



## Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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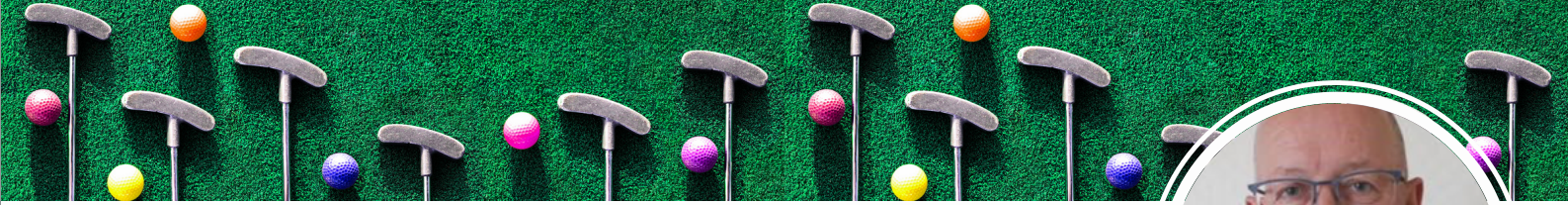
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## Chairperson's Report

Firstly my thanks go to the greens staff for producing a fantastic course for the Club's festival of golf celebrating our 130th anniversary. Also congratulations to Charlie Fowler for being the club champion over 36 holes played in very testing conditions.

With autumn approaching, the greens staff will be carrying out work to prepare the course for winter. Please remember that the greens staff have priority on the course and so please show them the courtesy that they deserve.

As you have been notified, the men's toilet in the halfway house is out of order. This also results in the water fountain being inoperable. So if you need a drink whilst on the course please remember to take one with you. Also if you use the remaining toilet in the halfway house, please ensure that you leave it in a clean and tidy condition.

The survey of members regarding the use of the Smartgolfer network indicated that it is used by members and so for the time being the Club will continue to maintain its membership of the scheme.

Thanks

Peter



## Captain's Report



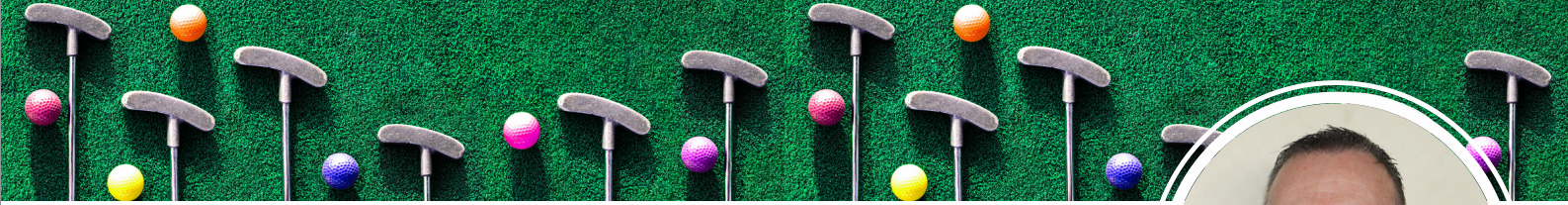
Welcome to this month's newsletter.

After quite a hectic month encompassing many opens and major competitions the golf season is now beginning to wind down. I must say that we have been extremely lucky with the weather in September, when we arranged the diary almost 12 months ago our main concern was that it could be quite wet this late in the year. As it turned out, if anything, it was too hot for the festival of golf week. Just a quick thank you to Ian, the greens staff and the volunteers for all the hard work they put in, in producing the course in such good shape.

On to last month's results. No doubt Ian and Karen will cover their respective opens, so I will begin with the Oundle Putter. Entries were up slightly on last year and the visitors we had were very impressed with the course, which can only help for next year. The winners, who went out very early and by the time the presentation was held were rather worse for wear, were Terry Tibbs and Jacques Lourens.

On the Friday Karen and I held a Captain and Vice Captain invitational, to celebrate our 130 year anniversary. Again all visiting Captain's were very impressed with the condition of the course. The winners on the day was the team from Ramsey. On the back of this, we may look to hold a mixed open next year. More details later in the year.

To finish the 'festival of golf week' the Club championships were held over two days. Congratulations go to Charlie Fowler who won the Cotton cup, Barry Watts who won the Cummins Cup and Iain Scotland who won the Potter's bowl. The Elaine Leach Charity Cup took place in September with a rather disappointing 8 teams taking part. The winners were Martin Camp, Richard Cole, Terry Beckett and Paul Spicer with a winning score of 94 points.



