



Oundle Golf Club

Newsletter

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Dear Members,

October has been a good month for golf I think! We have had some rain to help the course (which is still looking great) but also some decent weather to keep us all going.

"Hole-In-One" Club

As you will remember from a previous newsletter if you are lucky enough to get a hole-in-one during a Club competition you are covered to the tune of £75 at the bar on our Club insurance. However, if you get one during a roll-up for instance you will not be covered. Therefore we are intending to re-introduce this system from January 2022 for the sum of £5.00 each. This will be administered in the bar where you will pay and be recorded as a member of this club. We will need 35 members to make this viable and in the event of not getting 35 members we will have to re-think and return the £5 back to each member. We hope you will support this scheme and save yourself a possible hefty bar bill!

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Chairperson's Report continued...



Health and Safety

There has been a good deal of work going on behind the scenes this month and I must pay tribute to the work of Claire Izod and thank her for everything she does. Health and Safety had been woefully neglected at OGC and we have been playing catch-up over the past 5 years using a system called Ground2Control which is devised especially for golf clubs. It is a huge topic, and we have to be careful to adhere to many regulations both on the course and in the bar and kitchen. Originally Claire was only taking responsibility for course and green keeper H and S issues, but her knowledge and experience have had to spill into all areas and I would like her to have some help. Therefore, if anyone else would like to come forward to help and support the work that Claire does we would be very grateful.

Office Administrator

The very sad news that I have to inform you is that Peter is leaving at the end of October. He has been offered a fabulous job at DWP. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done at OGC over the past months and wish him lots of luck in his new post. To replace him we interviewed Nes Reed (Peter's wife) who was our preferred candidate and following a great interview we are confident that she will be a great replacement for Peter and carry on in his shoes. She cannot start until January so Jasmin will hold the fort in the office until then.

Feedback on EGM

At the EGM on 28th October 2021 there was a disappointingly low turnout, but we did achieve a quorum of 30. As a result following a discussion about the new structure the proposal for the new management structure was voted in. Further details of all the vacant posts will be published shortly in readiness for the general meeting in December. We really need people to come forward and fill these positions.

Veronica Lyon

Oundle Golf Club Chairperson

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Captain's Report

The competition season has now come to an end with our Men's Champions of Champions Day, the result that saw our Handicap Secretary, Martin Camp, secure victory with a net 66. I expect a healthy cut to his handicap to follow.

We are now busy with the detail of arranging next year's competitions and league matches and hope to produce these shortly. My thanks to Competitions Secretary Richard Cole, with the help of Garry Asbery, Seniors Captain Phil Churchward, Women's Captain Sue Brown in organising this.

On a golfing front we now move into the 'wetter' period of the year and at this time it becomes so important that all golfers replace divots and repair any pitch marks, to retain the course in its near perfect condition. I do get many comments from members complaining about this element of the club, but I have to be honest that I see many and repair multiple examples that are new issues and are caused by our members not looking after their course. It is your golf course – look after it please.

As previously mentioned we have to seek additional areas for income and as such we have relaunched the Sunday Lunches upstairs and hopefully a new menu will be launched to encourage more use of the facility upstairs. Jemma and her team have done a fantastic job since reopening and are ready and waiting to welcome you upstairs. Christmas is looming – Do you need a venue for your Christmas Party??

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Coming up soon we will have our AGM where we will be voting for our new Captain & Vice-Captains for the coming year. It is important that we move forward as a club and get volunteers to fill these positions, and the other vacancies for the coming year. I am happy to talk to anyone who may be interested in either of these roles and explain the duties and expectations, as I firmly believe there may be some misconception of what is expected.

As previously reported our competitive teams have had a mixed bag of results this year. Despite their best efforts our newly formed Men's Scratch team' led by Michael Davidson, just missed out on the 1st place position in this year's competition, despite a 4-2 win against Rushden, they fell just short by one point in gaining promotion. My heartfelt thanks to the team for their efforts.

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Cold Ashby won the division beating Priors Hall comfortably at home in the last game. But, all in all very good season for the team. Thanks to the following for turning out during the year (appearances in brackets):

Michael Davidson (8)
Eddy Lawson (6)
Sean Quinn (6)
Graeme Eadie (5)
Jack Logan (5)
Paul Bracegirdle (4)
Spencer Coates (3)

Pete Ellis (3)
John Crawley (2)
Michal Jursa (2)
Adam Butler (1)
Jordan Darnell (1)
Stephen Griffin (1).

