



## Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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## Chairperson's Report



Hi all

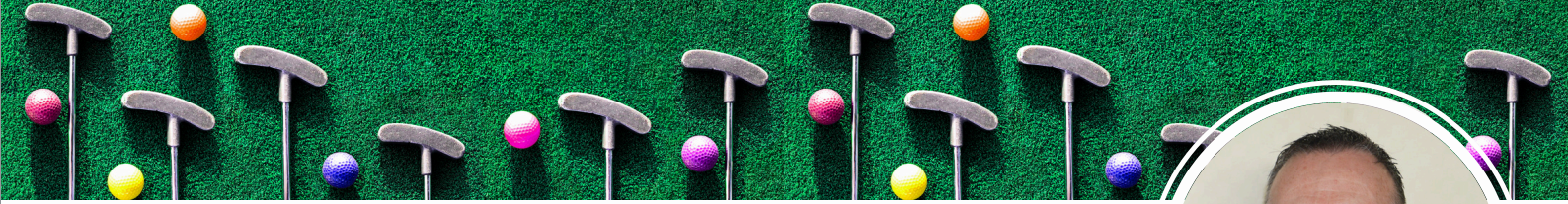
With summer having seemingly rushed by, this year's golf season is coming to an end. The Greens staff will shortly start carrying out work on the course in order to prepare it for Winter. Please remember that the Greens staff have priority on the course and that golfers should not hit a shot if the Greens staff are in range until they are invited to play.

We have secured some funding from the local authority to promote activity and sport in the local area and have decided to use this funding to promote golf and OGC membership in the community. Please do tell your friends, neighbours and relatives and encourage them to come and try the course for free.

Thanks to the generosity of members we are also able offer free club hire as part of this offer. Please book directly with Nes or Dave, in return all we need is the contact details of the player(s).

Peter Izod  
Chairperson





## Captain's Report

Welcome to September's newsletter and as always I'll begin with the 100 club draw :-

First David Watson

Second Barry Robson

Third John Foster

The bottle of wine winner for August was Andy Billing.

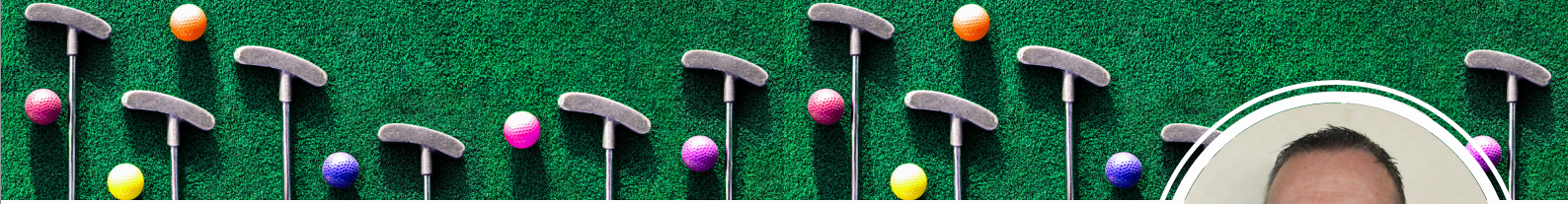
Now onto the golfing winners for last month.

We began with the Mixed Open and a team made up of members from Staverton and Daventry were the victors. Thanks for the cake bakers and volunteers on the day, who made it such a success. The following day we held the Oundle Putter and again the winners came from afar. Chalgrave Manor infact winning both first and second place. Thanks again for the volunteers and the donations for raffle prizes. A total of £380 was made from both Opens for my charity, which as you know, this year goes for improvements to the club.

I have just spent £500 of it, to purchase seven new mats, for the winter, which you will see out on the course in the coming months.

A medal was held later in the month, with Ian Gilbert winning the first division with a nett 67. But going even better was Tony Shillcock in division two with a nett 60. A three shot reduction was applied to his handicap.

The penultimate round of the summer Stablefords was also held, with Graeme Eadie winning the first division on countback from Ryan Collins on 38 points. The second division, also with 38 points, was taken by Dale Abbott. The last round is due to be held on October 19th and with just 3 points separating the top three players it's definitely going down to the wire.



## Captain's Report - Continued

The men's section held it's last friendly match of the year, when it hosted Peterborough Milton and a very close game ensued, with the final score ending 3 each. Thanks to all that took part over the season.

