



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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Chairperson's Report



The course is being prepared for the winter period and members will have noticed a new mat on the 4th tee.

This mat has been donated by a member of the Club. The mat is portable and enables the green staff to move its position regularly so as to avoid further damage to the tee. The mat is of good quality and will take most types of tee but the compromise of it being portable means that it is softer under foot than a fixed mat.

I know that some members have been critical of the speed of the greens this year. With this in mind the Club is investigating the purchase of a greens iron, which will help in increasing the speed of the greens. This is an expense that has not been budgeted for and which will also increase our costs of fuel and manpower, therefore additional funds will need to be raised to purchase the iron. We are committed to improving the quality of the greens but obviously this means extra expenditure. If you are able to provide a contribution towards the purchase of the iron please could you contact me on pod.izod@btinternet.com.

Could I also remind members that the AGM for the election of officers of the Club will be held on Friday 9th December at 7pm. The meeting will be followed by the presentation of trophies won during the year.

Please make every effort to attend the meeting if you are able.



Captain's Report



From the Captain

As we enter the winter period of our golfing calendar, the work for our green-keeping team does not stop. Not only do they continue to prepare the course for our playing pleasure, they are also busy trying to control the natural debris on the course, namely the thousands of leaves falling during this autumn time. Having experienced the frustration of a perfectly driven ball into the middle of the fairway suddenly 'disappearing' I appreciate their efforts to keep the level of leaves down, it's just that time of year!!

Golfers themselves can assist the green-keeping team by replacing divots, raking bunkers and repairing pitch marks as they go. It's part of the game and helps everybody if we all do this.

I have received several comments about the time being taken to complete rounds. With the onset of autumn and the issue with falling leaves leading to more searching for stray balls, players are reminded of the 3 minute rule for searching for balls. Also, I would like to remind players to observe their tee start time in order to allow sufficient time between playing groups – in other words, please do not start before your allotted tee time. May I also remind players that you should be keeping up with the group in front of you, not just in front of the group behind. I appreciate all players supporting this.

The Club AGM, where we nominate the officers to support the club is fast approaching. These are important positions that need to be filled in order to ensure the smooth running of the club; as a members' club this is particularly important. Without sufficient volunteers, the running of the club becomes harder for those who have stepped forward to help. If you can offer some time to help out please let me or the Chairman, Peter Izod know.

The AGM, on the 9th December 2022, will be followed by the club Presentation Evening where we acknowledge the winners of this year's competitions. I do hope all winners can come on the night.

Captain's Report - Continued



Major Competitions – Roll of Honour

April	Dawson Trophy	Tony Wilkes
May	Fairgrieve Trophy	Chris Sawn
		Liz Swan
May	Presidents Cup	Dale Abbott
June	Secretary's Shield	Dale Abbott
June	Poole Cup	Cory James
June	Berridge Bowls	Stewart Davidson
		Waring Hynds
Aug	Watts Russell Trophy	Denis Price
Aug	Lascelles Cup	Mark James
Aug	Reg Rawding Trophy	Chris Treweeks
		Richard Nunn
		Barry Watts
		Michael Thompson
Sept	Cotton Cup (Club Champion)	Charlie Fowler
Sept	Potter Bowl	Neil March
Sept	Cummings Cup	Tony Shillcock
Sept	Elaine Leach Charity Cup	Andrew Billing
		David Jack
		Robert Tansley
		Ed Jones
Sept	Fletton Cup	Jack Bolsover
Oct	Fenwick Cups	Gerry Robson
Oct		Barry Robson
Oct	Champion of Champions	Chris Hankins



Captain's Report - Continued



Club Captain Events

Throughout the year there have been several Captain's events. The final event of the year was Captain Vs Women's Captain held on Sunday 30th October. An eagerly awaited event by both Captains as it marks the final event of our year, except the AGMs where we hand over the reins to the new Captains.

This year was the first time in a few years that we have been able to hold this event due to Covid-19 or the odd tornado sweeping through the course, so both Captains were keen to secure victory.

From the Men's Captain's perspective it all started well with my playing partner, Gerry Robson, and I securing a win against Women's Captain, Debbie Verdino and her playing partner Paul Kime, by one shot!! Sadly the joy was short-lived as the next three games all went the 'wrong' way and the Women's Captain secured a 10-shot victory. Congratulations to the Women's Captain's team.

The match was followed by a meal and presentations. A huge thank you to Roger and Paula for preparing our food.

During the presentations, we were able to recognise the achievements of Gerry & Barry Robson who won both the Glapthorne Salver knockout competition and the Fenwick Cups this year. Congratulations to you both.



Captain's Report - Continued

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

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Senior Captain's Report



October saw the completion of our match fixtures with a substantial home win against Collingtree and an away defeat at Peterborough Milton. So we have finished the season having won 15 lost 13 and drew 1 and remained undefeated at home - well done to all who played in these matches.

October is also the start of our Winter programme when we have a lot more team competitions, so please look out for these and get your name down.

The October medal and Div 2 winner was John Foster with a net score of 70, Div 1 was won by Trevor Brant with a net score of 72.