## Captain's Report - Continued

Division one of the September medal was won by Chris Hankins and division two went to Denis Price (yes you did read that right, division TWO)

At the end of the month we had a club friendly match away at Peterborough Milton. After the mixed and handicap league teams both won there we were going for the hat trick. Sadly it wasn't to be, we ended up losing 4 and a half to 1 and a half.

The mixed team finished their matches for the season with a victory over Rushden at home and also had a very enjoyable away day at Spalding.

At the time of writing I haven't done the 100 club draw yet. The winners will be announced at the beginning of next month's offering.

Coming up in the next few weeks I'm having my weekend away at Wensum Valley. Also in October we finish the final round of the summer stablefords and the champion of champions competition. All winners of the past years medals and stablefords are eligible for this, names will be automatically entered onto BRS, so if you are unable to play just remove your name, or if you'd prefer an early or late tee time please feel free to move it.

Autumn is now upon us and with it comes the preferred lies ruling. We will be sending a general email out to let everyone know when this comes in. As I write this the course maintenance week is taking place. So please be courteous to the greens staff and give them priority on the course wherever possible.



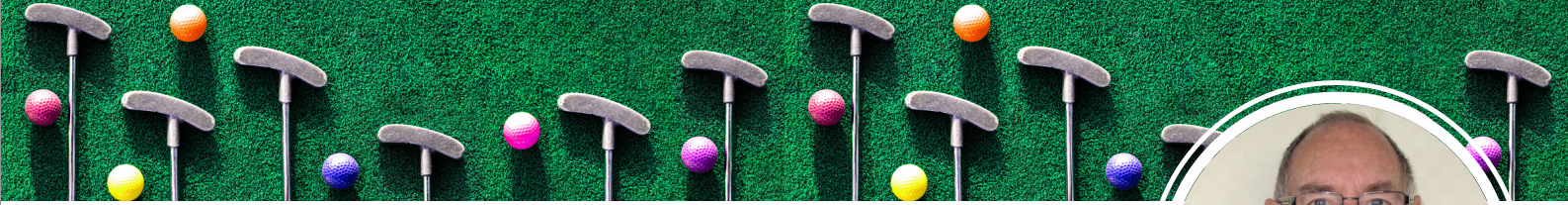
## Captain's Report - Continued

I almost forgot, a quick update on my handicap. After a good round in the first leg of the Club championships (I won't mention the second round) and two low scores from Silverstone and Spalding I have shaved a full shot off my handicap and am now down to 10.4 So 3 month's to go to lose one more shot. I'm just hoping the rain and gales keep away for this autumn.

That's it for now, enjoy your golf, see you out on the course soon.

Chris Dix  
Oundle Golf Club Captain





## Senior Captain's Report

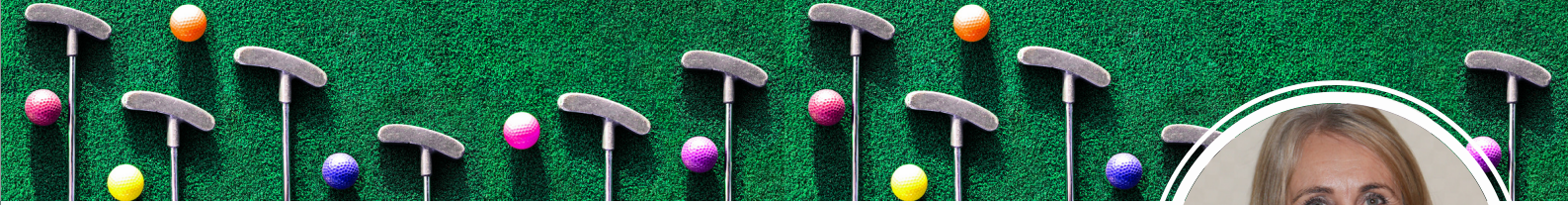
The seniors summer Stapleford came to a conclusion with it being won by Michael Davidson with Rob Stead second and John Foser third.

There were a number of competitions this month, the Poole cup was won by Paul Kime, with Graham Drage second and Colin Stanyon third. John Mumford's great run in the Boon cup came to an end with Chris Dix ending up the winner. The better team won the Secretary's cup Rob Darby and Malcolm Taylor, myself and Steve Holmes didn't really turn up on the day.