I must also thank Guy Fowler (Handicap League), Chris Hankins (Hollingsworth League) and Michael Davidson (Scratch Team) for your help and support this year and do hope you will continue to help my successor next year.

In the NGL County 4BBB competition, father & son duo, Guy & Charlie Fowler made it to this year's final, played at Delapre, but despite a great effort lost 2&1 against Simon Nightingale & David Summerfield from Farthingstone Golf Club.

On Sunday 24 October we organised a friendly match between OGC and Oundle School staff. The idea for this really came from discussions among the Scratch Team members, some of whom are Oundle School staff. It struck us as odd that such a match had not been arranged in the past (but maybe it has???)

Responses to the open invitation for players, allowed us to have four, four-ball better ball matches, with the school team captained by Andrew Ireson and the OGC team by Michael Davidson. All four matches were keenly contested, with some very good golf in all matches. As the light was fading, the final match emerged from the gloom and tallying the scores revealed that the school had taken the match by 3.5 points to 0.5 point.

Well done to the school team and thanks to all who took part. It was great fun - a true friendly but with a competitive edge 😊

Hopefully we can repeat the fixture next year and arrange it in the calendar so that more people will be able to play.

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For the record, the full results were **(OGC team listed first)**:

- * Michael Davidson and Lyn Cater Lost 4&2 to Andrew Ireson and Noah
- * Paul Kime and Paul Bracegirdle Halved with John Crawley and Spencer Coates
- * Jeremy Nicholas and Gerry Morgan Lost 3&1 to Simon Polak and Jamie Rose
- * Richard Nunn and Linda List 2&1 to Peter Kemp and Chris Bradnam.

Competition Update

As we reach the end of the competitive season the results column is significantly reduced, with less results to report.

I have already commented on the success of Martin Camp in the Champion of Champions. The only other success to report is John Barratt securing the October medal with a nett score of 68, pipping Adam Butler by one stroke.

I look forward to presenting our winners with their trophies at our Presentation Evening on Friday 19th November 2021.

I wish to thank all members for their continued support to me as Captain. I look forward to speaking to you all soon.

Enjoy your golf, play well and stay safe.

Tony Shillcock

Oundle Golf Club Captain 2019, 2020 & 2021

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Senior Captain's Report



This is my final newsletter for the last two years, I will be handing over the captaincy at our Annual General meeting on Monday 22nd November at 2 pm., our usual end of season lunch will also take place that day at 12.45, please see our notice board for details.

We held our exchange day with Sleaford Golf Club on the 4th October, a field of 32 members took part on a windy course that could well be described as an inland links, the event was won with 43 points by Gerry Morgan with Bob Svarups in second place with 41, the feedback from the players was so positive it will be held again next year.

We held our last match of the year, at home against Peterborough Milton, winning 4 1/2 v 1.1/2., taking our wins for the year to 17.

The results from the Seniors competitions were as follows :-

In the Robinson Trophy the pairing of Peter Izod & Peter Curnow with 47 points won the trophy by one point from Peter Rice & Tony Murdoch, the trophy will be presented at the Seniors AGM.

The first round of The Winter Stableford series was won by Mike Davidson with 40pts just ahead of Nick Riley's 39 pts.

The last Medal of the year was won by Phil Houghton with a net 68 in pretty difficult conditions from Dave Reardon.

Congratulations to all concerned.

That's all from me, I now hope to hand things over to our Vice Captain Rob Darby and wish him every success for 2022 and I will just relax!

Philip Churchward

Oundle Golf Club Senior Captain

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Greenkeeper's Report



Good news everyone winter golf is here! As from Monday 25th of October you are able to mark, lift, clean (then find the nearest worm cast) place your ball and swing to your heart's content. As we start moving into the winter months and the rain inevitably starts to fall the slopes on the course will become more slippery under foot. We have already had to put signs up pushing buggies to the right-hand side of the slope on 16. Please take care when moving round the course.

The leaves have begun to fall in larger numbers in the last few weeks. To help people find their balls and keep the pace of play up we have fitted mulching plates to the rough cutter. These plates stop the leaves being shot out of the back of the mower and keep them in the cutting deck to be chopped multiple times. We will try to get around as often as we can but this is an ongoing process over the next few months.

The tees have been fertilized with a slow release granular that will keep them growing all the way up until Christmas providing we don't get a rely cold snap. We may need to move to the winter tee positions if they are too wet or getting cut up to badly. The 3rd being such a small tee for such a short hole is a good example.

