



# Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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## Captain's Report



### From the Captain

As we reach the halfway stage of the golfing season it is great to see so many people playing in the club competitions & knockout competitions. Our teams in the leagues have struggled a little this year, although the Women's Cecil Leitch team are still in the hunt for a top spot in their division. Our men's Scratch team have seen our opponents put out very strong teams against us, in particular the recent game against Priors Hall, but have battled valiantly to maintain a level of respectability in these matches. The league teams are managed by a group of volunteers to ensure we are represented within the NGL pyramid. They have my sincere thanks for their continued support and the opportunity it gives our members to play other courses around the county in a competitive spirit.

We are proud to be hosting one of their Men's County Anglian League matches this weekend (3rd July) against local rivals Cambridgeshire.

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# Captain's Report cont...

It was also great to see Pat Silburn & Carla Fogarty finish 3rd in the 2022 Ladies NGL 4 Ball Betterball competition with a 43 point haul at Thorpe Wood GC. Karen Johnson and Christine Rowell finish one point behind in 5th. Well done ladies!

In the club men's competitions we are moving through our diary of events, in particular our 'major' competitions. I have listed the 'roll of honour' for our winners later in the update. I would, however, like to pay particular attention to the winners of our most recent major competition, The Berridge Bowls. The winners turned out to be two of the oldest serving members of the club, Stuart Davidson and Waring Hynds, close on 90 years of membership at the club, who returned a score of 47 points, beating the pairing of David Reardon and the Club Vice Captain, Chris Dix, on countback – thanks in part to an impressive back 9, 27 point haul (I am sure the Vice-captain will keep this in mind later in the year when carrying out a handicap review!!).

What pleased me most personally, was the reception Stuart & Waring received from the other members after posting their score – I applaud you all for the respect shown to the winners.

## Major Competitions – Roll of Honour

**Apr – Dawson Trophy**

Tony Wilkes

**May – Fairgreive Trophy**

Chris Swan

Liz Swan

**May – Presidents Cup**

Dale Abbott

**Jun – Secretary's Shield**

Dale Abbott

**Jun – Poole Cup**

Cory James

**Jun – Berridge Bowls**

Stuart Davidson

Waring Hynds

## Other News

Continuing on from the recent Captains Charity Day we held a Silent Auction for some wonderful prizes donated by Garry Asbery & Brian Leach. I am happy to report some £550 was raised during the event and I thank those who supported me.

The Womens Open held recently was a huge success and I have to say that it was a well organised and enjoyable day. I am sure the Ladies Captain will report on this in her report.

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## 100 Club

Drawn on Sunday 19th June.....The winners were....

**May-22 £125 Alan Jones**

**May-22 £75 Nick Riley**

**May-22 £50 David Rochford**

There is still time to take part - for the remainder of the year if you'd like to be in it, the cost is £40

## Bar Receipt Draw

As previously reported we hold a month draw for a bottle of wine for the winner of a randomly selected receipt from the bar. The winners so far....

**March – Martin Camp**

**April – Peter Rice**

**May – Phil Churchward**

**June – Charlie Underwood**

## Hole in One Club

The 'Hole in One Club' has been reintroduced with the entry book held behind the bar. As members you are covered for £75 worth of drinks at the bar should you be fortunate enough to record a hole in one during a club match or club competition to help you celebrate the event.

However this does not cover any 'general' golf play so we have introduced the 'Hole in One Club' where you can pay £5 for the year which will provide you with £50 worth of drinks at the bar should you be fortunate enough to record a hole in one during general golf play.

## Open Competitions

Remember we still have scheduled Open Competitions for this year:

• **Oundle Putter Men's Open – Saturday 3rd September**

• **Senior Men's Charity Open – Thursday 8th September**

Entry forms for these competitions can be found around the club and on our website. A great deal of effort goes into organising these competitions and it would be great if we can see a good response from members – where eligible – to enter these competitions.

Remember as these are Opens you can invite family and friends to join you in entering.

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## New members & Handicaps

Are you a new member looking for a game or trying to get your handicap index? Please get in touch with me. I am always happy to welcome new members and help you integrate into the club.

All new members are welcome to contact me directly for a game. My contact details can be found below. I hold regular Captains roll ups on Saturday & Sunday mornings where you can join us and I can also play occasionally during the week.

Those new members who need to get scorecards completed to obtain a handicap are also welcome to contact me for a game so we can arrange to get that official handicap that will allow entry into Club Competitions & Matches.

## Club Captain Events

Throughout the year there are several Captains events. I welcome all members to join me during these events. Dates for these are as follows:

- **Captains Day – Saturday 30th July**
- **Past Captains Day – Sunday 25th September**
- **Captain Vs Lady Captain – Sunday 30th October**

Please do support these events where you can.

I wish to thank all members for their continued support to me as Club Captain and to the others Captains. I look forward to speaking to you all soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any aspect of the golf and social element of the club!

Enjoy your golf, play well and stay safe.



Oundle Golf Club Captain 2019, 2020 & 2021

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# Senior Captain's Report

The last event in May was an exchange day at Sleaford on May 31st, it was attended by 31 Seniors who all had a great day. The event was won by Stephen Holmes. Sleaford also reported that they had a great day at Oundle and thoroughly enjoyed the course and the meal afterwards - well done to Jemma and team.

During the month of June we had 5 matches, losing away to Cold Ashby and Market Harborough, but winning at home against Kingsthorpe, Burghley and Thorney Lakes. For the home match against Burghley we were short of players and drafted in Super Sub Merv Price who had not played a match for 13 years, along with Nick Johns he won 2 & 1.

