



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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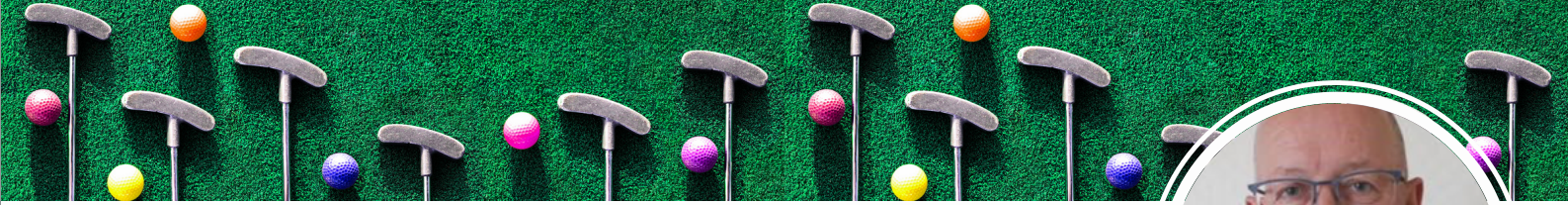
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Chairperson's Report

Hello all

Please remember that the AGM takes place at 7pm on Friday 8th December at the Clubhouse. This meeting is primarily for the election of the officers who manage the Club and its activities. So please come along if you are able to so.

As this will be the last message of 2023 may I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Thanks

Peter



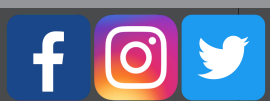
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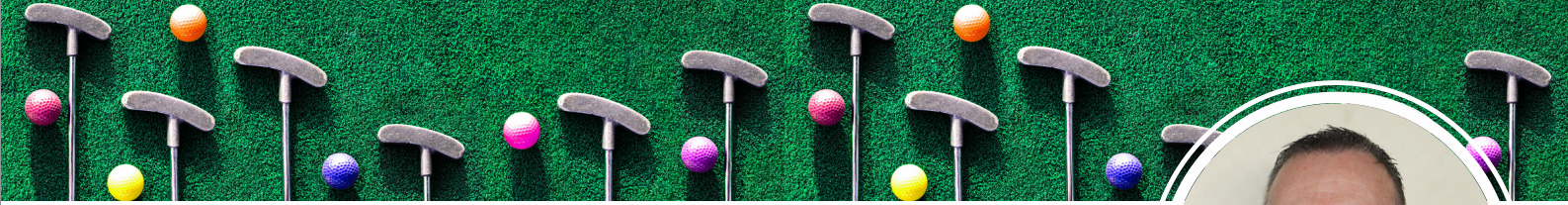
Welcome to this month's newsletter, as we get ever closer to the end of the year and the poor weather that comes with it. The rain returned with vengeance in November and we had a few days when the course was closed because of it. Disappointedly these seemed to fall on competition days, so we lost the monthly medal and a couple of Seniors games. So not too much to report on results wise.

The Saturday and Sunday American Greensomes went ahead with Michael Davidson and Charlie Underwood winning the Saturday affair by one point from Paul Kime and Dale Abbott. On the Sunday Dale Abbott went one better finishing in first place, playing with Nick Arpino, with the father and son pairing of Guy and Jack Bolsover in second.

The final round of the summer Stablefords went ahead in quite wet and windy weather, with yours truly winning the first division, but even though Adam Butler finished with 25 points he had enough in the bank to take the overall prize and with it the Mick Ives Trophy. The second division was won by Phil Twiselton on the day with 38 points. The overall winner was Tony Shillcock. The final standings have been printed off and are on the notice board in the changing rooms.

The NGL held their Autumn Past Captain's day at Oundle Golf Club in November and the winners were home members, with Chris Potter winning the over 70s competition and Denis Price taking the overall one. There is a photo, taken by Richard Cole, at the end of this newsletter.





Captain's Report - Continued

You may have noticed, that as you walk up the stairs, to the bar, that all the honours boards have been updated for this year. I must thank Tony Shillcock and Nes for assisting me with this. To free up some space and to give them their own area, we will be putting the Seniors boards in the bar, where the bell is currently situated. Just waiting for the frames to be delivered.

Coming up this week, the club is holding it's annual presentation evening and AGM on Friday 8th December. Please attend if you are able to. The following Sunday the 10th, after the Am Am competition, the Christmas raffle will be drawn at approximately 14:30, there are still a few numbers available to buy if you visit the bar before then. If not they will be sold on the day. Just a quick reminder if you have any prizes to donate please let Nes in the office or Roger in the bar have them. Remember all monies made go straight to club improvements (last year £300 was made).