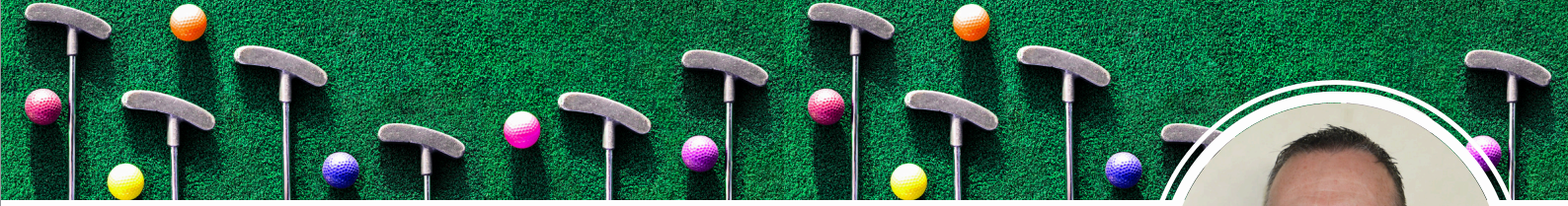
The final competition held this month was the Past Captains get together. The weather disappointedly played it's part, with us only being able to complete 9 holes. Karen Johnson won the women's competition on countback from Pat Silburn and Paul Kime the men's.

Coming up in the following month, we have the Izzard trophy finals day, being held here at Oundle. The Fenwick Cups, a mixed competition. The Elaine Leach Charity Cup an AM-AM. The October medal. The Champion of Champions competition, which involves all the winners of this years individual competitions. As mentioned earlier, the last round of the summer stablefords. A Texas scramble and a 4bbb competition.

Lastly in October, Dave Woods and Alec Irvings are kindly organising a Poppy Day competition. Entry is just £10 for members and as it suggests the money made will go to the Royal British Legions poppy appeal. The date is the 11th and entries can be made via the office.

Onto this month's rules installment. As mentioned in last times newsletter this will be concerning relief from penalty areas. For penalty areas you don't need to find your ball, but it must be known or virtually certain that it's in there. There are three options, all with a one shot penalty. Either play another ball from the same position as the previous one. Or take two club lengths, from the point of entry into the penalty area, not nearer the hole.





## Captain's Report - Continued

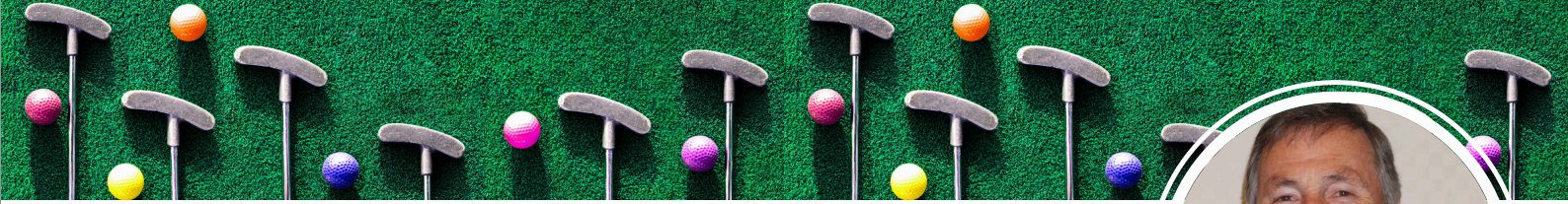
Or take back on the line relief, taking the point of entry and the position of the flag in line, going back as far as required.

Lastly onto my handicap. After a brief sojourn into division two, I am now back in division one. A couple of half decent rounds has seen my handicap go from 13.3 to 12.6.

Still a long way to go, but light at the end of the tunnel. I really could do with an Indian summer, which seems unlikely at the moment. I am planning to get my clubs regripped this month though, which could help in the wet conditions.

That's all for now, see you out on the course soon. Happy golfing.

Chris Dix  
OundleGC Captain



## Senior Captain's Report

Hi All

The end of the season is drawing close, and the summer competitions are finalising. The Summer Stableford League has finished with Bob Svarups as winner, in second place was Jim Clarke and in third place was Steve Angell. At the beginning of the month we had a marvellous win in the semi-final of the Northants County knock-out cup against Collingtree , and we now meet Hellington Lakes in the Final to be played at Delapre.