The last of the seniors matches were played which ended with our only two defeats of the season against Collingtree and Cambridge county. On checking the result against Burghley away we won. My away day at St Neots was short on numbers due to people either taking late holidays or golfing abroad. It turned out to be a good day despite a ten minute monsoon downpour. The day was won by Peter Rice with 40 points.

My last event as captain is the seniors captain versus vice captain on 11th October, so enter and make it a great day.

Ian Tucker  
Senior Captain



## Women's Captain Report

I am sitting in 30-degree weather and reflecting on the last month!

September started very busy, as I closed off last month, we were upon the Festival of Golf. 130 years celebrations. A large milestone for a Golf Club.

We had a very successful Open Day on the 5th of September we had 64 ladies out on the course, and the weather was pre-ordered South African sunshine by me! We raised funds for Air Ambulance and have managed to boost the ladies' section a little and this will be put to good use. We had this year a mixed field, thank you to Oundle Ladies, who boosted their teams with visitors, it was lovely to see the wonderful support for the Club. Due to the later time in the year, we probably didn't have as many visitors as we would have liked, but we managed to promote our club, and the majority had a fabulous day I was overwhelmed with the thanks. So, the hard work by all was greatly appreciated and by the comments was well received. I have signed you all up for next year!!! One last big THANK YOU.

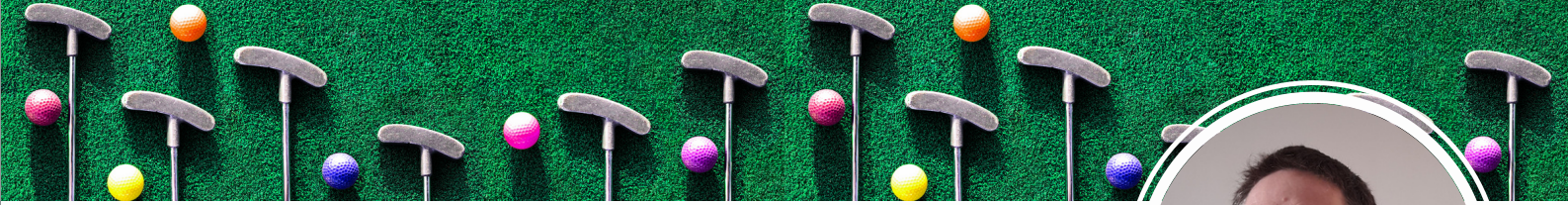
Sadly, I do not have competition results with me, but they will all be on the website.

As October arrives, we have on the 15th of October The Fairgreave Trophy mixed.

Past Captains Golf and meal with be on the 29th of October.

That's all for now, as I run back into the sun.

Karen Taylor



## Greenkeeper Report

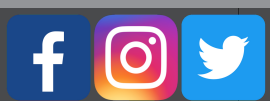
Hi everyone

Well the golf festival has finished and all seemed to go well, a big thanks to my staff and all that helped make the comps go off well, the mowers certainly know they have been used over the last month or so.

Renovations are just around the corner. We will be tining the greens as well as scarifying, seeding and dressing, then a good feed to help recovery. The main aim will be to introduce more sand into the profile. We will be using larger tines - 19mm. This is so we can fill them fully with sand. The greens will be rolled after tining so the ball still rolls well, there will be a bit of sand around until the sand is fully integrated into the soil profile and will fully heal over depending on the weather in 2 or 3 weeks, Solid tine aeration opens the turf, alleviating compaction and allowing efficient gas exchange between the soil and the atmosphere, air allows microbes to break down thatch and the sand helps the greens drain better and faster which will lead to better and more consistent greens.

Enjoy your golfing.

Ian Robins  
Head Greenkeeper





## Catering Report



Good day my little golf flags,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Well. What a month. The festival of golf has been and gone. The best word I could use to describe it was intense. We served a lot of food and drinks. The comments I received were positive. Now the nights are drawing in and getting colder we will be looking at doing more winter warming specials. I'm sure there will be something to keep everyone fuelled and happy. Keep checking your emails to keep up to date with what is being served. There will also be specials boards on the bar. Well that's it for now. Keep improving your golf and enjoying our beautiful course.

Best wishes

The Catering Team



## Operations Officer Report

Greetings from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where the current temperature is 42 degrees! Many of you will know that I have recently embarked on a 16 week project in Riyadh (What retirement?!). I will be returning to the UK on the 11th of January. I do have a week off from 26th October – 3rd November when I will be back in Oundle which will hopefully include a couple of rounds before returning to the KSA.

