



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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Chairperson's Report



This years AGM and trophy presentation evening will be held at 7pm on Thursday 5th December. (This is a change from the original date of Friday 6th). Please put a note of this in your diary and attend the meeting if possible especially if you have been a competition or trophy winner this year.

The AGM is for the election of the Club's officers. The Club relies on members putting themselves forward to help with the running of the club both on and off the course.

In the next week or so notices will be displayed on the landing outside the bar detailing the posts that need to be filled. In recent years it has proved to be a struggle to find members who are willing to put their names forward, even for the prestigious position such as captain. Please consider putting your name down for any post where you feel that you could help the club.

This year there will be an additional post of Social Coordinator. This person (or persons) will be tasked with organising at least 4 social events during the year (such as a quiz night or casino night) so as to increase the use of the clubhouse and bar facilities. This will raise much needed income for the Club. So if you are good at organising a party, please put your name down.

Thanks
Peter

Captain's Report



Welcome to my penultimate newsletter for this year.

I will begin as usual with last month's 100 club winners :-

In first place was Stuart Anderson,

Second Richard Nunn and third Dave Rochford.

The receipt draw for a bottle of wine, was won by Jeremy Nicholas.

Now onto the golfing winners. We began the month with the Fenwicke Cups, a mixed competition and Christine Rowell and Denis Price were the winners in this. The Elaine Leach Charity Cup followed and on countback, Tony Shillcock, Anthony Wilkes, Terry Tibbs and Guy Fowler took first prize. Keeping up his good form Terry Tibbs won the second division in the October medal with a nett 69. The first division also with a nett 69 was won by Anthony Mackin.

A foursomes competition was also held in October and with the only score under par the winners were Adam Butler and Michal Jursa.

The Champion of Champions went to Dale Abbott with a nett 67.

And finally, the final round of the summer Stablefords took place with Anthony Burrows winning the second division with 36 points and yours truly winning the first division with 32 points. Neither score altered the top positions, so Chris Hankins stayed at the summit of the first division and winning the second and the Mick Ives Cup as the overall winner was Anthony Wilkes.

Captain's Report - Continued



The entry envelopes for the winter pairs knock out are in the Pro shop, £5 each to enter and the closing date for entries is at the end of November.

Though the amount of golf competitions are starting to reduce, as we get nearer to winter. It's still quite a busy time for the committee members with next year's diary to complete, the various trophies to get engraved and all of the honours boards to update.

So if anyone is available to help for an hour or two next Monday the 4th between 13:00 and 16:00 to assist in removing the boards up the stairs it would be most appreciated. Many hands make light work they say.

The Christmas raffle board will be going up in mid November, in the bar and as last year it's £1 a square and will be drawn after the AM-AM competition on the 15th December.

As I mentioned earlier there's not too many comps in November but we do have a medal, a Stableford, a Greensomes competition and at the end of the month the St Andrews Sunningdale foursomes.

- This month instead of my rules entry, I'm just going to touch on the speed of play. There are many factors which affect this at this time of year.
- The amount of leaves on the ground, leading to searching for balls.
- The 90 degree rule, walking to the fairway and back to your trolley.
- The marked off areas around the greens.
- And even the preferred lies ruling can add time.

Captain's Report - Continued



- To counteract this please adhere to the 3 minute ruling for looking for your ball and always hit a provisional ball if you think it's gone into leaves.
- Try to stay on correct side of the fairway where possible i.e the next tee side, to avoid zig zagging across the fairway.
- Keep a towel on your person to save going back to your bag to clean your ball.
- Always keep up with the game in front and not just ahead of the game behind.
- One last tip, if you're first on the tee, hit your drive then mark your card.

Lastly onto my handicap, another slight reduction due to winning the final stableford of the summer. But with only two qualifiers played I'll hope for more movement next month, I'm down to play in six, weather permitting.

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

Chris Dix
OundleGC Captain.

Senior Captain's Report



In September we held our Annual Charity Open, run by Peter Rice. With a tremendous entry of 172 players on the day, of which over 100 were visitors, attracted back year on year by the condition of the course, and our hospitality at the Halfway house. Although most of the money raised goes to my charity of the year, Prostate Cancer Research, there is quite a large sum of visitors green fees going into club funds. An amazing £900 was made on the raffle. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day to make it go smoothly.

We eventually played our final of the Northants Knock out, after two postponements, our opponents were Hellidon Lakes but unfortunately we came up short on the day.

The Poppy day, held in October, raised almost £1000 for the Royal British Legion, many thanks to Dave Woods and Alec Ivings for organising it. The winner on the day was Charlie Underwood.

The winter competitions are now well underway with 4 BBB's, Texas scrambles and Greensomes, all in the near future.

The Seniors AGM is coming up on Wed 6th November. The actual meeting is 2.00pm, but this is preceded by 14 holes of golf, and lunch at 12.30pm. Everybody is welcome to join for any or all the above sections. The entry sheet is in the Pro Shop.