Talking of improvements, I mentioned in last month's newsletter that I would update you on this. A quantity of the Captain's Charity money is going to purchase new flags and pins with the Oundle GC logo printed on them, these have now been ordered and will be delivered in time for the new season. We have decided to change the white flag to blue, to aid visibility.

Also coming for the new season is a divot bag stand, complete with clock, to be positioned near the first tee. Thanks go to Chris Potter for sponsoring this and Russ Hart for his carpentry skills in building it.

We are also looking at getting new tee markers, with the Oundle GC logo on them.



Captain's Report - Continued

The 2024 diary is now complete, you wouldn't believe the hours that go into this. Thanks go to Tony Shillcock and Richard Cole for all their hard work. I will be getting some copies printed off, in the same style as this year. In the meantime next year's fixtures are on the website for all to view.

There have been lots of discussions recently about the clubs colours for next year and after speaking to Dave he is going to get some sample shirts to view in the Pro shop. There will be more on this and what we are planning to do in next month's newsletter.

Just time to update you on my handicap struggles. I was hoping to play in at least five qualifiers in November but the weather put paid to that. As mentioned earlier though I did manage to win the November stableford and that got me a cut to 10.3.

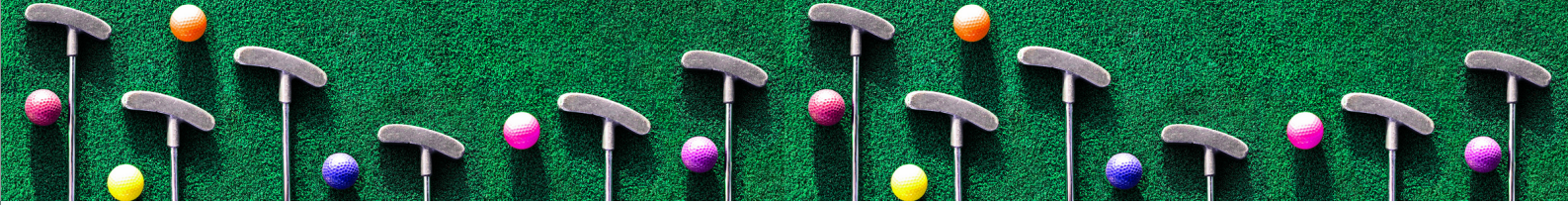
With just one month to go I need to get 0.9 off, to get to my target. A tall order, especially for my size, but with four comps pencilled in for December I will give it my best shot.

That's all for now, wrap up warm and I'll see you out on the course soon.

Pictured is Charlie Fowler Cotton Cup winner.

Chris Dix,
OundleGC Captain





Senior Captain's Report

This is my first ever newsletter, and will do doubt not be up to the standard of my predecessor.

We held the seniors AGM at beginning of November, when events of last year were reported on, and a full posse of officers were elected for the coming 12 months. I'm looking forward to my year enormously.



Discussions were around whether to hold two new events next year. Firstly to commemorate the British Legion Poppy Appeal, and secondly to hold a Seniors Club Championship. I welcome your views.

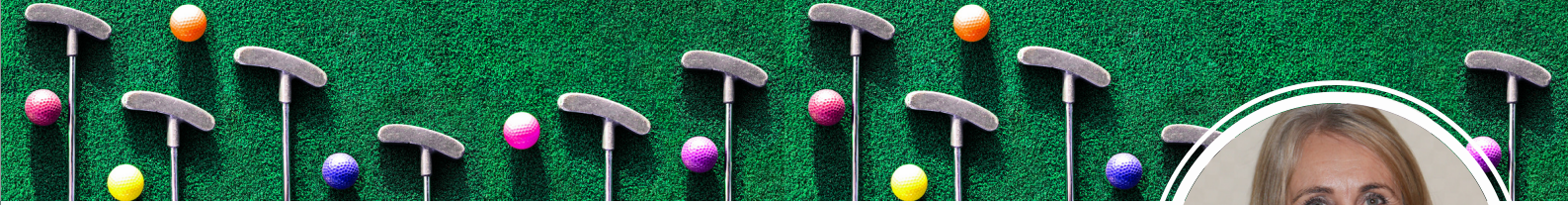
November was a busy month for competitions and the winners were:
4 BBB - Rob Darby & Mike Thompson
Texas Scramble - Chris Swan, Terry Hill Peter Rice & Dave Woods
Greensomes - Rob Stead & Peter Turner
4 BBB - Richard Hankins & John Foster

So you can see we are spreading the prizes around as nobody's name appears twice.