In the meantime, it is of course business as usual for the Bar and Catering Team. Ted Jones has kindly offered to partly cover my role in my absence and will be the point of contact for all matters concerned with the Bar and Catering. Having negotiated a very busy July and August, the societies, matches and outside events continue to roll over the hill. Some key dates over the next few weeks include:

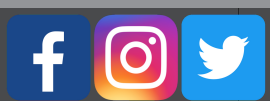
- Friday 20th October – Two separate Societies totalling c.80 visitors
- Saturday 27th October - Race Night – Buffet for 75 Guests
- Sunday 29th Oct - Past Captains two course dinner for 36 Guests

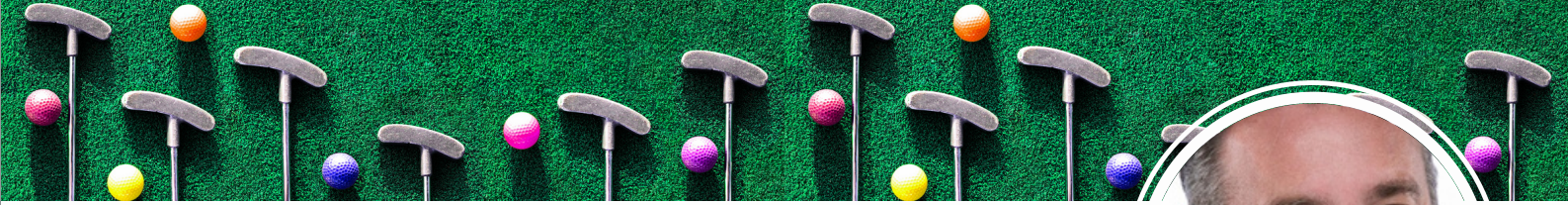
All three events currently require more volunteers to assist. Any help would therefore be most welcome. Please contact Nes if you are willing to assist.

I hope that you will understand reasons behind the brevity of this month's article. By the time the next edition is due, winter will be on the horizon, so I would encourage you to make the most of the autumn season and get out on the course as often as you can.

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## Professional News

Sadly the main golfing season is almost over, however now is the perfect time to get ready for next year. Book a free swing check and custom fitting session at the club or for a small fee have your fitting on the amazing simulator at the Oundle sports center. Lessons are also available on the simulator throughout the winter so beat those cold dark nights and start the new season 1 up!

### Pro shop

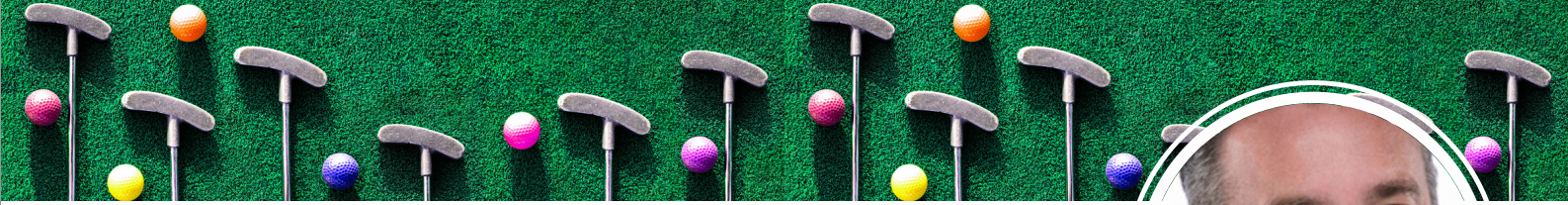
#### Monthly offers

- Trade in ANY old trolley and receive £100 discount from any of our electric trolley ranges
- 50% discount on all ladies clothing
- New winter OGC branded clothing in stock

### Lessons

Weekend and evening lessons now available on the golf simulator at Oundle Sports Center.

Our junior programme starts on October 8th and runs for six weeks. Open to all children aged 6-14 years.



## Professional News

### Tip of the month

#### 'Time' your wedges

Many golfers struggle with consistency of strike when playing pitch shots of varying lengths. A lot of the time this is due to the incorrect length of backswing leading to too much, or too little acceleration through impact.

An old but still very effective method is to imagine a clock face with 12 at your head and 6 at your feet. The aim is to execute four different length shots as follows.

Swing back to 8 and through to 4, the 9 to 3, 10 to 2 and 11 to 1.

Everyone is different and will achieve various shot lengths for each swing. The aim is to find 'your' distance for each swing and try to repeat it.

With plenty of practice those awkward 45 yard shots over the bunker to a tight pin position will become much easier!

Dave Moreland