



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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Chairperson's Report



Hi all

Thank you to everyone who attended the Club's finance AGM on 8th August. Our Finance Officer, Mark Nicholson, gave an excellent presentation and although the Club still needs to increase its income, the presentation showed that both on and off the course the Club is heading in the right direction.

Increasing our income is critical to keeping the Club in a healthy position and so please encourage anyone you know who plays golf, to come and give our course a try. I'm sure that they will not be disappointed.

Whilst societies and visitors provide a much needed stream of income for the Club, it is additional members that are needed.

Finally, whilst not wanting to preempt our Captain's report, I would like to congratulate both Charlie Fowler and Claire Izod on becoming our respective Men's and Women's club champions for this year.

Peter Izod
Chairperson

Captain's Report



Welcome to August's newsletter and as usual I'll begin with the 100 club winners.

- First was James Ormrod
- Second Lynn Cater
- Third Priya Salvi

The bottle of wine winner for July was Merv Price.

Onto last month's results on the golfing front.

The handicap league team finished their matches for the year with two defeats against Corby and Elton Furze. Thanks to Tony Burrows for Captaining the team and hopefully better luck next year.

The fifth round of the summer Stablefords went ahead in early August and Tony Wilkes has gone clear of the field scoring 39 points, which was enough to win the second division on countback from Terry Tibbs. Graeme Eadie took the first division with 36 points and has moved up to fourth in the standings. Chris Hankins is still hanging on to the lead, but with two rounds still to play it could all change. The up to date tables are on the changing room notice board.

The Watts Russell/Lascalles was held the following day, with Nigel Cox winning the Lascalles with a fine nett 66 and Michael Davidson took the Watts Russell with a nett 70.

The Reg Rawding trophy, an AM - AM event also took place in August, with Chris Hankins, Tony Shillcock, Terry Tibbs and Jacques Lourens winning with a score of 97 points.



Captain's Report - Continued

There were a couple of mixed events, but I will leave Veronica to tell you about those in her mixed report, which should follow this.

The Men's Club Championship was played over the weekend of the 17th and 18th of August and I think I'll start with the Main event, the Cotton Cup.

Commiserations go to Steve Griffin, who shot an excellent 68, five shots clear of the field, on the Saturday. But then was pegged back by Charlie Fowler, to force a play off on the Sunday. With Charlie taking the trophy and the title of Club Champion. Well done Charlie.

Onto the Potter Bowl, the nett competition for the low handicappers. Congratulations go to Adam Butler, who was lying in fifth after the first round, but then shot a nett 65 on the Sunday to win by two shots with James Ormrod finishing second.



Captain's Report - Continued



Lastly the Cummins cup, which is a nett competition for the 12.8 and over. Again many hard luck stories and commiserations. Guy Fowler shot an excellent nett 67 on the Saturday, but missed out on the prizes after Sunday's round and when all the scores were in, there was a five way tie, on a score of 145. Here, apologies and commiserations, must go to Paul Kane, who was unaware/not informed of the rulings and had gone home to another event. The other players who took to the course for the play off, were Paul Kime, Ant Marriott, Colin Stanyon and myself. After a closely fought contest, with not the best golf being played, I managed to win on the first extra hole. A photo of the winners is included in this offering.

The last competition to be held in August was a medal, which doubled up as the Izzard qualifier. Harry Bagnall won the second division with a nett 67 and Richard Hook won the first with a nett 69. Good luck to both of them in the Izzard on the 28th of September.

Coming up in September along with the Izzard trophy are the two opens, the mixed and the Oundle Putter. The penultimate stableford, a medal. The last club match, of the season, against Peterborough Milton at home. A pairs Texas scramble competition. The Cransley Hospice Charity Day and finally the Past Captains Day towards the end of the month. Not quite as busy as the previous two months, but plenty to be getting on with.

Captain's Report - Continued



My rules installment this month is 'unplayable ball'. You can declare a ball as unplayable anywhere on the course, except in penalty areas or bunkers, which have different rulings. (I will cover this next month). You have three options, all at a cost of one shot.

- 1, You can play another ball from where you hit the previous one.
- 2, After finding your ball, you can take lateral relief, of two club lengths from where it lies, not nearer the hole.
- 3, You can take back on the line relief, keeping the position of the ball and the pin in line, going back as far as you like.

This ruling can come in handy if you find yourself in thick rough and don't think you will be able to get it out. Remember you must find your ball first though.