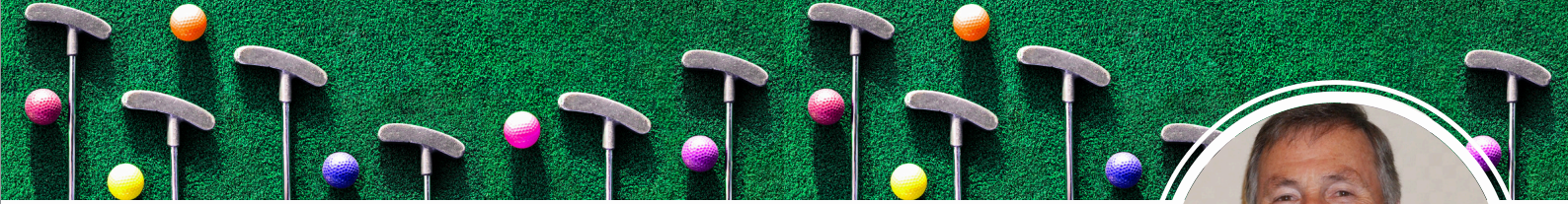
We have finished the season of matches with a disappointing two losses, both away, but cannot take away from the fact that we won 16, and drew 3 out of 29 matches played during the season.

The Captains away day was well attended and a good day was had by all at Scraftoft. The eventual winner was Peter Rice, who just pipped myself on countback.

Last week we had the first running of the Senior Past Captains Trophy. Won by Ian Tucker ,who narrowly beat Alan Barnes. It was especially nice to welcome back Phil Churchward to the course.

Coming up we have a large quantity of competitions in October, some of which entry is on BRS, but some are to be entered on the board in the Pro shop. Hopefully the captain versus vice-captain is to be run in the format of the Ryder Cup.



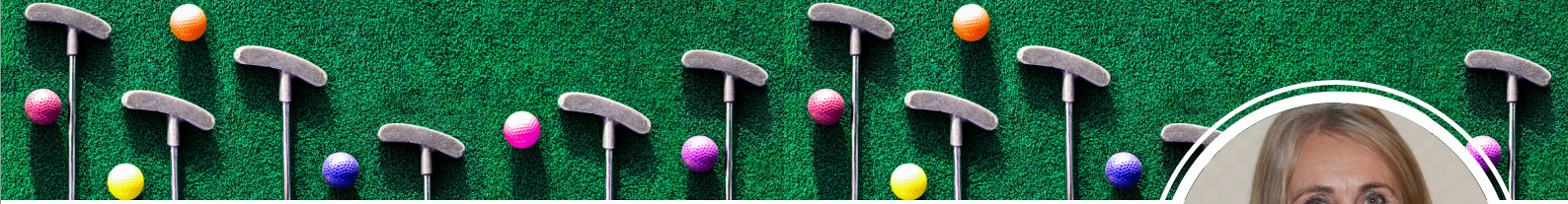


## Senior Captain's Report - continued

We also have the first ever Poppy Day on Friday 11th October, there are plenty of entry forms around the club so please enter, it is to be an individual competition for all to enter. Money raised on the day to go to the Royal British Legion, and the day is being run by Dave Woods and Alec Ivings.

The Collison cup at the end of the month was washed out and will be re-arranged.

John Foster  
Senior Captain



## Women's Section Report

Hi All,

Can you believe Summer has come and gone, I think we can all agree, that it was probably the wettest Summer we have had in a very long time. But I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian and his team, for the hard work they have done, to keep our course looking amazing. On Sunday we had the Past Captains Day, as the day started with rain, and by the time we teed off, it was tipping it down, a few of us 'soldiered' on and managed to complete nine holes, two of our stalwarts carried on till the 14th before they got the message we had all chickened out on nine holes! Well done to Karen Johnson for your determination and winning the day. Pat Silburn your determination and losing on a count out is to be admired and inspiring to us all! I on the other hand, would have run for the hills, given half a chance, but I managed the Nine, I think now I am used to all weather conditions, of the UK golf fraternity.