All the greens have been verti drained using ½ inch solid tines. Some of the weaker areas on the greens have been dressed with sand and seed to aid recovery. This will lead to some interesting putting conditions over the next few weeks but will settle down after that. Over the course of the winter all the tees will be verti drained as well. We will then fit 1/3-inch tines to the same machine and verti drain the fairways on holes 5, 6, 7 and 8 to try and keep them open through the winter months.

If you are not sure about the conditions on the golf course please call the information line on 01832 273267 option 4. This is available at the moment from 6.15am but will move to 6.45am later in the year because of the light and later tee times.

Finally, I would like to say a big thankyou to Peter for all his hard work. He will be missed but I wish him all the best in his new job.

Daniel James

Oundle Golf Club Greenkeeper

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Professional News



Hello Golfers,

Welcome to this month's newsletter.

There's certainly been a drop in temperatures in recent weeks. The winter course and placing are now with us.

In the Pro Shop, we are gearing up for winter with warm gloves and hats.

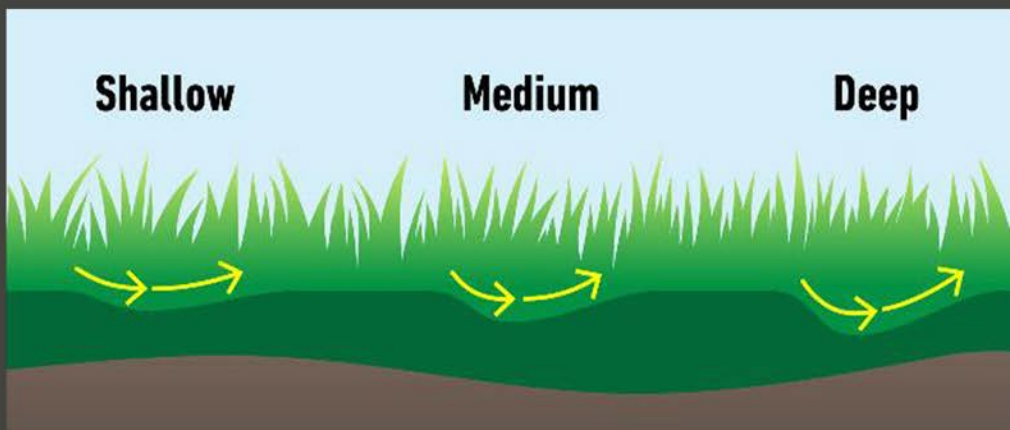
In the meantime. Enjoy the read.

Wedge-ucation

What do you know about bounce and grind? Don't fear, we're here to help you put the right wedges in your bag and pull them out at exactly the right time.

Things we were never taught in school include how tax works, how to get a mortgage and, of course, how bounce & grind work in your wedges. We've got our priorities straight and we're here to help you with the most important of those...

Which type of divot pattern are you?



Grind

Finding the right wedge grind for your game involves knowing your swing type. Do you sweep through the ball with barely any divot or are you taking half the turf with you? It's also worth considering the course conditions, because this will change with the seasons and you need to be sure you still have all the shots you need in your locker come rain or shine.

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Bounce

A wedge with the right grind will work for you rather than against you, and the same goes for bounce. You've probably heard Tour players say 'bounce is your friend' but what does that even mean? The degree of bounce is all about lifting or lowering the leading edge to the ground to help you get smooth turf interaction and the cleanest possible contact on the ball. Bounce & grind come as a pair; working together to help you hit the ball cleanly from all lies in all conditions.

This Month's Promotions:

Buy an Oundle crested Jumper (£44.95) or Sleeveless pull over (£39.95) and receive a FREE Bobble hat!



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Hope you enjoyed the newsletter and have a great week.

Michael Farr
The Professional Team

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Catering Report

Firstly, I must thank you all for your patience while I was off for 10 days self-isolating, I'm sure you will all agree that the team did a brilliant job in my absence.

Sadly, Georgia will be shortly leaving the Catering team to peruse her dream career. Georgia will be doing an apprenticeship at a care home in order to achieve an NVQ in assistant nursing. We wish her all the best in her career and will be very sad to see her go.

It is nice to see the return on the Seniors Breakfast roll ups, although the weather wasn't so kind for the first one on the 20th October, hopefully the weather will be kinder for the next on 17th November.



Sunday Roasts are being served on both the 14th and the 28th November, booking is open for both of these, contact the catering team to get yourself booked in.

As always, thank you all for your support

Jemma and the Team

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