



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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Dear Members,

Well, this is my last monthly report after 5 years - that means I have presented 60 reports - I hope you all found them informative? I have always tried to let you all know what is going on "behind the scenes" and how our Club is progressing.



Greenkeepers' Accommodation Plans

I am sure you will all be wondering what has happened to this project. As you know we were raising money way back in the early part of this year and we have almost £10,000 in the kitty. There have been ongoing investigations by several people into affordable options for the Club. Several alternatives have been explored and discounted for various reasons but we have now been presented with a new idea from the Greenkeeping Team. As a result of this we could really do with someone to take on the role of Project Manager to see if we can move this forward - ideally, someone with some basic knowledge of building and conversions - please let us know if you would be willing to help the Club in this way.

100 Club Draws

I must apologise for these not being published in recent months!

The winners are:

June – number 84 Jim Clarke
 July – number 43 Mark Nicholson
 August – number 73 Martin Camp
 September – number 57 Peter Rice
 October – number 40 Colin Stanyon
 November – number 76 Lesley White

Remember the December draw will be done at the Christmas Draw and is for £500

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy New
Year!

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Chairperson's Report continued...



Health and Safety On The Course

Firstly, at last we have a new sign for the first tee – this incorporates the slope charts, information about the course that day and a list of health and safety points to be aware of on our course.

As play is now moving towards the more challenging winter conditions you are advised to adjust your play to reflect these associated challenging course conditions to ensure you keep yourself and your fellow golfers safe whilst playing your round of golf.

You are advised to do the following:

1. Be aware of slopes which may be slippery
2. Please read any notes of the day from the Green Keepers such as info regarding holes 5-8, the 90 degree rule, fog, high wind etc – these will be displayed on the new board
3. Will those who hire the double buggies or who have the individual ride-on buggies try to keep them on the buggy routes, keep them away from the edges of the greens and in wet conditions try to stick to the rough instead of the fairways.
4. Wear shoes with winter spikes in wet conditions
5. Attach hedgehog wheels on your trolleys in very wet conditions
6. Read the Health and Safety Policies relating to adverse weather conditions on the members' are of the website, and be aware of procedures in the event of such weather conditions

PLEASE NOTE - It is your responsibility to take action to avoid slips, falls and injury and adjust your actions to fit the conditions - Play safe and stay safe.

Thank You

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the last 5 years – it has certainly been a roller-coaster journey.

I would also like to thank everyone who has volunteered in any way – you have all helped to run the Club efficiently for the benefit of everyone who is a member.

So, for the last time, I sign off. I would like to thank the members who have come forward to take the new Officers' roles and I wish them lots of luck for the coming golf year. The Club will be in safe hands!

Veronica Lyon

Oundle Golf Club Chairperson

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Captain's Report

My final newsletter of the year corresponds with the onslaught of the winter weather now upon us, just as the preparations for next year are moving at a fast pace. Preparing the club diary and planning social events are at an advanced stage, our General Meeting was held on the 9th December. There are still some positions that need volunteers, in particular a Maintenance volunteer(s) to support the buildings maintenance a Greens representative to work alongside the greens team. There are other vacancies still waiting for volunteers and I ask any member who may be considering supporting the club in these roles to contact me for more details.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter we have now moved 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 the best condition possible during the winter months. I continue to 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 – please look after it please.

Jemma and her team have done a fantastic job since reopening and are ready and waiting to welcome you upstairs for your post golf refreshment. I have emphasised previously that we are really struggling to find new members of staff to fill vacant positions within the bar & catering team. If you know of anyone who is looking for daytime work during the week or at the weekend please contact Jemma.

Our Christmas Draw will be held on Sunday 19th December following the final competition of the year – AM-AM Stableford competition with a shotgun start. The tickets are now on sale in the bar area.



GOLF LESSONS

Contact Michael and this team **01832273267** or
via email **professional@oundlegolfclub.com**

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Captain's Report cont...

Competition Update

There are a few competition results to report:

Winter Foursomes :

Davd Jack & Rob Tansley – 66

November Medal:

Div 1 Chris Dix – 67

Div 2 Mark Nicholson – 67

November Stableford:

Graeme Eadie - 41pts

American Greensomes (Sat) :

Terry Beckett & Richard Cole – 49pts

American Greensomes (Sun):

Jacques Lourens & Terry Tibbs – 48pts

Sadly the small matter of a mini tornado caused the postponement of the Annual Captain vs Women's Captain match.

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



Having taken over the Seniors Captain's role on 22nd November I believe it is a great honour to represent such a great section.

Other Seniors Committee members voted in at the Seniors AGM were :-

Ian Tucker as Seniors Vice Captain

Colin Stanyon as Seniors Treasurer

John Foster as Competition Secretary

I very much would like to give thanks to the outgoing captain Phil Churchward, who in his 2 years of captaincy did a great job under very difficult circumstances. A difficult act to follow.