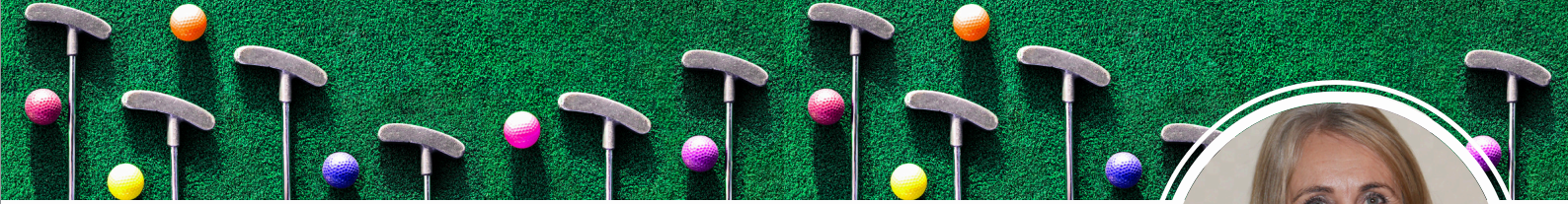
A big thank you to Chris Dix, for including the women's section, and we hope that we can keep this tradition going, even though we don't have a Captain, but we have plenty past Captains, so hopefully, this will remain on the Calendar.

Comp results for September:

Tuesday 3rd September Stableford

Gerry Robson	38 pts
Claire Izod	38pts





## Women's Section Report - Continued

Tuesday 10th September Stableford

Claire Izod 34pts

Sally Anderson 34pts

Tuesday 17th September Dawsons Trophy

Christine Rowell 109 – 43 – 66 Nett

Karen L Taylor.109 – 29 – 71 Nett

Tuesday 24th September Stableford

Pat Silburn 34pts

Ros Riley 32pts

Well done all.

Happy Golfing and May all your Putts sink.

Karen T



## Greenkeeper Report



Hi everyone

Now the weather is changing and leaves are starting to fall, with course presentation always our focus, we are looking at some improvements. You will have seen we've started the pond on the 5th hole, part of our plan to improve the drainage on holes 5 to 8 in the winter months.

We are also going to start work on the softer greens so we can reduce the number of temporary greens during the winter months. We have plans to look at and redesign the bunkers over the next five years.

Once all this work is done the course will be one of the best in the county!

We are starting work on the trees around the course to improve air and sun flow. Included in this work will be removal of dead, diseased and self seeding trees to improve the look and feel of some holes.

Plenty to do, exciting times.

Ian Robins.

Head Greenkeeper.





## Catering Report



Good day raindrops,

This last month has been a busy one. We have had a lot of big events pass through the bar. We've had the Seniors Charity Open, Kori Construction Society and also Cransley Hospice. These were all 50 plus events. From the feedback received it seems like everything went well.

With the summer drawing to a close and the dark nights setting in early things will slowly but surely start quieting down for us but hopefully a few Christmas functions may come through and keep us busy. Fingers crossed.

Until next month keep playing the course and keep dodging the heavy rain!

Best wishes  
Bar and Catering



## Professional News

The course seems to be holding up well after the recent rain and hopefully we will have a relatively dry run up to Christmas. It is inevitable that we will have some rainy days and with that in mind I am planning to use the fantastic golf simulators at the Oundle Sports centre more this winter to offer not only coaching, but also to run fun competitions and possibly even a winter league. Please register your interest to [professional@oundlegolfclub.com](mailto:professional@oundlegolfclub.com) for any of these activities.

### Pro shop

- 25% discount on PING & FOOTJOY mid-layers, gilets and sweaters
- SKECHERS SHOES still all £75!
- Ball & Glove deal - £32.50

### Lessons

- PURCHASE ANY SIMULATOR PACKAGE BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER AT 20% DISCOUNT
- 60 min session Was - £74 Now - £59 4 x 60 min sessions Was - £275 Now - £220
- The simulator lessons include video analysis, ball flight analysis and can also be used to gap test all of your clubs to give you accurate carry distance stats

### Tip of the month

Once the weather picks up again I will post some new videos to the youtube channel. I will let you all know as soon as these are available.





## Operations Report



### Catering Team

The month of September has been a very industrious period for the Bar and Catering Team. Over the past couple of weeks, we have hosted three large events, culminating in the feeding and watering of over 300 participants across those events alone. Suffice to say, the stream of income that is generated by such events is very significant, and long may it continue. This in turn provides me with an air of optimism that the financial direction of the club is remaining well on track. These events also further confirmed that we are able to provide a decent quality of service and value for money for our guests and members alike. A big thanks to all concerned in supporting these much needed occasions.

### Bar News

Negotiations with Edwards Drinks Suppliers remain ongoing regarding the potential changes at the pumps. Once again, watch this space.

### Venue Hire

With the festive season beginning to creep over the horizon, I would once again like to remind members to spread the good word in respect of the hire of our facility for functions. Whether it be a family or corporate occasion, we will do our utmost to accommodate any requirements that may be forthcoming. For further details, please contact Nes or myself.

Stay well and play well.

Malc