



# Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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## Chairperson's Report



It is only a month until this years AGM and presentation evening on Friday 8th December. Please make a note of this in your diary and attend the meeting if you are able.

The December meeting is for the election of the Clubs officers and I would ask you to put your name forward for any role that you feel you can fulfil.

Sheets of paper will shortly be positioned outside the bar where you can enter your name against the position you wish to take up.

After 2 years of excellent service, Michael Davidson is stepping down as Finance Officer. This is a very important role for the Club and it is vital that we are able to find a successor to Michael. You do not need to be an accountant to fulfil this role and Michael is willing to continue to help whoever is elected to this position. So if you have a reasonable head for figures and are willing to be involved in the management of the Club, please put your name forward.

If you wish to discuss what is involved with the role please do not hesitate to speak to either Michael or myself.

Thanks

Peter



## Captain's Report

Welcome to this month's newsletter. I will begin with some unfinished business from last month, namely the 100 club draw.

First prize goes to Ian Coleman  
Second Pete Turner  
and third Sheila Homer.

The money should have already gone on to your barcards.  
The bottle of wine winner for September is Pat Wilkinson.

For the new members, (of which we now have 97), who would like to enter this, there are some spare numbers available for next year. I will give some more details, before they go on sale, at the end of the year.

Onto last month's competition winners. Adam Butler won the first division of the September Stableford with 44 points and has now gone into the lead in the overall standings. John Barratt won the second division on countback from Anthony Wilkes with 37 points. The October leg was a non qualifier due to many temporary greens and a named storm on the day. It should have been called Storm Burrows because once again Tony Burrows made a nonsense of the conditions and came home with 44 points. Jamie Mayes won the first division with 40 points. Weather permitting I'm hoping to play the final leg on 4th November. Results and final positions in my next newsletter.

The October medal was won by Steve Griffin with a nett 66 and in division two Dale Abbott with a nett 67, two very good rounds of golf.





## Captain's Report - Continued

Another excellent score put in last month, was by Chris Treweeks and Jimmy Johnson, who compiled a nett 66 to win the Winter Foursomes Jubilee Salvors qualifier. For the players who were unable to play on the day, you can still enter the knockout stages of this competition, by putting your names on the entry sheet in the Pro shop. The Champion of Champions was won by Grant Holmes with a nett 71. The last club competition held in October was the Autumn Texas scramble and with three teams finishing on a nett 53 the winners on countback were Jamie Townsend, Richard Glithero, Richard Bamford and Ed Jones.

There were two mixed major competitions held in October, firstly the Fenwicke Cups, won by Barbara and Gerry Jenkinson. Then the Fairgrieve Trophy won by Karen Taylor and myself ( well played Karen I caddied well ). Veronica Lyon has kindly added a small piece on the mixed section, to this newsletter later on.

Congratulations go to Ian Hood who won his division at the Izzard Trophy finals day at Rushden.

We have managed to get the finals day to be held at Oundle next year, in late September, with the qualifying round held in August. Also coming back next year, in May, is the British Junior Golf Tour, along with two County Junior matches.

The diary for 2024 is in the process of being completed. I will have more information on this and new alterations for the course next month.



# Captain's Report - Continued

For those of you who have been up to the bar over the last week, you may have noticed that the Christmas raffle board is now out. With all proceeds going to the course please try to support this. It's £1 a square, money behind the bar. I also need prizes, so any bottles, unwanted golf balls etc please leave them in the office or behind the bar for me to collect.

I must say a thank you to Jamie, who has been a great help for me personally, in my year of captaincy. From entering people onto BRS for me, to running about the course picking up nearest the pin markers. He has also been very proactive in the shop, promoting the club at every opportunity. Jamie, I wish you well and hope you find an ideal job. You deserve it.

That just leaves me time to update you on my handicap. A slight rise I'm afraid 10.4 to 10.6 Even though I seem to be playing well, it just seems with this new system, it's more about what's coming off than how you're playing at the time. Enough of the excuses, I've two months left to get down to 9.4.



See you out on the course, happy golfing.

Chris Dix,  
OundleGC Captain





## Mixed Events

We have played 6 mixed friendly matches this year and won 3 of them – against Rushden, Peterborough Milton and Northampton (Harleston). We lost to Ramsey, Overstone and Elton Furze. May I thank everyone who has played in these matches.

We have organised 2 away days – one at Kirby Muxloe in June at which we had 6 people who enjoyed the lovely golf course and meal, and one at Spalding in September at which 20 people enjoyed a gorgeous sunny day and a delicious meal. Thanks to Barry Robson for organising these.

There have been a variety of other mixed events starting with a Mixed Social in February, then the Captains' Drive-In in March, The Easter Competition in April, Mixed Ping Better Ball in June, The Fenwicke Cups in September and the Fairgrieve Trophy in October. Throughout the season the Glapthorne Trophy – a mixed foursomes knockout competition is also played with the final in October.

Still to come is the Captain v Women's Captain Mixed Social on Sunday 5th November, the American Greensomes and mixed Social on Sunday 19th November, the Christmas 4BBB Stableford on Sunday 3rd December and the AmAm Stableford Shotgun on Sunday 10th December – this is followed by the Christmas Draw.

I must thank everyone who has supported these events throughout the year. It has been quite busy!

