



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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Chairperson's Report

Summer feels as though it is rushing by and I hope everyone is enjoying their golf.

The Club's finances are still very tight and we continue to need more members to enable us to fund the replacement of machinery and to continue to improve the course.

This month I am very grateful to two members who kindly paid for the replacement of the sprinkler system pump at a cost of £4,500.

The generosity of such individuals is testament to our members commitment to the Club.

If you are able to contribute to the Club's finances by funding a particular project, please contact me to discuss what is needed.

I would also ask anyone who feels that they could support the Club by joining the Management Committee to again contact me to discuss our needs. The Club relies on members putting themselves forward to serve on the various committees and without your support the Club could not function.

Finally could I remind you that the finance AGM is to be held at the Clubhouse at 7pm on Thursday 8 August. Please attend the meeting if you are able to do so.

Peter Izod
Chairperson



Captain's Report



Welcome to July's newsletter, in what has been quite a busy month on the golfing front.

Firstly the 100 club winners.
In third was GT Bhavra.
Second Terry Hill,
And the winner was Peter Gunning.

The bottle of wine winner for June was Chris Swan.

Onto the golf results for July:

Team wise, the club had a friendly match at home to Gedney Hill in early July and a 4 - 2 victory was attained, despite giving plenty of shots.

The handicap league team completed three matches, with a 17 - 8 win over Elton Furze at home and two narrow defeats losing 8 - 10 to Cold Ashby (home) and 7 - 5 to Peterborough Milton (away).

The bi-annual match, members verses green keepers/staff was also played in July, with the green keepers exacting revenge for their narrow defeat in January. By winning 4 and a half to three and a half.

The July medal was won by Jamie Townsend with a nett 68 and the second division by Guy Fowler, on countback, with a nett 72.

The Mark Kirk invitational was won quite fittingly, by his old playing partner Terry Tibbs assisted by Tony Burrows.



Captain's Report - Continued

The latest round of the summer stablefords took place in mid-July with Nick Arpino putting himself in the reckoning with 37 points. Barry Watts went even better in the second division scoring 41 points. The tables have been updated and are now showing Tony Wilkes at the top of division two and Chris Hankins leading division one. They are on the notice board in the changing rooms.

The summer Texas scramble took place and the winners were Chris Jones, Jonathan Griffiths, Nick Warboys and Ian Hood. Tony Shillcock did a survey after the game to gauge which booking format the players preferred and the overriding preference, just, on the day, was to turn up and draw your starting hole, on the morning of the competition. So this will be how we will do it, for the time being, on future shotgun scrambles.

Just played this weekend was one of the 'majors' the Fletton cup. Keeping up his good form from earlier in the month Nick Arpino romped home beating the course by 6 shots, a full 4 shots clear of the field. Though he has had a full shot removed from his handicap.

Also played this weekend was my Captain's day. A pairs Texas scramble. David Rodgers and Jamie Haynes took first prize. Nes has emailed all winners this week.

On the mixed front the Fairgrieve trophy was held, with Debbie and Iain Scotland winning with 41 points. To go with his bottle of wine for winning the receipt draw Chris Swan won another bottle for nearest the pin on the day, while not to be left out Liz Swan won the women's nearest the pin.



Captain's Report - Continued

Veronica has kindly written a mixed report, which I'll put in at the end of my ramblings.

Coming up in August, the handicap league finishes it's fixtures, with one home game and one away game. There is still an outside chance of progressing, though it would need other results to go our way.

We also have the fifth of seven of the summer Stablefords and a host of majors, with the Watts Russell/Lascelles, Reg Rawding trophy and last but not least the Club Championship.

The August medal doubles up as the Izzard qualifier and with the finals day being held at Oundle this September there is more incentive to do well in it.

The mixed section have two fixtures in August at home to Peterborough Milton and away at Northampton.

Just a quick heads up about the Opens, which are filling up quite nicely. The Oundle Putter is on the 31st August a 4bbb and the Mixed Open is on Friday the 30th August.

If you'd like to play and haven't a partner just let myself or Nes know and we'll get you paired up.

Please could I ask that you return the divot bags to the holder near the first tee after your round and fill them up if possible, ready for the next user. They seem to have dwindled away somewhat.

We will be installing a receptacle near the gate, hopefully by the end of this month.



Captain's Report - Continued

May I just thank Gary for all of his work over the years, many as head green keeper. Enjoy your retirement and I'm sure we'll see you out on the course playing instead of cutting.

This month's rules installment is regarding time keeping. Most people are well aware that arriving late on the tee can incur a penalty. But not many realise that teeing off early is also punishable. It also keeps the gaps between groups more consistent.

We now have a clock on the first tee, so in competitions, please try to start at the correct time.

Now onto my handicap, it seems to be going from bad to worse... Up to 13.5. There have been glimpses of my previous self, but nowhere near often enough. I'm not going to make any predictions for this month and just hope that I can reverse this form. Though it looks very likely that I'll be playing for the Cummins cup rather than the Potter Bowl this year.

