



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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Chairperson's Report



I hope that most full members have now received their renewal notices and I thank those of you that have already paid their subscription. If you are able to do so, I would ask you to pay your subscription at your earliest opportunity. This is very helpful for our cash flow and assists us for budgeting purposes. Those paying before the end of February will receive 2 guest vouchers.

Our new Club professional, David Moreland, will be joining us on 1st April and he is looking forward to playing an active part both on and off the course. David was a junior champion at Oundle and for the past 20 years has been a golf professional in Qatar. He will also be looking to employ an assistant professional to assist him in reception.



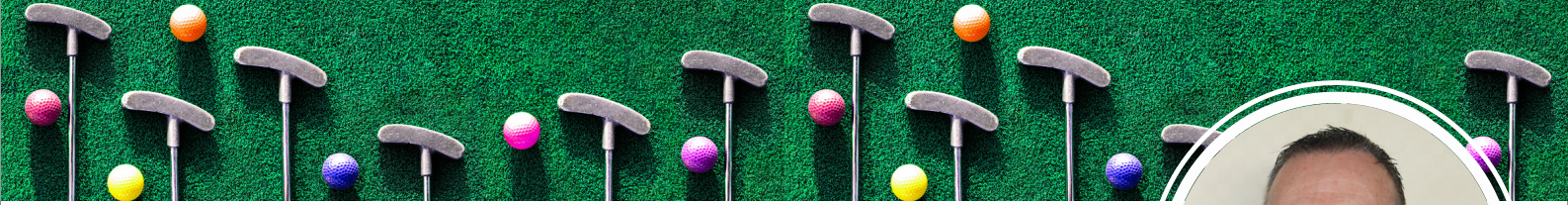
Chairperson's Report - continued

The Club is also looking to employ additional catering staff to assist Roger but in the interim I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped in the kitchen and behind the bar. If you are able to help for 2 or 3 hours , usually at lunchtimes, please let the office know by email on Office@oundlegolfclub.com.

We are also putting a lot of effort into trying to attract new members and visitors. If you meet players on the course who you do not know, please be welcoming and considerate so that they can enjoy the experience of playing our course to the maximum.

Thank you.

Peter



Captain's Report

I will start this newsletter by congratulating January's winner's, in what was extremely tough conditions, with greens like trampolines with the hard frost for most of the month. The New year 4bbb stableford was won by Anthony Marriott and Barry Watts on the Saturday and Guy and Charlie Fowler on the Sunday. The first individual stableford of the year was won by David Jack in the first division and Malcolm Taylor in the second. The January medal was scooped by Douglas Walker in the first division and a fine nett 69 by Shawn Bruce in the second.

We have decided to complete the first 100 club draw on the 5th February, this is to give some latecomers time to secure their numbers. The results will be in my next newsletter.

The mixed matches begin this week and I must thank Veronica Lyon for stepping forward to organise these, we have had a good response for the first game after the lean COVID years, long may it continue.

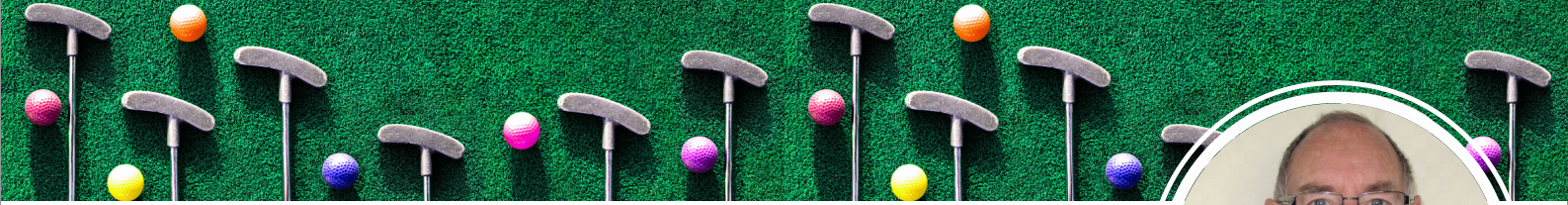
Also thanks must go to Charlie Fowler who has volunteered to captain this years Hollingsworth team. I'm sure you all will support him if picked.

