



# Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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## Captain's Report



### From the Captain

With the fine weather continuing the competitive golf events are getting more enjoyable. This past weekend saw the Men's Open – The Oundle Putter event take place, with Oundle winners. Colin Stanyon and Malcolm Taylor secured first place with a fine 50 point haul. Second place with 49 points were fellow member Richard Jones and his guest, Mark Carter, with Tony Shillcock and Chris Hankins taking third place with 47 points. The weekend was made complete with our friendly match against Overstone Golf Club with Oundle winning 5-1.

I must thank everyone who played at the weekend, those people who supported the running of the events and of course our fabulous bar & catering team for their hard work.

It has been a sad week at the club, where we have seen the departure of our Bar & Catering manager Jemma who has moved on to pastures new. Jemma was with us for six years, and personally a great help to me during my years as Captain, I wish her well in her new role and I know many members have also expressed their thanks for her support to Oundle Golf Club. Whilst she will be missed, I am confident that the team will continue to deliver the high level of service we have experienced during her time with us.

As the competitions continue we have seen wins for Denis Price in the Watts Russell Trophy and Mark James taking the Lascelles Cup. In the Reg-Rawding trophy, the four man team of Chris Treweeks, Richard Nunn, Barry Watts and Michael Thompson scored 97 points to secure the win.



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## Major Competitions – Roll of Honour

<b>Apr – Dawson Trophy</b>	Tony Wilkes
<b>May – Fairgreive Trophy</b>	Chris Swan
	Liz Swan
<b>May – Presidents Cup</b>	Dale Abbott
<b>Jun – Secretary's Shield</b>	Dale Abbott
<b>Jun – Poole Cup</b>	Cory James
<b>Jun – Berridge Bowls</b>	Stuart Davidson
	Waring Hynds
<b>Aug - Watts Russell Trophy</b>	Denis Price
<b>Auh - Lascelles Cup</b>	Mark James
<b>Aug - Reg Rawding Trophy</b>	Chris Treweeks
	Richard Nunn
	Barry Watts
	Michael Thompson

In the Women's Club Championships Pat Silburn secured the Gross prize with a score of 174 whilst Carla Fogarty secured the Nett result with a score of 142. The Men's Club Championships take place this weekend.

## 100 Club

Drawn on Friday 2nd September.....The winners were....

**Aug-22 £250 Rollover Tony Murdoch**

**Aug-22 £75 Veronica Lyon**

**Aug-22 £50 Michael Thompson**

## 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	June – Charlie Underwood
April – Peter Rice	July – David Warren
May – Phil Churchward	Aug – Linda McLeod

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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

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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:

- **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

August has been a very busy month for Seniors Matches, we have had 4 home games and 3 away games.

Our form at home has continued to be very good, we have won all 4 games with the best result being a 7 matches to 1 win against The Warwickshire. But unfortunately, our away form has continued to be not so good with us losing all 3 away games.

Our Total match record for this year is played 24, won 13, drew 1 and lost 10.

We had 3 competitions during August.

Summer Stableford round 6 on 1st August - won by Nick Johns with 42 points.

Seniors Medal won by Charlie Underwood with a net score of 69. Amazingly we had heavy rain that day and a number of players did not finish, so well done to Charlie who won by 5 clear shots.

Summer Stableford round 7 was won by Gerry Morgan with an enormous points score of 47!

The Summer Stableford has 8 rounds with the best 5 rounds for each player being totalled and the player with highest cumulative score wins - After 7 rounds it is extremely tight with myself and Steve Holmes being tied at the top, although there are a number of players who have only played 4 rounds, the deciding round 8 takes place on Wednesday 7th September.

We have our Charity Open on 8th September which is a 4 ball Am-Am, so hopefully you have all entered. The Charity this year is Prostate Cancer, an extremely important charity to us Seniors. On the day we make a lot of money on the raffle, but we're reliant on prize donations. So, if you are able to donate a prize please leave it with the bar staff or bring it along on the day if you are playing.

The Seniors Captain vs Vice Captain event has been moved From Wednesday 12th October to Wednesday 21st September. This will be a fun match-play event, where members will be put into teams of 2 and represent the Captain or Vice Captain. The entry sheet is now on the Seniors notice Board.

We also have my Captains Away Day on September 27th at Rutland Water - the list is currently on the board and we have a good number of entrants but could do with a few more, so if you have not yet put your name down please do so. The list will be taken down on the 12th September.

Sadly, the year is coming to an end, September match sheets have been communicated, we then have only 1 match left, an Away match at Peterborough Milton on Thursday 6th October. The availability sheet for this match will be displayed on the notice board shortly - Unfortunately it will be the last time we have a Seniors match at Peterborough Milton as they believe our course is too hilly for them and have dropped us from their list. Here's to a great golfing September.

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*Rob Darby*

Oundle Golf Club Senior Captain

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# Womens Captain's Report



Cecil Leitch - unfortunately our team did not make it past the quarter final despite their very best efforts. They played at Daventry on what was probably one of the hottest days this year. Matches were taking over five hours so well done and thank you to all who played that day, stamina and commitment are two words that spring to mind! We will be back next year.

Many thanks to Pat Silburn for all her hard work as Cecil Leitch Captain organising the matches and players.