Onto my handicap and as I mentioned earlier I didn't manage to get back into the first division before the playing of the Club Championship. But every cloud has its silver lining and all that. With the winning of the Cummins cup I did see a small reduction, from 13.6 to 13.3 so in the right direction. This month I hope to get back to 12.9 at least, small steps I know but with no counting scores coming off I'm quite hopeful.

That's all for now, see you out on the course soon.

Chris Dix OundleGC Captain



Mixed Report

On Sunday 11th August we played a mixed match against Peterborough Milton at home. It was a lovely warm day and the match was played in good spirit although some of the visitors found our undulating course tough. The result perhaps reflected this as Oundle won by 233 points to 200 - a great result! Well done everyone who played, and also thanks to John who provided the sandwiches and chips afterwards.

On Friday 23rd August the annual Centenary Trophy was hotly competed for away at Northampton Golf Club (Harleston). Our 9 pairs put up a good fight but eventually just lost 318 to their 333 points. I had to regretfully hand over the trophy to John their Captain with a promise that we would win it back next year! It was however a fabulous day all round - the weather was good although windy, the breakfast before the match was excellent, the course was in superb condition and the matches were all played in a great competitive spirit. Well done again to all players.

I have attached a picture of all the golfers who went to our Away Day on Sunday 14th July - sorry we missed sending this last month!

Coming up - at the end of next month, 29th September we have the Fenwicke Cups - a mixed competition entered on BRS and on Sunday 13th October we have the re-arranged Mixed Match versus Rushden GC away.





Senior Captain's Report

We have a busy schedule coming up in September. Firstly, the Senior Charity Open on Thursday 5th September. We have over 170 entered on the day, so firstly we are hoping for fine weather.

It is a marvellous opportunity for us to show off our course as we have over 100 visitors, the halfway house is another big bonus for the day, so thanks go to all those who provide cakes, and who staff it on the day.

There are many club members helping to make the day run smoothly, and it is much appreciated.

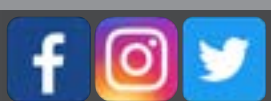
Before we get to that, we have the semi-final of the Northants Seniors Knock-out, at home, on Monday 2nd Sept against Collingtree, good luck to all those who are playing.

Sept 13th is my captains away day at Scraptoft, entry sheet is on the board in the Pro shop.

Wednesday 18th sees the first running of the Past Seniors Captains Day. There has been a good response.

Into October and we have the Poppy day on the 11th, everybody will be invited, as it will be open to women as well.

We have had four matches in August with two wins and two losses.





Senior Captain's Report

Report of Senior Club Championship:

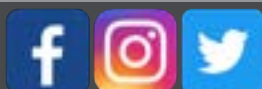
There were 50 entries on the day and with favourable weather conditions, I think it was successful with some good scores recorded

Overall Club champion:	1st	Iain Scotland	75
	2nd	Tony Burrows	80
	3rd	James Ormrod	81

Handicap Champion :	1st	Tony Burrows	65
	2nd	Chris Hankins	69
	3rd	Charlie Underwood	69

Chipping and Putting Champion : Tony Shillcock

John Foster
Senior Captain





Women's Section Report

Hi All,

At last, we have had a full month of golf! weather not a 100% but no course closures or postponements.

We welcome two new members Debbie Ennis and Leanne Tritton. Looking forward to seeing you both.

An update on our Women's Section, after almost a year, without a "Captain and Committee", it has gone smoothly, and as we approach our AGM 19th November, we will be looking for a few Job Titles to be covered, list will be in the Women's Changing Room.

Results for the Month of August:

6th August - EL5

Christine Wright - 37 points, Sheila Homer - 37 points

13th August - Kimbell Cup

Lyn Cater, Christine Rowell

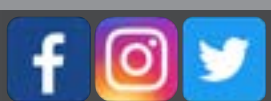
20th August - 18 Hole Stableford

Pat Silburn - 39 points, Christine Rowell - 36 points

Our Yearly Triangular Match against Kingsthorpe and Overstone, we sadly lost, but next year will be our year! Congratulations to all winners in August.

For all those off on holiday, safe travels and may you be blessed with much sunshine.

Happy Golfing
Karen.





Greenkeeper Report

Hi everyone

A short newsletter this month as plenty going on the course at the moment, after the rain comes the drought and we have been battling the dry spell a few gremlins with the watering system but mostly we have been able to keep on top of most things.

It is a very busy time with lots of comps and course maintenance going on and already looking at how during the winter months we can improve the course further, more on this next month until then enjoy your golf and see you out on the course.

Ian Robins.
Head Greenkeeper.



