 % of which will be allocated to a local children's charity (£29.00 - to be selected by the PGS Committee) -leaving the final balance for of £ 87.52. The PGS accounts for 2006 were approved by all the members present.

Based on the expenditure on PGS events during 2004 and 2005, the cost of hosting events in the forthcoming year is likely to increase by between 12% and 15%. RG stated if we were to retain the *annual subsidies*, we needed to review the charge levied for each event. The following options were put forward for discussion by the members and committee.

- a. Increase the event fee to £80.00 for members and £90.00 for guests
- b. Increase the annual subscription from £10.00 to an amount which the committee felt was reasonable.
- c. Reduce the number of 27-hole events

The general consensus was to retain the "status quo" and review the position at the next AGM. Other ways to increase the revenue were also discussed and these involved encouraging more members and guests to attend events during 2006 as well as inducing them to become members.

## 4. Issues\Concerns from Season 2005. :- (AA\HP)

- a. Notification of attendance to events by members is still very poor, AA produced a chart which clearly showed who the culprits are, unfortunately the majority were not present at the AGM, but the general view was that no reminders should be given after one reminder.
- b. Updating your own details on the Web Site.
- c. Members not paying fines and outstanding fees without the committee having to chase, and then having to issue the particular member termination letter as in the constitution.
- d. All members should know that the cost of the Event is £70.00 regardless of you attending the dinner in the evening or not.
- e. The committee felt the behaviour of some of the members during the IRC dinner fell short of what would be considerable reasonable. In future, events will no longer be organised where the cost of all beverages is fully inclusive.

## 5. Proposed New Rules\Changes - Members Idea's. :- (PGS Comm)

### Changes to the PGS Constitution.

i) Members who have incurred a penalty charge currently have until the proceeding event in which all outstanding monies must be paid. If these monies are not paid by the proceeding event, they then have a 2 week period in which to make "good" this payment. An amendment to this rule was put forward by RG, where as a member was allotted an initial 28-day period followed by a 2 week notice period. This procedure would only come into affect if the elapsed time between events was greater than 28 days.

- *Motion - Carried (all in favour)*

ii) As it stands the Constitution stats that the PGS Committee has to consist of 4 members if this number was to fall then the Society would have to fold. As in previous years we are finding it harder to attract members to come on board, it was felt that we needed to change the ruling so that the Society could still carry on with a committee consisting of 3 members.

- *Motion - Carried (all in favour)*

- a. Slow play needs to be addressed; culprits should be named and shamed as well as placed in the last group[s]. - Shital Thakkar

HP stated the PGS committee are actively looking into ways to eradicate "slow play" and based on the timings (of the completed rounds) during the events in 2004 and 2005, there has been a general improvement but it is still far from perfect. As it is not always possible to pinpoint the main culprits, to "name and shame" these individuals is not feasible. If we were able to pin-point individual members, it would not be practical to place them in the last group[s].

- *Motion - Rejected; this proposed new rule was considered to be an operational issue which is a remit only for consideration for the committee and therefore not open to a membership vote.*
- b. Slow play ruling - Proposal: Change to the course or clubs stipulated guide of maximum time allowed rather than the current 10 or 15 minutes behind group at the committee's discretion. This ruling was bought in by the existing committee without the members vote or opinion and at the very least it should be put up for a vote for 2006 - Raja Patel & Ramesh Patel

HP stated that the committee allows for mitigating circumstances (such as 3-ball in front of a 4-ball) before applying the current 10 minute ruling. It is also not practical to utilise the "clubs stipulated guide of maximum time allowed" to complete a round as this is purely to be used as an indication as to the maximum time allowed by the club. All clubs stipulate that each group should "keep up with the pace of the group in front rather than the group behind".

Ramesh/Raja also raised concerns about the penalty incurred due to "slow play" as they felt this was having a major impact on a majority of the membership and in some exceptional cases was leading to friction between members playing in the same group. It was their view that only members who were directly responsible for "slow play" should be penalised and not the whole group. HP pointed out that the committee had initially tried to penalise individual members, but this process was being manipulated by the members and therefore could not be fairly enforced. However, the committee would continual review the current procedure and make amendments as required.

A number of other suggestions as a possible replacement to the 2 point penalty were put forward by the members. These were discussed in detail but the committee felt that the current procedure was considered to be the most appropriate at this time.