Chris Dix is arranging two matches next year against the greenkeepers. He will need volunteers.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous (and good golfing) New Year!

John Foster
Seniors Captain



Women's Section Report

Hi All,

What a busy month on the admin side it has been! The Women's Section has changed. We no longer have a Captain as such, although, I am there as Past Captain. Veronica as our very hard working secretary. We will be on hand to handle our monthly meetings, and arrange anything that is not pertinent to the various Team Leaders that have stepped forward. The Job List is available in the Women's Change room, if you need to know who is heading up what. We are still looking for someone to do the diary for 2025, if there is anyone who can manage this, please either contact Veronica or myself. This format of Team and Leaders is involving everyone, so that we can have continuation in our Section. We are all very positive that this is the way of the future.

Our AGM, was well attended. Changes were well received.

We have had a few competitions, in November. We started the month off with the 1st round of Kisbee bowl. Our Three Club and a Putter was great fun, I certainly learnt a lot and I get out of a bunker better with a 7 iron, very unconventional, but anything is possible!

We are entering the festive season now, so lots of Christmas Comps, with lots of fun and laughter planned, with some serious golf thrown in!

I would like to wish everyone at Oundle Golf Club, a very Happy Safe Festive Season. Look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.

Happy Golfing

Karen T.



Greenkeeper Report



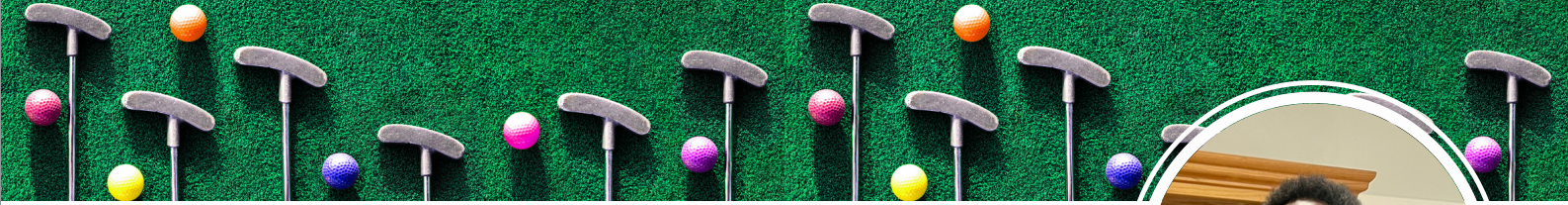
Hello everyone

Short and sweet this month as we come into winter ,the leaves falling are in full flow now. Luckily we now not only have a new tractor but also a leaf blower, and this will allow us to keep on top of the leaves hopefully you should be able to find your golf balls better. Thanks to the club for investing in a new tractor and blower. Both have already showed their worth and will help us elevate to club to the next level.

The main job we are looking to do is removing the 1st bunker. This bunker has always been a problem as soon as weather allows we will be doing this, the irrigation has been put to bed during the winter, you will have seen the tees and approaches are now cut by hand this is to take the weight of the big mowers off them but also they look much better hand cut. The white posts around the approaches are already working well and it's great to see golfers adhering to them. Doing this will help produce much better approaches for you in the spring.

Until next month enjoy your golfing.

Ian Robins
Head Greenkeeper



Catering Report



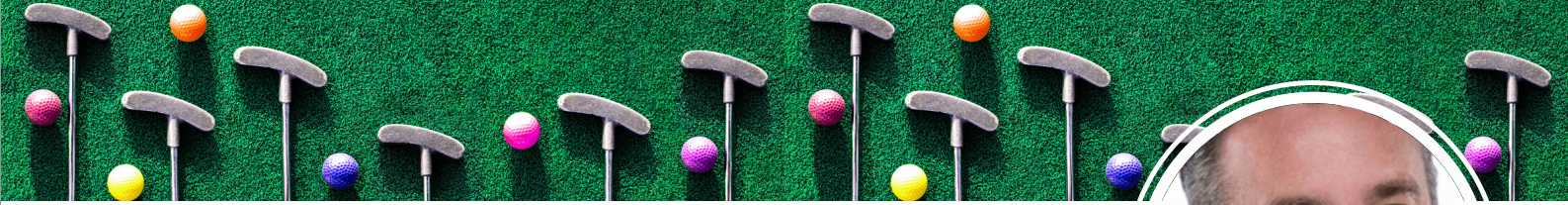
Good day my little golf shoes,

I can't believe how quickly this month has gone. It has been another busy month for the bar and catering department. We've had AGM lunches and various other events. The feedback has been positive which is good to hear. The next big event on the horizon is the Oundle Probus Luncheon. That was my baptism of fire last year. I will be able to let you all know how it went.