Veronica Lyon



# Mixed Events





## Senior Captain's Report

Well it's time to get out your rain gear and base layers. Such a change from the day we had for the Seniors Charity Day! This was a great success with 140 players taking part and boosted the the pot for my charity, Crohns and Colitis to £4,170. Many thanks to Rob Darby for organising the day and all the volunteers who helped out. The monthly competitions were as follows:

### Robinson Trophy:

- Winners: Rob Stead and Phil Houghton - 45 points
- Runners up: Steve Holmes and Dave Woods - 44 points (on count back)
- 3rd place: Bob Svarups and Barry Robson - 44 points

### Medal: Winner Div 1; Iain Scotland net 68:

- Runner up: Colin Stanyon net 69 (on count back)
- 3rd place: Chris Dix net 69

### Winner Div 2: John Barrat net 71

- Runner up; Paul Kime net 75
- 3rd place: Trevor Brant net 76

### Winter Stapleford: Winner: Rob Darby 41 points

- Runner up: Michael Davidson points 38 (on count back)
- 3rd place: Steve Holmes points 38

### 4 BBB: Winners: Rob Darby and Mike Thompson 45 points

- Runners up: Colin Stanyon 44 points
- 3rd place: Peter Rice and Terry Hill 43 points





## Senior Captain's Report - Continued

Texas Sramble: Winners; Chris Swan, Terry Hill,  
Peter Rice and Dave Woods

Runners up; Jim Clarke, Phil Houghton, Colin Stanyon and  
Merv Price

The Captain versus Vice Captain was a interesting day played in a Ryder cup format which went well once everyone understood the format. The result was a resounding win for John's team. It looks like this will be the format for this competition in the future.

As this is my final news letter I would like to thank all Seniors for their support. With a special thank you to the Seniors committee. Another thank to Roger and the catering team for the meals provided for the Seniors matches. I would like to wish Jon Foster the incoming captain a successful and trouble free year.

Ian Tucker  
Senior Captain



## Women's Captain Report

Hi All,

A busy month ensued in October, with arranging a new approach on how to run the women's section for 2024. It was wonderful to see the support offered, to keep our women's section running smoothly. This will be put into action at the AGM on the 21st of November 2023. We will be concentrating on ways to promote our section, to encourage new female members. On that note we welcomed Sally Anderson, to our section this month.

The 5th November was the last of our Mixed Social Event, which was Mens Captains team vs Women's Captains team.

This will be my last communication as Women's Captain, but I am continuing my contribution to keep our Section News up to date. I would like to thank the Section, for all the support, I have received. I look forward to "still being around" as your Past Captain and representing Oundle.

Take care,  
Happy Golfing  
Karen T.





## Greenkeeper Report



Hi everyone,

As we come to the end of the golfing season our attention turns to winter time. There are plenty of jobs to do, whether that be cultural work, tree work or various course improvements. All this and yet us still producing and setting out a course for you all to enjoy.

November means a drain down of our irrigation system, you will find course traffic control being used on the course. This is so we can protect certain areas over the winter months so come spring you can enjoy the course even more.

The 1st bunker will be filled in. This was due to be done last year but due to unforeseen circumstances this was not done. Once it has been done, it will not only look better but will still be penal if visiting that area.

There are a few areas on the course that require some tree management not only to improve the air flow around those areas but also the well being of the trees.

Wrap up warm and enjoy your golf.

Ian Robins  
Head Greenkeeper



## Catering Report



Good day my lovely little golf flags

I hope the weather isn't putting many of you off as the course is looking in a very good condition. In a way all that rain seems to have done it the world of good.

On the catering side everything has been rather steady. Over the next couple of months the Christmas lunches shall be starting. We have a good amount booked already but there is still space for some more. If you were thinking of organising something please feel free to talk to me or Nes.

Well that's it for now. I'm sorry if I missed anything.

See you soon  
The Catering Team



## Professional News

Winter may be upon us, but there is still plenty of golf to be played!

Lessons are available daily to help you get your game in shape for the new season, or if you just want to keep playing during the off season why not take advantage of our Waterproof clothing deal. Also for those considering a new set for Christmas, our free swing check and custom fitting can be booked any time and please remember we will price match with any of the major online companies.

I am excited to announce that we are planning to introduce a food service in the golf shop over the coming months to cater for times when the main restaurant is closed. If successful this may lead to an on-course catering service next year. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey by following the link below so that we can cater the menu and timings to suit everyone.

[Click here for the golf shop food and snacks survey.](#)

### Pro shop

- The TrolleyTrade-In Continues! Trade in your old push or electric trolley and receive a guaranteed £100 discount from any Motocaddy or Powakaddy electric trolley. Motocaddy s1's and Powakaddy FX3's are £649 (less £100 = £549).
- Motocaddy Z1 Push Trolleys - November special - Only £109 (saving £20!)
- Purchase any Waterproof Jacket and get the trousers half price.
- New winter OGC branded clothing in stock



## Professional News - Continued

### Lessons

Christmas Lesson Package vouchers are now available - Any combination of lessons can be purchased to suit your budget so please enquire in the golf shop.

### Tip of the month: Playing in wet conditions

As we move into the winter months it is more likely that you will be playing from wet fairways or rough. To achieve a more consistent strike on the ball in bad conditions try the below tips.

Full shot from the fairway - Move your ball position very slightly back in the stance and make sure your hands are in line with your leading leg at address creating a 'lean' in the shaft. This will encourage you to strike down on the ball and limit the amount of grass or water between the clubface and ball at impact. The ball may travel a little further but as the ground is wet your ball will likely stop quicker so no need to change club!

Full shot from the rough - Same as above but move the ball a little further back to create more 'lean' and take one less club (if usually a 7-iron shot take an 8-iron instead). Try to keep the majority of your weight on your leading leg throughout the swing to encourage a downward strike on the ball.

Chipping - Avoid trying to play a chip and run as the stroke will usually lead to a shallow angle of attack and could lead to a 'fat' shot. Rather take a more loft (PW or SW), and place the ball back in the stance to create the 'lean' once again. The result should be a mid flighted shot that should skid and stop fairly quickly.