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

Chris Dix OundleGC Captain.



Mixed Section Report

The Mixed Ping Competition on Sunday 2nd June was won by Denis Price and Christine Rowell - 44 points.

The Fairgrieve Trophy which was moved from Sunday 16th June to Sunday 30th June was won by Iain and Deb Scotland with 41 points.

We held a very successful Mixed Away Day on Sunday 14th July at Lutterworth Golf Club. 20 members took part with a bacon roll and coffee to start with, a mixed pairs betterball competition on a lovely course and a 2-course meal to finish. The weather was actually very decent for our day!

James Ormrod our newest Mixed member won both the nearest the pin prize for the men and had the only 2 of the day. None of the women even got onto the green to have a chance at winning their nearest the pin prize - it was a long way and uphill!

The pairs prize was won by John Bishton & Veronica Lyon with 44 points. 2nd was Barry Robson and Sally Anderson with 43 points. Many thanks go to Barry Robson for his superb organising skills, arranging such a great day out for us all.

We have 2 Mixed Matches coming up in August - the first on Sunday 11th home to Peterborough Milton, and the second away at Northampton Harleston on Friday 23rd. Harleston are asking for 8 pairs and so far we have only 6 pairs so we could do with 2 more men and 2 more women please. Let Veronica know if you could play.

We do have a full team for the Milton match - thank you to all those who play in these matches.

Lastly may we advertise our Mixed Open which will be on Friday 30th August. Entry forms are online and at the Club.



Senior Captain's Report

We are looking forward to the first running of the Senior Club Championship on Monday August 12th. There has been an excellent take up for this competition, and we have already had to open up extra slots on BRS. Three new trophies up for grabs, and prize money boosted by sponsorship from Woodford & Co. It's not too late to enter if you have not done so yet.

July has been a particularly busy month for senior matches. At the beginning of the month we had an amazing win away at Brampton Heath in the Northants County Knock out, and we are now looking forward to the Semi-final at home to Collingtree on September 2nd.

We also had seven club fixtures, with four wins, two losses and a drawn match. Most notable was an away win at Kilworth Springs and a draw away at Thorney Lakes.

Many thanks to all the seniors who are putting their names forward for the matches, as most have been over subscribed.

We are coming up to The Senior Charity Open on Thursday 5th September. There has been an excellent take up from visitors and we already have over 100 names down for the event.

Would Oundle members start to team up with each other and get teams entered. We will also need volunteers for all the jobs that go with running this prestigious event. My charity this year is Prostate Cancer Research, which I hope most of you will think is a charity worth supporting.



Senior Captain's Report

Two other dates for your diaries which will soon creep up on us are my Captains away day at Scraftoft on September 13th (enter on sheet in Pro Shop), and the Poppy Fundraising Competition on Friday 11th October.

Results of Senior competitions in July are:

Summer Stableford:

1st Iain Scotland

2nd David Reardon

Senior Medal:

1st Michael Davidson

2nd Ian Hood

John Foster, Senior Captain



Women's Section Report

Hi All,

Here we are more than halfway through the year, and hopefully we will now see the Sun on a regular basis! May the rain suits and umbrellas go away, and we have some good late Summer Golf, and lots of roll on the ball!

A full month ensued from the 2nd of July, we have had a very successful "Women's Day", replacing the Captains Day, this was well received and was a very enjoyable day, a big thank you to Sheila who oversaw the day with her wonderful organisational skills and décor. Cecil Leitch this year came to an end, many thanks Pat for your wonderful Captaincy, and the organisation which goes on behind the scenes. Sorry we didn't win as many matches as we should, but it was a competitive draw, but enjoyed by all. Club Championships were played in two different climates, Day one, was a good one, day two was dictated by the awful weather, and a completely different course. The results were good and well done to our New Club Champion Claire Izod.

Results for July:

2nd July EL4

1st	Karen Taylor	40 points c/o
2nd	Alison Page	

9th July Women's Day

1st	Veronica Lyon Sarah Parsell Barbara Jenkinson	59 points
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Women's Section Report - continued

2nd Kim Pateman 57 points
Deb Scotland
Nes Reed

3rd Claire Izod 56 points
Sue Brown
Christine Wright

1st John Bishton 9 Holes 21 points

15th/16th July Club Championships

Overall Club Champion		
Lowest Gross Score	Claire Izod	74
Best Nett	Deborah Scotland	72
Runner Up Nett	Sarah Parsell	83

23rd July SuperGirl/SuperGran

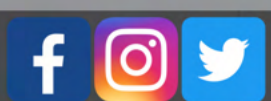
Pat Silburn SuperGirl 39 points

Ros Riley SuperGran 35 points

A huge congratulations to all our winners for this month.

Happy Golfing and may the wind be at your back and all your Putts sink!

Karen.