Until next time have a Merry Christmas and I hope you have a wonderful New Year.

Best wishes

The catering team.



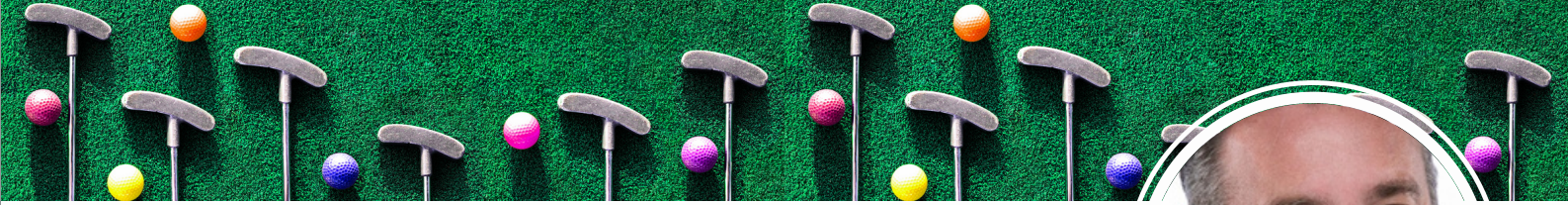
Professional News

Only three weeks until Christmas so whether it's a new set of clubs or just a stocking filler you are after we can help! Check out our amazing offers below and remember we will happily price match with all major online golf shops and can guarantee delivery on most items before Christmas.

It may not be the ideal time of year to work on your game but why not take advantage of our Christmas lesson vouchers. A great gift for someone looking to start the game or to improve when the weather picks up.

Hot food is now available in the shop and our bacon butties and gourmet sausage rolls have already proven popular. We will be introducing more savoury pies and soups this week and also our mini mince pies and other Christmas treats.

Our Christmas Draw has filled up quicker than expected so the draw will be made on the same day as the golf club - Dec 10th. There are a few spaces remaining and first prize is a PING G430 driver worth £469 (or equivalent value), so pop in this week and buy your tickets.



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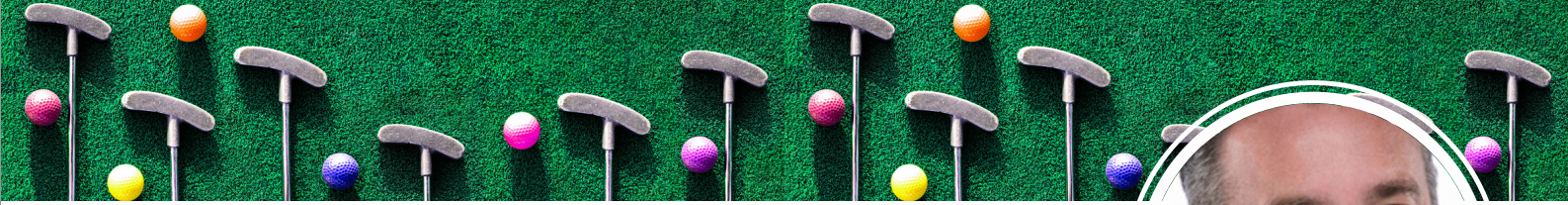
Pro shop

- 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).
- Purchase any Powakaddy electric trolley and get a FREE Powakaddy bag. Please note, the type of bag will depend on the model of the trolley purchased. This deal may be used in conjunction with the £100 trade in deal!
- Motocaddy Cube Push Trolleys - Only £179 Really compact and perfect for small storage spaces
- Purchase any Waterproof Jacket and get the trousers half price.
- Stocking filler special - Buy any dozen boxed balls and any hat and receive a 20% discount

Lessons

- Christmas lesson package option 1 - £60
 - Buy a 60 min lesson and receive an additional 30 min lesson FREE
- Christmas lesson package option 2 - £135
 - Buy 5 x 30 min lessons and receive a 60 min on-course lesson FREE

Vouchers available from the pro shop and validity is 6 months



Professional News - Continued

Tip of the month

My tip this month is to book the golf simulator at Oundle Sports Centre! I have been working a lot with the Oundle School students on the GOLFZON simulators and they provide a great option for winter practice and training. Oundle Golf Club members receive an incentive to join and I am also able to host lessons there. Over the Christmas break there will be plenty of availability as the students are on holiday for three weeks so let me know if you would like to book a lesson.

60 min lesson on the simulator - £65 (includes hire charge) 4 x 60 min lessons - £220