- *Motion - Rejected; this proposed new rule was considered to be an operational issue which is a remit only for consideration for the committee and therefore not open to a membership vote.*
- c. Penalty for cancellation - The society should not be charging any amount to the members which involve making a profit from the member. Penalties or charges for late cancellation for golf should be dealt with by the cost to the society being forwarded to the member and no more - Raja Patel & Ramesh Patel

The current ruling on "late cancellation" is that the member is liable for the cost of the event - i.e. £70.00 - However, the committee only apply the full charge to persistent offenders. All other members to date have only be levied the cost of hosting the event.

- *Motion - Withdrawn*

- d. Notification of dinner charges - If a member has given the society a few months notification that he is unable to stay for dinner or even when the dates are released by the committee at the beginning of the year (as happened to one of us last year due to a wedding planned six month prior) why does he still have to pay for the cost of dinner? Is this not penalising or making a profit from the member - Raja Patel & Ramesh Patel

- *Motion - Withdrawn*

- e. Scrap the 27 hole events and revert to 18 hole events - Shital Thakkar

The general consensus was to retain the "status quo". However, the committee would need to examine the financial impact in 2006 and make the decision of the viability of hosting 27 holes events where possible.

- *Motion - Rejected; all in favour of having at least 2 events which are 27 holes.*

- f. MatchPlay should be seeded - Shital Thakkar

A number of seeding options were reviewed. These included the following.

- Base seeding on the previous year's "Golfer of the Year" leader board
- Base seeding on the previous year's "Match-play" competition.
- Preliminary round participants to be formed of the members who attended the least number of events in the preceding year.

Members voted on option iii. and this was passed.

- *Motion - Carried; Preliminary round participants to be formed of the members who attended the least number of events in the preceding year. 17 in favour, 2 against, 3 did not vote.*

- g. Grouping for the first 2 events should be based on the "confirmation of attendance" order - Ash Amin

To encourage the members to confirm their attendance ASAP, the grouping for the first 2 events will be based on the order each member confirms his/her attendance. To facilitate this process, amendments to the current "on-line" confirmation process will be implemented. Members will be notified as to when these changes will be implemented as well as when each event will be "opened" for attendance.

- *Motion - Carried; all in favour.*

However the grouping for the last three events will carry on as was the case last year.

Mid-week event: - Top 12 handicappers present at the mid-week event will be grouped together in order of their handicap. However these groups will not necessarily be sent out as the 1<sup>st</sup> three groups.

6<sup>th</sup> Event: - Grouping will be based on the "Golfer of the Year" merit of order. The top four in the list will form the first group, next four the second group, etc, etc.

7<sup>th</sup> Event: - Grouping will be based on the "Golfer of the Year" merit of order. The bottom four in the list will form the first group, next four the second group, etc, etc.

- h. A member who's attending his 50<sup>th</sup> event will not be liable for any fees - Ash Amin

- *Motion - Carried; 15 in favour, 3 against, 4 did not vote.*

## **6. Election of Officers for both PGS Comm & Soc Comm. :- (New Committee Take Over).**

**PGS Committee:** [PGSComm@PorchesterGS.com](mailto:PGSComm@PorchesterGS.com)

HP decided to stand down as "Handicap Secretary".

Ash Amin, Mayur Patel and Rakesh Gupta were elected to carry on in their existing roles. Etan Patel was nominated by Ash Amin and seconded by Rakesh Gupta for the role of Handicap Secretary. All members present formally elected him to serve as Handicap Secretary for 2006.

**PGS Social Committee:** [SocComm@PorchesterGS.com](mailto:SocComm@PorchesterGS.com)

Etan Patel and Raja Patel formally resigned from the Social Committee. Faisal Shivji, Kesh Patel and Harvey Bhachu were elected to serve on the PGS Social Committee for 2006. The remit of the Social Committee was not changed.

## **7. Draw for the 2006 Preliminary Round MatchPlay Competition. :- (AA)**

The draw for the 2006 Preliminary Round MatchPlay Competition, was carried out - Daxs Parmar, Chico Mehta & Sanjay Mehta had decided not to take part in this years competition therefore from the 41 members 38 are taking part of which 6 needed to be eliminated in the preliminary round. The preliminary round participants were formed by the 12 members who attended the least number of events in 2005.

**\*\*Channa\*Dipesh\*Milan\*Neal\*Paresh\*Patrick\*Ramesh\*Ravi\*Sandy\*Sanj T\*Sital\*Snehal\*\***

## **8. Any Other Business**

No other business was raised for discussion.

**The 2005 AGM for formally closed.**