Catering Report



Good day to you all

I hope you have all been enjoying the weather and getting your handicaps down.

So, what has been happening?

At the beginning of August, we had the Northamptonshire Past Captains Dinner. We had some excellent feedback so it was a job well done.

On the horizon we have the Oundle Putter and the Seniors Open. The Seniors Open will be attended by approximately 170 players. I'm sure everything will be fine. It's just making sure all the prep is in place. We have also had a few societies to look after. This is the sort of business we like.

Since my last card where I shot 166 I haven't been out. This was due to unforeseen circumstances.

May I thank you for your kind words and messages. It was very much appreciated.

Kind regards

The Bar Team



Professional News

Although we are approaching the end of the season the weather and golf course are still great, so hopefully you can join us for the nine & dine season finale! The September edition will take place on Friday 20th and I will be running a chipping clinic from 3.30pm so that tee times can be brought forward slightly. Tee times will start at 3.40pm with dinner available from 6.00pm.

As it is the last nine & dine of the year I have decided to let you choose the menu. The buttered chicken has always been a favourite but send your requests by email and I will announce the winner nearer the time. The choices are - Buttered Chicken Curry, Thai Green Chicken Curry, Chilli Con Carne, Chicken & Chorizo Paella or Beef Stroganoff.

As usual guests are welcome to play or just come for dinner. Please email professional@oundlegolfclub.com for bookings.

Pro shop

MOTOCADDY MADNESS

- Brand New SE Electric trolley - Starting at only £499!
- PLUS - Purchase any Motocaddy electric trolley and receive a free accessory pack worth £84.95
- PING G425 Irons (5-SW) - Now Only £599!
- PING G425 Driver - Now only £349



Professional News - continued

Lessons

15% OFF all lesson packages purchased in September (to be used by Dec 31st 2024) 5 x 30 mins - Usually £135 - **NOW £115**

9 hole playing lesson - Usually £90 - **NOW £76.50**

BOOK 5 X 30 MINS + 9 HOLE PLAYING LESSON FOR ONLY £175!

Tip of the month

By popular demand I have recorded a video this month on how to play the 16th hole with as little stress as possible!

This will be sent out later in the week from Nes, so please keep an eye out!

Please send you feedback to davemorelandgolf@gmail.com and let me know what else you would like on the channel



Operations Report



I would like to kick off this month's edition with a big thank you to the following members for their invaluable help around the club over the past month or so.

Following another break into the Greenkeepers Shed and Members Buggy Shed, John Foster and Tony Burrows kindly offered their expertise in effecting some temporary repairs to reinforce the building fabric on the Greenkeepers Shed. Thank you to the both of you, your time is much appreciated. To finish the job, we are looking to further reinforce the more vulnerable areas of the shed with steel plating. If you know of any such material going surplus, please let me know!

Many thanks to John Lynch for patching up the netting in the Driving Net! This was yet another repair that was much needed and something that John took upon himself to sort. A man of hidden talents!

Next up is Christine Rowell who has kindly restored the club flags to their former glory. Both flags were beginning to look very weather beaten and Christine has carried some much needed remedial work, thereby avoiding any unwanted costs. Many thanks and much appreciated.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the tireless work of the 'Tuesday Volunteers' who do a great job in carrying out some of the less attractive but much needed work out on the course. Their work plays a big part in the overall presentation of the course and is much appreciated by all. Well done and thank you guys, you know who you are.

Operations Report - Continued



Bar News

Following the most recent meeting with Edwards Drinks Suppliers, consideration is currently being given to a financial incentive that could see a couple of minor changes in the choice of beers at the pumps. Cruz Campo Premium Lager, Inch's Cider and Moretti are all currently the subject of some deliberation. Watch this space.

The Nene Valley Blonde Session has proved very popular and will be retained for the foreseeable future. As the summer recedes, it is anticipated that sales of London Pride will increase so will also be retained throughout the remainder of this year at the very least.

Catering News

Discussions are currently taking place regarding a few themed events in the weeks leading up to Xmas. The team are always open to any suggestions that you may have, so please talk to us. Dave Moreland has also indicated that he is keen to arrange a couple more events much along similar lines to his Nine and Dine format. Again, watch this space.

September dates for the diary

Thursday 5th September – Seniors Charity Open – 172 Players!

Wednesday 11th September - Kori Construction Corporate Golf Day – 11.30
Shotgun Start for 72 Players

Thursday 19th September – Cransley Hospice Golf Day - 10.00 Shotgun
Start

Stay well and play well.

Malc