



# Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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## Chairperson's Report



**Dear Members,**

The Club's annual meeting to approve last year's accounts is being held at the Club on **Wednesday 10th August at 7pm**. We will also discuss the finances for the current year. Please make an effort to attend if you are able.

Thank you.

*Peter Jzod*

Oundle Golf Club Chairperson

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# Captain's Report



## From the Captain

In my last communique I made a comment on the fact two of our longest serving members were victorious in winning The Berridge Bowls. However due to a Captains error, I reported Stuart Davidson had been part of the winning pair when in fact it was Stewart Davidson, my apologies fella!!

Last weekend saw the pinnacle of the Captain's year, Captain's Day, which was well supported by the members. 80 players took part on the day and judging from the feedback received it was a most enjoyable day. These events do not happen by chance and a great deal of work and planning go into the event. I must say a great thankyou to the bar and catering team – Jemma, Paula, Veronica and Roger. Roger was an absolute star on the day at the halfway house and at the bar. However it was his efforts on the 9th tee challenge that will sit fondly in my memory (less said the better). My thanks also to the Greens team in getting the course prepared. Jordan and Joe in the pro-shop made the day go smoothly, indeed Jordan provided the challenge on the 9th, which I have to report none of my group failed to beat him. I must also thank my partner Debs and good friend Max for providing on course refreshments.

On the playing front I was joined by the last two Club Captains, Denis Price and Garry Asbery as well as my vice-captain Chris Dix.



### The Captain's team on the first tee.

Clearly the vice-captain will keep the tradition of fines for any 'short' jokes going during his year in office??

## Captains Day Results

A wide range of prizes were on offer for the successful teams. The **first prize** for the men's team was won by **Tony Burrows and guest player**.



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The **first prize** for the **women's team** was won by **Pat Silburn & Carla Fogarty**.

The **first prize** for the **mixed team** was won by **Sarah & Roger Parsell**.

Whist the **second place** prize for the **women's competition** was won by **Christine Rowell & Pat Bishton**.

Congratulations to all the winners and thankyou to everyone for taking part.

## Captains Day Results

### Men's Competition

1st	Tony Burrows & Jim Harvey	46pts on countback
2nd	Andrew Billing & Malcolm Taylor	46pts
3rd	Nick Harrison & Stuart Burgess	45pts on countback

### Women's Competition

1st	Pat Silburn & Carla Fogarty	46pts
2nd	Christine Rowell & Pat Bishton	45pts

### Mixed Competition

1st	Sarah & Roger Parsell	47pts
2nd	Kim & Paul Pateman	44pts

Nearest the pin @ 3rd	No winner
Nearest the pin @ 9th	Richard Cole
Nearest the pin @ 13th	Graeme Eadie
Nearest the line @ 15th	Sheila Homer
Nearest the pin in 2 @ 18th	Sarah Parsell
Twos pot @ 13th	Brian Leach £64
	Graeme Eadie £64

### Major Competitions – Roll of Honour

Apr – Dawson Trophy	Tony Wilkes	Jun – Poole Cup	Cory James
May – Fairgreive Trophy	Chris Swan	Jun – Berridge Bowls	Stuart Davidson
	Liz Swan		Waring Hynds
May – Presidents Cup	Dale Abbott		

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## 100 Club

Drawn on Sunday 30th July.....**The winners were....**

Jul-22	£125	No Winner – Roll over
Jul-22	£75	Liam Bulmer
Jul-22	£50	Jennifer Anderson

## 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  
July – David Warren

## 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.

I am pleased to report that in recent weeks two members have made use of this facility. Tony Burrows using the £75 option for his hole in one on the 9th during the July medal, whilst Dale Abbott fortunately entered into the 'Hole in One' book at the start of the year and used the facility of £50 to celebrate his 'Hole in One' on the 10th

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## 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.

## 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 Captain's events. I welcome all members to join me during these events. Dates for these are as follows:

**Past Captains' Day – Sunday 25th September**

**Captain Vs Lady Captain – Sunday 30th October**

Please do support these events where you can.

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## Volunteer Action Group

I have been asked by one of our members, who is a trustee of Volunteer Action (VA), to see whether OGC members can help this valued local charity. VA's main activity is organizing its volunteer drivers to drive its members to hospital & other medical appointments, as well as various 'social' destinations. They cover Oundle & Thrapston, plus over 50 surrounding villages.

With demand for their services growing, VA need to recruit additional volunteer drivers. You would not have to make a regular commitment, but could drive just as often as you wish. You would be paid 45p per mile for all journeys, but the main reward is in helping with this important community service. VA are also keen to fill a gap in their service, which does not currently meet the needs of local wheelchair users, as most of their drivers do not have vehicles that can transport a person in their wheelchair. There may be OGC members who have a vehicle designed, or modified, to transport their personal golf buggies, in which case VA would be particularly pleased to hear from you.