I am very excited about the forthcoming year, we have 29 Seniors matches, 46 competitions, 3 away days and 2 opens ahead of us, a very busy year indeed.

Round 3 of the Winter Stableford took place on Monday 29th in very difficult course conditions, as the greens were well and truly frozen, the winner was Peter Turner with a tremendous points score of 36 points.

If you haven't already do not forget to pay £5 to Colin to renew your Annual membership into the Seniors Section.

Priorities for December are getting the Opens onto Empire and my 1st major event, the Christmas Texas Scramble with the Women's section on the 1st December.

Have a great Christmas and I hope the weather allows us to play plenty of golf in December

Rob Darby

Oundle Golf Club Senior Captain

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Womens Captain's Report



I took over as the Women's Captain from Sue Brown at our AGM 16th November.

I am excited for the year ahead as we hopefully start to move into more 'normal' times. The diary is completed and I am sure we will all play brilliant golf!

I would like to thank Sue for her excellent leadership and commitment this past year, it has been quite a tricky one.

Congratulations to Sue and her team for winning the Captain v Vice Captains 18 hole stableford completion and to Sheila Homer for winning the individual stableford.

November has seen the start of our 9 hole Kisbee Bowl competition, a series of 5 over the winter months with the winner having the best score over the 5 games. Congratulations to Ros Riley for winning KB1 and to Carla Fogarty for winning KB2.

And finally can I just wish you all a very **Happy Christmas and Happy 2022!**

Debbie Verdino

Oundle Golf Club Women's Captain



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Greenkeeper's Report

It was a very interesting start to the month with a tornado sweeping through Northamptonshire causing all sorts of mayhem. With it not being forecast it was just a windy Sunday afternoon that turned into the course having to be shut that day and also on the Monday. With trees down all over the course and the course not looking likely to be open for some time the call went out for help from our members.

On the Monday a army of people turned up with rakes and saws to help clean up the mess. This allowed the greens staff to be able to concentrate on getting the hung-up branches on the floor and making the course safe again. We were only closed for one full day and this was due to the work that was done by the volunteers. I can't thank them enough for their help.

Throughout the rest of the month the Tuesday work party have been working their way through the piles that were created. The greens staff have been concentrating on the bigger branches/ trees that required chainsaw work. This is an ongoing process and we will continue to plug away at it.

The irrigation system has been drained down. This involves using an air compressor to blow all the water out of the pipes. We do this because some of our irrigation pipe work runs only a few inches under the surface at certain parts of the course. By removing all the water there is no chance of them freezing and bursting. There is also a tree leaning against the irrigation tank that will have to be removed carefully to avoid any damage.

During the past month the tractor and trailed rough mower have had an annual service. This is part of an ongoing maintenance program for all of our machines and takes place throughout the year.

We are now in the peak season for leaf fall and they are a problem round the course. We are doing our best to get around and chop them as often as possible. This should last only a few more weeks so please bear with us.

Daniel James

Oundle Golf Club Greenkeeper

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Professional News



Hello Golfers,

We hope you're well.

Christmas is just around the corner!

Are you still stuck on ideas to put on your own wish list? Maybe you need to pick up one or two presents for others? Either way, our pro shop is here for you.

December offers:

Purchase a **Motocaddy S1** or **Powakaddy CT6** for **£549!**



and receive a bag at half price!!

Keep an eye out for the pro shop **Christmas prize draw** with some great prizes up for grabs including: **ping g425 driver, 6 X 30 min lessons, golf shoes, golf bag and much more.**

Spend **£100 or more** and get a **free 1/2 hour lesson.** (Only on full price items)

Pro shop and lesson vouchers available.

We hope you have a great week.

Michael Farr

The Professional Team

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Catering Report

A big Thank You to the Ladies who have done a wonderful job of putting the Christmas Decorations up in the Clubhouse. Christmas has defiantly arrived at OGC.

I'm happy to report that Veronica Lyon will be joining the catering team, Veronica will be doing alternate Saturdays in the Bar and helping out on the occasional function. I am sure that most of you already know Veronica and will join me in welcoming her to her new role in the Bar.

Although Veronica has joined the team I cannot stress how desperate for staff we still are in the Bar and Kitchen. We have already had to make the hard decision to not open the Bar on a Thursday (due to it being the quietest day) and may be forced to look at remaining closed on other days of the week, we simply don't have the staff to cover.

OGC Needs You!! If you know of anyone looking for part-time work please ask them to call me on **01832 273267-3** or via email at **catering@oundlegolfclub.com** or if you yourself are able to help us out then please do let me know.

Sadly, our suppliers are also struggling due to the pandemic and we are finding that a lot of products are out of stock, this obviously has a knock-on effect to us. While we are doing our best to overcome these issues there will be occasions where we cannot provide certain items. We apologise for this and hope we can avoid too many disappointments.



Jemma and the Team

Oundle Golf Club Catering

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