My final thanks for this month is to Colin Stanyon who has kindly agreed to print the 2023 diaries, these will be available to collect from the pro shop.

I briefly mentioned about my captain's weekend away in last months newsletter. This has now been finalised for the 6th to 8th of October at Wensum valley GC the cost is £210 for 2 nights DBB and 3 rounds of golf. I have put a sheet up in the pro shop with further details, please come along if you are able.

Looking forward the captain's drive in is just 4 weeks away, I will speak more about this next month. Happy golfing, see you out on the course.

Chris Dix



Senior Captain's Report

My apologies for missing last month's report. I am honoured to be the 2023 seniors captain and am looking forward to this seasons matches. The weather hasn't been too bad, the lack of wind helped, although the frost has lately made the ball bounce a bit erratic. January has seen a number of competitions played with a variety of winners, the 4BBB was won by John Foster and Michael Thompson, runners up on count back Colin Stanyon and the canny Peter Curnow. Round 5 of the Winter Stapleford was won by Richard Hankins 34 points, 2nd Chris Dix 33 points and 3rd Peter Rice 32 Points. The breakfast roll-up saw a reasonable turn out, it was won with 77 points by John Homer, Colin Brown and Stephen Holmes.

I am happy to report that Jim Clarke, Phil Warburton and Alan Gardner should soon be back on the golf course following their operations. A date for your diary's, my captains away day is on the 26th September at St Neots GC, details will follow. I would just like to say what a great job Roger is doing in the kitchen and thank those members who are supporting him.

Ian Tucker



Women's Captain's Report

Dear All,

I cannot believe a month has gone by, since my last communication, and we are about to start February.

We at long last managed to play our postponed Christmas Competition on the 17th of January 2023, thank you Sheila for running with this, I believe a good time was had. It was a Texas Scramble over nine holes. Congratulations to the winners on 22 Points: Elizabeth Swan, Barbara Jenkinson and Priya Salvi. Runners Up on 20 Points: Linda McLeod, Patricia Bishton and Alison Paige.

We are slowly getting in some Golf on a Tuesday, and the weather is improving a little.

Most of you are aware that we will be hosting a "Festival of Golf" at Oundle to celebrate 130 years. This will be run from the 2nd of September until Friday 9th September, it will incorporate our Women's Open to be held on the 5th of September 2023, I am asking way in advance, but I am hoping this will be a well-supported event and myself and the Committee would appreciate help, in any manner. There will be lots to do, I will keep you posted as to the requirements as they arise. Let's put Oundle Golf Club, back on the map.

February will see the start of the Mixed Competitions; these are being organised by Veronica Lyon. Good Luck to all playing.

Please be advised, that as of this week, the Months Competitions for the Women, will be posted in the Women's change room. Please have a look, as it will tell you if it is a draw or whether to book on BRS. If there are any changes, you will be informed in advance.

That's all for now,

Happy Golfing.
Karen Taylor.



Operations Officer Report

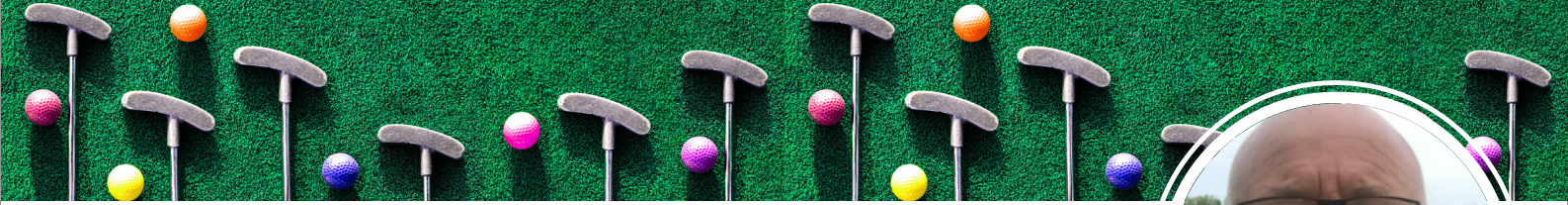


Understandably, the depths of winter represent a certain amount of reluctance for many members to don multiple layers and confront whatever Mother Nature may throw at you to complete 14 or 18 Holes.