Thank you to Pat, Sarah Parsell, Karen Taylor, Sheila Homer, Carla Fogarty, Ros Riley, Karen Johnson, Veronica Lyon, Kim Pateman and Liz Swan for being part of the team this year

A very successful Northants Women's Past Captains was hosted at Oundle, Lyn Cater did a great job organising from Oundle end, a buffet was had and the halfway house manned by myself and Karen Johnson went down very well. Because of the extremely hot weather the decision was made by the President to only play nine holes and it was agreed by all that this was absolutely the right decision.

Mixed Centenary was played at Northampton 20th August, Oundle won by just three points and so get to keep the trophy for another year! It was a great day and enjoyed by all.

Week beginning 22nd August saw the Women's Club Championships being played. Pat Silburn retained the title with Kim Pateman runner up. But congratulations also to Carla Fogarty with best net score and Sarah Parsell as runner up.

Cancer Salver played the following week was won by Lyn Cater with a net score of 68 and runner up Sarah Parsell with a net score of 70.

The 9-hole Stableford was won by Alison Page.

The Captains at Oundle were invited to play at Sleaford on 31st August as the last event of Sleaford's Golf week. Tony Shillcock, Chris Dix, Karen Taylor and myself spent an enjoyable day on the course although it had been really battered by the weather (the greens though were green and fast!). We had preferred lies on the fairway and it was a case in some instances of find the tuft of grass! However, this did not stop us having a fun day and we came in with a respectable 4th place.

After what seems to have been a very busy summer we still have plenty on, so happy golfing to all for September and beyond.

*Debbie Verdino*

Oundle Golf Club Women's Captain

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# Greenkeeper's Report

Coming to the end of August has brought about a welcome change in the weather. With the temperatures sometimes getting up into the forties it has been a very long hot dry summer. In August we have had 54mm of rain with 35 of that falling in one day. This led to it running over the surface and not penetrating the soil. With the persistent light rain comes a transformation of the course and some actual green grass in places.

The fairways and rough have started to grow and will recover in time on their own. If it does become wet and muddy it may mean introducing placing on the fairways earlier than usual, watch this space. The tees are starting to recover naturally on their own. We will put a slow release fertilizer on in the next few weeks that will keep working over the next three months, this should repair most of the damage done by the dry conditions. Some of the tees will need more renovation works done on them depending on the severity of the damage and this will be done after the club championships while the soil temperature is up and the grass is still growing.

The greens have been under a lot of stress over an extended period of time this year. The extreme weather conditions coupled with the 25+ year old irrigation system not working at full capacity has led to some dry areas occurring. When the green is under the most stress you get to see the weak areas, some of these like on the first green and the back of the eleventh are caused by tree roots encroaching onto the green and the grass not being able to compete. Other areas like the right-hand side of the sixth green is caused by the build-up of sand splash over the years leading to poor soil texture. Where there are bare areas in the middle of the green the sprinkler system may just not be able to reach them. We will resolve these issues with the greens at the end of September during the maintenance weeks. The greens will be verti-drained, over seeded and top dressed. This combined with fertilization and raising the height of cut from 4mm to 5mm will get us in a strong position going into the winter.

To neaten up the appearance of the course the ditches have been flailed, the hedges outside the clubhouse have been cut, the fairways have been mown using the rotary mower to remove the stalks, the greens have been hand weeded to remove the broad-leaved weeds and scares have been put out to try and move the crows on.

We have been working with Jemma for six years on and off now and it is always sad when people move on, but we all wish her well in her new job and hope to see her back playing some day.

*Daniel James*  
Oundle Golf Club Greenkeeper

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# Professional News



We'd like to thank Nicky and Joe who have helped out in the Pro Shop over the Summer; they've done a great job for us and we wish them well.

On Tuesday 6th September we welcome Jamie Clibbison, who joins us from American Golf at Thorpe Wood and is looking forward to meeting all the members and welcoming you to the Pro Shop.

## Pro Shop Offers for September

### Ping Specials

- Gents G400 steel irons 5-SW only £529 (7 clubs)
- Gents G410 steel irons 5-PW only £499 (6 clubs)
- Gents G410 steel irons 5-SW only £599 (7 clubs)
- Gents G425 steel irons 5-SW only £799 (7 clubs). Demo set available to try.
- Ladies GLe2 5 & 6 hybrids plus 5 irons (7, 8, 9, W, SW) only £749

### Motocaddy Electric Trolleys

- S1 trolley - new for 2022, Motocaddy's easiest-to-use trolley with one-click assembly at only £549
- M1 trolley - the compact one at only £649!
- M5 smart trolley with GPS £849

We hope everyone enjoys their golf in September.  
Best wishes,

*John Pengelly*

The Professional Team

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# Catering Report

August has been another very busy month for the catering team, several Match Meals, Probus Meals and Societies have been catered for, along with the Past Ladies Captain Buffet, a Christening, The Red Kite Walking Group and a very successful Race Night.

Please remember that the Facilities here are free to hire for members, OGC is a great venue for all types of parties and licenced till midnight.

Sunday Roasts are still running on the first Sunday of the month, contact a member of the catering team to book your place.

As this is my last Newsletter entry I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for everything over the past 6 years. You were all very welcoming to me when I started working at OGC with Mel and Gem Catering, one of the main reasons I offered to stay on after Mel and Gem left.

With my new job I will have more spare time and I intend to continue my Golf, I have also made several friends here at OGC so I will be back occasionally to play and sit on the other side of the Bar.

A special Thank You to Debbie and the Ladies section for my lovely card and gift, and to the Committee for my Flowers.

It has been a pleasure to look after you all at the 19th hole.

I wish you all and OGC the best for the future.

Missing you already!

*Jemma and the Team*

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