Greenkeeper Report



Hi everyone

Fully into summer now temps are up but so also is the rain just a few days ago we had 2 inches which on one hand is good as it means we don't have to water but on the other we get a flourish of growth which means the mowers are doing overtime just to keep on top of things.

We have just had our summer staff v club match, it was great to see everyone and a good time was had by all, big thanks to all that played plus thanks to David for doing the bbq it was very nice and everyone else who helped on the day.... the result, well the staff must have been practising since the the winter match, as it was a close win for the staff we all look forward to the next one.

Plenty of comps coming up so we will be flat out giving you all the best course we can, presentation of a golf course should be good all year round, certain areas like bunkers haven't just been as I like them but i like to think you will see improvements over the next few week with more attention to detail being put into them, greens have been running true and consistent with a average stimp reading of 9.5 to 10.5, an increase in man hours means we can now up our rolling plan, the good thing about this is not only does it mean we can produce quicker and smoother greens but also rolling helps suppress any summer disease pathogens that may be about and also if we choose miss a cut without a loss of performance on the greens.



Greenkeeper Report - Continued

We Have been trialling various rough mowers out over the last month or so, our trusted old mower is now over 20 years old and starting to struggle. The good thing is the mowers we have tried have been very good and the quality of cut is very impressive.

Until next time enjoy your golf.

Head Greenkeeper,
Ian Robins.

Catering Report



So. What's been happening? To be honest we have had quite a few senior match meals and quite a few societies.

For the senior matches we have been serving a lot more traditional food and old classics like Spotted Dick and Jam Roly Poly. Can't be bad can it?

The next big event we have is the Northants Past Captains Dinner.

I'm sure most of you know I have put in my first 2 cards. The first one was 194. Yes 194 but my second was 166. I can take that because it was only the 8th time I have played and only my second 18 holes.

Well that's it for now.

See you on the course

From The Bar And Catering Team



Professional News

I have thoroughly enjoyed playing with the captain over the past couple of weeks and although I am definitely worse than when I was a 17 year old junior at the club, I have the bug again and will be back out there as much as I can!

The Major's may be over but there is plenty of golf still to be played and our nine & dine series will continue during August and September. The August edition will take place on Friday 16th and I will be running a putting clinic before and making Thai Green Chicken or vegetable curry afterwards. As usual guests are welcome to play or just come for dinner. Please email professional@oundlegolfclub.com for bookings.

[Pro shop](#)

PING CUSTOM FITTING - GAINSBOROUGH

We have booked many people in for the full fitting experience at the PING factory in Gainsborough. The cost is £30 but well worth it and will be deducted should you make a purchase. Please email davemorelandgolf@gmail.com if you would like to make a booking.

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



Professional News - continued

Lessons

The short game series for July has been filled so I will be starting another 6 week program on Mon Aug 12th from 4-5pm. Please email davemorelandgolf@gmail.com to book.

August Masterclass sessions - Intensive coaching to take your game to the next level!

LONG GAME MASTERCLASS - £195

2 x 60 Min sessions on the amazing Golfzon Simulator at Oundle Sports Centre 1 x 9 hole playing lesson

SHORT GAME MASTERCLASS - £175

1 x 60 min putting & chipping lesson 1 x 60 min pitching and bunker lesson 1 x 9 hole playing lesson

MASTERCLASS COMBO - £185

1 x 60 Min session on the amazing Golfzon Simulator at Oundle Sports Centre 1 x 60 min putting, chipping & pitching lesson
1 x 9 hole playing lesson



Professional News - continued

Tip of the month

Another video for you this month focusing on course management (apologies for some of the videography but not seeing my face isn't a bad thing!)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFuiFcFolE&t=3s>



Operations Report



As a result of a very busy month on the personal front, this month's Operations article is an abridged version of the usual content.

The Open Nine and Dine held on Friday 18th July was once again well attended with Paul Spicer taking the spoils on the course, whilst off the course, everyone else enjoyed Dave's Butter Chicken which is growing in reputation as a must have! Well done once again to Team Moreland for arranging the event and to Mike Thompson and Mike Davidson for their valuable assistance on the night. The next scheduled Nine and Dine is Friday 16th August. Further details to follow.

On Saturday 29th June the club hosted a party to celebrate the birthday of Chris J Hankins. The event provided testament that the upstairs area is an ideal venue for such occasions, and of course, generates much needed funds for the club. If you or any of your family or friends are considering a function to celebrate whatever occasion, please spread the good word and give our facility some serious consideration. You will not regret it! Just ask Chris.

Next up for the Bar and Catering Team is the Presidents Day on Friday 2nd August when 40 + players from across the county will be playing 18 holes followed by a two-course meal and drinks. I see this as yet another opportunity to showcase our club and to enhance our growing reputation.

Finally, whilst I am certain that it will be mentioned in other areas of the Newsletter, the AGM to approve last year's accounts will be held at 7 pm on Thursday 8th August. It would be very much appreciated by all on the Management Committee if you are able to attend this important meeting.

Stay well and play well.

Malc