However, this quieter period does have its advantages. It provides a golden opportunity to carry out essential maintenance around the Clubhouse and the chance to embark on a deep cleaning exercise of the Bar and Catering area. Since the turn of the new year, this work has started in earnest.

Roger and a small pool of willing volunteers have set about a deep clean of the bar and kitchen and are well on track to bring both areas up to a more than satisfactory standard of cleanliness and hygiene. John Homer has done a great job in steam cleaning all of the soft furnishings in the seating area which was achieved with the use of a very efficient industrial style steam cleaning machine – thank you to Tony for the loan. Whilst we have use of the machine, the plan is to clean all carpeted areas of the changing rooms, corridors etc.

I am sure you will agree that Roger is proving to be a valuable asset to the Club, and we have recognised that his current level and hard work and commitment cannot be sustained. The Committee have therefore agreed to recruit a bar/catering person to support Roger at the earliest opportunity. Prior to commencing the recruiting process, if there any members who are aware of a potentially suitable individual with bar and catering experience who would be interested in filling this position, please contact Nes in the office with the details. For the interim period, support for Roger is being provided by a core of volunteers. You know who you are and thank you for your ongoing support. The current pool of volunteers is always in need of reinforcements, so if you are willing to help, please get in touch.



Operations Officer Report - Continued

With regard to the essential maintenance, there is always something! There are a number of minor tasks currently outstanding that require the attention of someone with requisite skills such as light carpentry, very basic plumbing and general handywork. Rather than incur unwanted cost, it would be great if we could call on a pool of willing helpers to help rectify these matters.

If there are any members who would be willing to assist, or you observe any area of the building that requires attention or have an idea that would enhance the club facilities, please contact myself or the office directly.

A reminder that there are currently 4 large and 21 small lockers available for hire in the Gents Changing Room. The current rates are £50 p.a. for the large, £25 p.a. for a small or £65 for both. Please contact Jasmin or Nes for details.

We could be here for a while!

Malc



Professional News

Well done to the many members who braved the Winter weather during January and, with the lighter evenings coming, let's hope spring isn't too far away.

Thank you for your patience with the course being wet and frost-laden. We hope the measures taken have a very positive impact on the course - and greens in particular - for the upcoming season.

January Offers

Get golf-ready for the new season with some of these great offers!

- £40 off any pair of shoes. Choose from FootJoy or Skechers
- 20% off all golf bags. We have many cart bags, stand bags and pencil bags and an array of different brands in stock
- 20% off all Gents and Ladies clothing

Offers apply to stock items only and end on 28th February 2023.

Ping G430 Fitting Day - Wednesday 22nd February

People wishing to purchase a new Ping G430 Driver, fairway woods or irons are invited to be custom fitted for the perfect clubs with a Ping specialist at Rutland Water Golf Club between 11.00am-3.00pm on Wednesday 22nd February. Booking is essential by contacting the Pro Shop on 01572 737525.



Catering Report



Good day my winter golfing friends,

I hope you are getting into the swing of things (no pun intended) after the horrid weather we have had.

Now down to business. We have had a busy month in the catering department even though January tends to be a quiet month. We have had Probus lunches, a wake, and for those who don't know we had a Burns Super on the 28th of Jan. There were 72 people in attendance having a 4 course meal. It went very well due to the amazing help I had from 11 volunteers. From keeping me sane to being fed and watered, the standard of service they gave was incredible. The guests couldn't believe they were volunteers. Outstanding.

I just want to say thank you very much to everybody who has helped me in various capacities over the last few months. This help has been gratefully received.

Now the nights are getting longer and the weather is slowly getting warmer I can look forward to greeting the societies that we have booked. Take care and keep on improving your golf.

Best wishes
Roger