Our last board competition for the year is the Robinson Trophy which is a 4 ball better ball and this was won by Jim Clarke and Bob Ward with an incredible 50 points, felt sorry for Charlie Underwood and Barry Robson who came second with 49 points.

Our winter Stableford started on 19th October - this is an 8 round Stableford competition that takes place during the winter with the best 5 rounds for each player counting for the Total competition. Round 1 was won by Barry Robson with 41 points.

Breakfast roll up's will take place throughout the winter with the 1st taking place on the 19th. At this Roll Up we trialled Bacon rolls and Coffee prior to the golf instead of a full breakfast. We will seek to get members views at the AGM.

The Seniors AGM is taking place on the 9th November - There will be a Roll Up followed by lunch at 12.30pm and then the meeting will take place at 2pm. I am very happy to say that we have raised £4000 for the Prostate Cancer charity, with the majority of that coming from the Seniors Charity Open, a big thank you to Peter Rice and all who supported him. A representative from the charity will be attending the lunch and accepting the cheque, she will say a few words about the charity and the work they do.

So my year as Captain is over, it has been very enjoyable and I thank all the Seniors who have supported me throughout the year.

Rob Darby

Women's Captain's Report



We played our last friendly of the season against Wellingborough at Wellingborough in early October but unfortunately lost the match, many thanks to Pat Silburn for arranging all of the friendlies this year alongside her role as Cecil Leitch Captain and organiser.

Other competitions in October have seen Carla Fogarty win an 18 hole Stableford competition with 38 points, Megan Smedley a 9 hole Stableford with 23 points and Pat Silburn win the Stableford/ medal winners final with a net score of 72.

The Womens Captain V Vice Womens Captain was played 18th October, thank you to all who took part, it was a good day with teams wearing either something blue or pink depending on whose team they were in. I cannot believe the weather we had that day, absolutely clear bright blue skies and so warm. The course looked fantastic in all its glory of autumnal colours and such a pleasure to be playing. Karen Taylor was the highest scorer for the pink team (Vice Captain's) with 35 points and Ros Riley for the Women's Captains team in blue with 37 points, however despite Ros's score it was not enough and the Vice Captains Team won - well done to all on Karen's team.

On Sunday 31st October, Tony and I had our last event as Captain's, the Captain v Women's Captain. We had mixed teams and played a Texas scramble. I am delighted to report that the Women's Team won! Tony however was able to take some solace from the fact fact that he and Gerry Robson beat myself and Paul Kime even though there was just one point in it! Thanks to Tony for organising the event and to all those who played in it. We had a fun day.

Our AGM is coming up on 22nd November, we will be having a lunch first at 1pm with the meeting following on afterwards at 2pm. I look forward to reviewing the year and officially welcoming in Karen Taylor as our Captain for 22/23. I wish her the best of luck in her new role and know that she will be as well supported as I have been this year.

Happy autumnal golfing.
Debbie



Professional News

As we go into the shorter daylight hours we hope you'll still keep practising and making the effort to get out on the course as much as possible.

So you can enjoy your golf during the Autumn and Winter, hopefully you have waterproof shoes and your spikes are in good condition. It's also worth checking your grips are not too worn as you don't want to be gripping the club tighter than normal in the cold! It might be worth popping into the Shop for a check up.

And as Christmas is now fast approaching, don't forget the Pro Shop offers plenty of gift ideas, including lesson vouchers especially if you have a family member who is thinking about getting into golf - a great way to get the ball rolling!

Enjoy your golf,
John Pengelly PGA Professional

November Offers

Pro Shop:

For November only, Motocaddy S1 at only £499.

New for 2022, the S1 is Motocaddy's easiest to use trolley with one-click assembly.

Buy any waterproof jacket and get the bottoms for half price. We stock Ping, FootJoy and Galvin Green.

Lesson offer

Buy three half-hour lessons with Hannah for £75 and get a free 5-hole playing lesson.

Catering Report



Good day to you all.

I hope you have all had a good month. Sadly, the weather is changing to the cold dark nights and mornings. Yuk.

Over the last month the catering department has been doing various things behind the scenes.

Myself and Nes had a very productive meeting with Ben and Michael from Pilgrim who are our main supplier. We were looking at various ideas we feel we could use in the bar. We are looking at making some changes to the menu so we have a little something for everyone. All I need to help drive this forward is all of your support. It would be lovely to see some more new faces frequent the bar. On the 23rd of October I came in to offer bacon/sausage baps and coffee to everyone before they went out to play. Unfortunately, the weather was awful so it was a bit of a wash out. No pun intended. The good news though is I will keep trying. Please keep a look out for the signs I will continue to put out by the front door. Do take the time to read it and put your name on the provided paper so I know who will be coming. I'm sure you understand this will cut down on cooking food that isn't needed.

Well that's it for now. Until next month take care and keeping enjoying your golf.

Best wishes

Roger Jordan



Member News!

Alan Jones and his playing partner, Phil Twisleton recently received an invite to visit JCB Golf Club!

JCB's Course is very exclusive - you only get to play by invitation, so Phil and Alan were very lucky boys!

Alan said: "It was my playing partner, Phil Twisleton that got the invitation. He works for a forklift company and they have dealings with JCB. It took him two years to get it but it was well worth the wait. You even get a golf towel with your name on it!"



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