If you are interested in driving for VA in whatever capacity, please email Carolyn Noble - [admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk](mailto:admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk).

I wish to thank all members for their continued support to me as Club Captain and to the other 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.

*Tony Shillcock*

Oundle Golf Club Captain 2019, 2020 & 2021

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# Senior Captain's Report

It has been an extremely hot and dry month and the ball has been travelling a long way, the fairways now need an extreme downpour but it is great to be hitting drives 20 yards further than normal.

During the month we had 5 matches, the match against Collingtree was postponed due to extreme heat with the temperature around 40 degrees, this will now take place on September 26th.

We won all 3 home matches highlighted by an impressive 7 - 1 win against the Warwickshire.

Amazingly we recorded our first away win of the season at Thorney Lakes - a 3.5 - 2.5 victory. Unfortunately, we could not repeat that at Kilworth Springs and lost 2.5 to 5.5.

## We had 2 competitions in July

- The Summer Stableford Rnd 5 was won by Garry Asbery with 43 points - Current standings are displayed on the Seniors Notice board.
- The July Summers Medal Division 1 was won by David Reardon with a net score of 68; Division 2 and overall winner was Gerry Morgan with a net score of 67.

In August we have 7 matches and 3 competitions, a very busy month.

In September we have 3 matches planned, the availability sheet is now on the Seniors notice board. We also have 3 competitions including the Poole Cup, details will also be displayed on the Seniors notice board.

On September 27th we have my Captain's Away day at Rutland Water - The cost is £40 and includes coffee and bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes of golf, a 1 course meal and lots of prizes - so your support for this event will be greatly appreciated especially as this will be my last major event prior to the AGM. The entry list is now on the Seniors notice board so please get your names down.

Here's to a great golfing August.

*Rob Darby*

Oundle Golf Club Senior Captain

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# Womens Captain's Report



Congratulations to the Cecil Leitch team who are through to the quarter final which is being played at Daventry 9th August. Good luck to those playing, Pat Silburn, Veronica Lyon, Carla Fogarty, Sheila Homer and Sarah Parsell, as always we are rooting for you.

I had a wonderful Women's Captains Day 5th July and wish to thank all of you who participated and made it such a great day. We had an 18 hole Stableford for the women with a slight twist and a 9 hole for the men.

Thanks to Jordan for preparing all the cards and giving great advice to those who asked about the holes to choose to double their scores.

A putting competition was won jointly by Liz Swan and Karen Johnson, nearest the pin on the 3rd won by Ros Riley and nearest the in pin in two on the 14th hole won by Sheila Homer.

Hannah our temporary Pro did a fantastic job on the 9th Hole with her beat the Pro challenge, Pat Silburn and Chris Swan managed to do this, but fun was had by all and I must say I think everyone upped their drives as there were some great attempts!

Louis kept the refreshments going at the halfway house (big thank you to my husband Nick for doing all the prep work beforehand) I had thought that Pimms in the morning might not go down too well but how wrong I was, tea however was also available!

Thanks once again to Sheila Homer and Richard Cole for setting up the competitions on Handicapmaster and to Sheila for checking and closing.

We had a sit down meal afterwards for which we all changed out of our golfing gear. It was fantastic to see the clubhouse buzzing with people chatting and mingling in what was our first Women's Captain's Day since 2019.

Gemma and her team did us proud and I thank them for all their efforts in contributing to making it such a successful day.

**The winner for the women was Alison Page and for the men Richard Cole.**

Thank you to all for making it such a fantastic day.

Other competitions in July have seen Alison Page winning a 9 hole Stableford (that handicap must be coming down!), Ros Riley the 18 hole competition and congratulations to Claire Izod and Christine Rowell for winning the Jubilee Greensomes.

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Here are some fantastic photo's from our Women's Captains Day:



Ros Riley was the winner of the Esme Coton Trophy for nearest the pin on the 3rd hole and Alison Page was the winner of the competition.



Wishing you all a happy August's golfing.

*Debbie Verdino*

Oundle Golf Club Women's Captain



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# Greenkeeper's Report



July has been a record-breaking month with temperatures reaching into the forties for a couple of days. This combined with only having 6mm of rain for the entire month has made the course play just about as firm and fast as it is ever likely to get. I hope you enjoy the long drives as they won't last forever!