## **We had 2 competitions in June**

- The Summer Stableford Round 4 which was won by new member Iain Scotland
- The June Medal was won by Yours Truly

Roll Up's are a good way of playing with members you don't normally play with and we have 2 in July on the 6th and 13th - entry lists are now on the Seniors Notice Board

Also in July we have 6 Seniors matches, let's hope we can get that elusive 1st away win. The August match availability sheet is now on the notice board

Here's to a great golfing July.

*Rob Darby*

Oundle Golf Club Senior Captain

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# Womens Captain's Report



The Cecil Leitch Team are playing really well, currently in 2nd place to Overstone. Both teams have played 4 matches and won 3 but there is a 2 point difference between holes won and lost. Our next match Friday 2nd July against Kingsthorpe away, so good luck to the team, we are all rooting for you.

The Womens Open 15th June was very successful. It was great to receive so many positive comments from the visitors and many saying they will come back next year. There were so many people to thank from the Green keepers to Mick Ives, to the Office to the Catering Team, but hopefully I have thanked you all either personally or via email, or even via the newsletter! Sheila Homer did a fantastic job with the registration and scoring which was so successful on Handicapmaster, along with Chris Swan and Richard Cole. This was such a huge job so an extra thank you! I love the fact that when we look at Competition results on our website, we can see our Women's Open and all who entered. Really pleased with how the raffle went, we made £385 for Alzheimer's. Tamayo Barton from Cambridge Country Club very,very kindly donated all of her '2's' winnings ( which was also a great idea) to my charity and there were many very generous donations in the collection box at the halfway house. This was manned superbly by Nick Verdino, Roger Parsell and John Homer. Both their service and dress were much appreciated!

Next event for us is my Captains Day 5th July, great responses from the womens section, we have 21 playing in an 18 hole Stableford and 10 men playing in a 9 hole Stableford - both have a charity 'twist'. Hannah the Pro from Rutland Water is kindly organising a putting competition for the women and a beat the pro challenge for all on the 9th hole. Thanks to John Pengelly for supplying the prizes for beat the Pro. Hannah is very keen to ensure that she does not give away too many sleeves of balls!

Wishing you all fun summer golf!

*Debbie Verdino*

Oundle Golf Club Women's Captain

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# Greenkeeper's Report



This is by far the best time of year to be working on a golf course, gone are the cold winter days and long dark nights. The course is playing firm and fast. The rough is also starting to slow down, dry out and be less penal. All the normal operations have been taking place through the month - these include cutting Greens every day at 4mm, Tees twice a week at 13mm, Fairways twice a week at 19mm and all the rough as often as possible. Also changing holes, raking bunkers, emptying bins, line marking, keeping up to date with the liquid feed program and watering where required.

During the month all the tree bases and path edges have been sprayed with a total herbicide. This will make mowing round them a lot easier and neaten up the appearance of the paths. On the spraying theme the aprons have been spot treated with a selective herbicide to get rid of the broad- leafed weeds.

To make the entrance way to the golf club more appealing we have trimmed the hedge by the front gate and renewed the bark path that leads to the driving net.

The heavy showers followed by hot sunny days have caused the bunkers to become panned and very firm. All the bunkers have been rotavated to relieve the compaction and where there is a lack of sand they have been topped up. This topping up is an on- going process and will continue through- out the year.

"What 3 words" is an app that breaks the whole world down into three-meter square segments, each having its own unique sequence of three words. In the event of an emergency please call the emergency services and tell them your "what 3 words" location. They will be able to pin-point your exact location anywhere on the course. This is useful if you need an air ambulance instead of just giving Oundle Golf Club as your location. Notices will be placed in all the shelters and at strategic points round the course giving the specific "what 3 words" location.

The work party have been busy round the course, they have trimmed the conifers behind the 14th green making it easier to find your ball if you go through the back of the green. They have also been doing some maintenance work on the paths that run down the hill on 10 and 17. Keep up the good work fellas.

*Daniel James*

Oundle Golf Club Greenkeeper

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# Professional News



We were delighted to see 56 ladies play in a very successful Ladies Open in mid-June. This was a fantastic turn out in great weather and everyone also very much enjoyed the course and the shopping!

You may have seen Jordan's large cup in the Pro Shop. He did fantastically well to win the Northamptonshire County Nett Trophy and was also Runner Up in the 36 hole Gross Trophy, so very well done to him.

You will be seeing some new faces in the Pro Shop in July: Joe and Mark have recently joined the team and are looking forward to meeting all the members.

Hannah Vaughan will be continuing to come over from Rutland Water to provide lessons on Tuesday and Friday afternoons for members of all ages and abilities. Please contact the Pro Shop if you would like to book in. Hannah was also involved in a Beat The Pro Challenge on Lady Captain's Day, which was also very well attended.

## In July we have a special offer on clothing:

- Purchase one item and get 10% discount
- Buy two items and get 20% off!

We also have **Gents Ping G410 Drivers** which were on sale at £379 **now at £299**.

For **Ladies** we have the **Ping GLe2 Drivers** now **on sale at £299** (were £389).

Also, if anyone would like to **try a demo** set of Ping G425 gents irons or Ladies GLe2 irons on the course, **please contact the Pro Shop**.

Finally, a reminder that you can contact John Pengelly 07949706445 if you would like to book a fitting for irons, woods or drivers.

*John Pengelly*

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