Just as sod's law dictates when you need something the most that's when it is most likely to break. This was the case for the irrigation system, when we needed it most the liner for the tank that stores the irrigation water after it has been pumped out of the bore hole split all around the top edge of the tank. Luckily it was able to have a temporary fix done on it by holding the liner in place using clamps borrowed from the local farmer and some brought in from home by Gary. As the system is literally not as water tight as it should be we cannot trust it to run overnight like we would normally. If the tank were to leak when nobody was around overnight, the pump would keep running trying to pump water out onto the course then run dry and break down, this would also then need to be replaced adding to the cost. To get around this problem we have been half filling the tank to ease the water pressure on the liner and running the system first thing in the morning so we can keep an eye on it. The sprinklers being on in the mornings have caught some golfers out but hopefully we will sort this problem out in the near future. There has also been some general maintenance of the irrigation system going on. This consists of replacing some of the worn-out sprinklers around the course and making sure they are all working and pointing in the correct direction - not watering bunkers by accident.

During these dry times it is important to use water as efficiently as possible. For this reason, the greens have been sprayed with a wetting agent. This chemical allows water to move through the soil profile and gives the grass plant the moisture it needs over an extended period of time. This combined with the liquid feed is giving the greens a bright green appearance and making them stand out from the rest of the burned-out course.

The crossing points over the ditches round the course have been strimmed to try and neaten up appearances. Around the 18th green has also been strimmed for the same reason.

The work party have been concentrating on the bridge at the 17th. They have fabricated all the crossing boards using scaffolding planks then laid them in place replacing the old metal sections. They have also added AstroTurf sections to stop people slipping. This has greatly improved that bridge and my thanks goes out to them.

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Just a final word of warning from me, if you do smoke please make sure you fully extinguish your tobacco products before throwing them away. Thanks for your help with this.

*Daniel James*

Oundle Golf Club Greenkeeper



## OUR UPCOMING OPEN COMPETITIONS



### OUNDLE GOLF CLUB HOSTS: OUNDLE PUTTER MEN'S OPEN

Saturday **3rd September 2022 07:00 - 14:00**

**18 Hole Pairs Better Ball Stableford**

Complimentary coffee on arrival & lunch (pie, chips & veg) after your game.

Closing date for entries 12th August 2022

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### OUNDLE GOLF CLUB HOSTS: SENIOR MEN'S AUTUMN CHARITY OPEN

Thursday **8th September 2022 07:30 - 14:30**

**18 Hole Pairs Better Ball Stableford**

Complimentary coffee on arrival & refreshments at the Halfway House

Closing date for entries 22nd August 2022

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# Professional News



We were delighted to see so many people participate in Captain's Day at the end of the month, thank you to everyone who took part helping make it such a successful event. Congratulations and thanks go to Tony Shillcock for another great Captaincy and for organising a great day.

Now we are in to August, it's definitely time to make the effort and get yourselves on the golf course while the weather is good and course conditions at their best.

A reminder that all players, whether members or their guests, should register in the Pro Shop prior to playing, rather than going straight to the tee please. Staff need to be aware of who has arrived and is ready to play and sometimes there is information we need to give players. Thank you and we wish you great golf throughout the month.

## August Pro Shop Specials

- Powakaddy CT6 electric trolleys, usually £749, two available at only £629
- Motocaddy S1 electric trolleys. The new model is usually £599 - we're offering it with a Dry Series Waterproof bag worth £229 for only £749. A saving of £79!
- The clothing sale of 20% off all items also continues through August.

*John Pengelly*

The Professional Team

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# Catering Report

July has seen a welcome increase in the use of the Bar and Catering facilities, however we still would like to see more people making use of the facility.

Remember you can hire our rooms for free as members of the club and we would be happy to support any event.

One event that has already been booked is a Race Night open to all members. This is on the 27th August at 19:30. This is a ticket event, £6.00 a head to include a buffet. It is being hosted by the Thrapston Masons, for more detail and to book your tickets please contact Allen Betts on 07872101790. It would be great to see some of our members supporting this and the club.

The Women's Captain's Day was a huge success and it was lovely to see so many Women in the clubhouse enjoying themselves. Well done Debbie!

The decision has been made to close the HWH. It will be open on certain busy/event days, we will advertise this with plenty of notice so you know when to bring your cash and to not to have breakfast at home.

Louis is no longer working with us, he is spending some time with family before returning to university in America. I am sure you will all agree that his smiling face will be missed. Louis has been a great help over the summer working the HWH most days and helping out in the Bar and Restaurant. We wish him all the best for the future.

Remember we are still running Sunday Lunch on the first Sunday of the month. Please book to avoid disappointment.

As always thank you for your support,

*Jemma and the Team*

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