The match between the teams of the Captain and the Vice-captain was in the form of the Ryder Cup again this year, big thanks goes to Rob Darby for organising the complicated format, and I think everybody enjoyed it on the day. The Vice-Captains team were the victors.



Senior Captain's Report - continued



The winners of the competitions in October were:

Collison Cup:

1st John Barratt

2nd Mike Davidson

3rd Peter Izod

Robinson Trophy

1st Graham Drage / Ted Jones

2nd Iain Scotland / Dave Woods

3rd Peter Turner / Ian Hood

Winter Stableford Rd 1

1st Stephen Holmes

2nd Peter Turner

3rd Tony Burrows

4 BBB,

1st Iain Scotland / Dave Woods

2nd Tony Wilkes / John Lynch

3rd Rob Stead / Andy Sulston

Secretarys Cup

Won by Bob Svarups and Peter Turner

Runners-up Colin Stanyon and Peter Curnow

October Medal

1st Alec Ivings

2nd Rob Darby

3rd Chris Dix

John Foster



Women's Section Report

Hi All,

Here is the penultimate Newsletter of the year!!

Well, the weather has turned topsy turvy, we are now sort of having an Indian Summer, but the course has changed and the winter rules are in place, can we all please help by sticking to the ninety degree rule around the greens.

Our competitions for the month have been hit by soaking rains, seems to be on a Tuesday!

Results for October:

Tuesday 1st October

Turned out to be a Roll up, due to the heavy rain on that day. Well done to the stalwarts who went out and braved the elements!

Tuesday 8th October

All Winners Final

18 holes

Karen Johnson 98 – 25 = 73

Claire Izod. 97 – 22 = 75

Lowest Gross Score

Pat Silburn 91 – 15 = 76

Nine Hole Winner

Debbie Verdino 19 points

Dianne Croskell 15 points



Women's Section Report - Continued

Tuesday 15th October

October Stableford

Deb Scotland 33 points

Sally Anderson 31 points

Nine Hole Winner

Pat Bishton 16 points last three holes

Mary Panton 16 points

Tuesday 22nd October

Texas Scramble Fun Day 14 Holes

Deb Scotland

Lynda McLeod

Sally Anderson

32 points

Karen Johnson

Alison Page

Dawn Gent

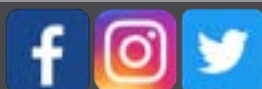
29 points

Well done to all.

Please remember our AGM on Tuesday 19th November.

Happy Golfing All

Karen.



Greenkeeper Report



Hi everyone

Short and sweet this month, sadly we are losing Matt from our team. We wish him all the best on his new job. You will be missed.

That time of the year when leaves fall, traffic control measures are put out onto the course for your benefit as well as the courses, so please adhere to those measures that are put out.

Pitch marks: Please can you repair especially going into the softer months, a pitch mark can take 3 months by itself to repair by which time either disease or weeds have infested it so for the good of the greens please repair and remind those that don't, thanks.

We will be trying out mats on the tees this winter so you can play the full length of the course. Due to wormcasts if we don't do this the tees will cut up badly, also the winter tees we do have on the course mean they would deem the course a non qualifier. So we are giving it a go and see how it works, when tees are ok to be played on the grass they will be.

Thanks everyone

Ian.

Catering Report



Good day to you my little 9 irons.

Well after a lot of rain it's great to see the weather has turned the corner and I no longer need to build an Ark.

So this month we've had a few more societies. Unlike last month they haven't been as big but the majority of them have eaten which is what we want.

On the subject of food, the weather change means we have had to look at the menu choices we are serving our ladies and gentlemen Probus groups. We are now doing dishes like goulash, stews, suet puddings and syrup sponges.

With ideas from John, Sarah and Iryna we have made some changes.

Until next time stay safe and have fun,

The Catering Team.



Professional News



Christmas is around the corner so why not take advantage of this month's fantastic SALE to save big on presents. With up to 50% off clothing and shoes we have something for everyone. I will also be starting the Christmas Draw early this year and the main prize is a set of the new PING G430 irons worth £850! For just £3 you could walk away with this fantastic prize.

The seasons nine & dine's are over but I am planning a pre Christmas event towards the end of November or start of December so keep an eye out for details of that.

LOOKING FOR HELP OVER THE WINTER

Unfortunately my assistant is moving to a new job which leaves me short of cover over the next few months. I will be looking for new staff but if any of you would be interested in volunteering a few hours of your time between now and March it would be highly appreciated. Please email davemorelandgolf@gmail.com or just pop into the shop for a chat.

NOVEMBER SALE

- 50% discount on all ladies apparel
- 25% discount on all men's non-logo apparel
- 15% discount on any pair of FJ shoes
- All SKECHERS shoes £75
- Ball & Glove deal - £32.50



Professional News

LESSON SALE

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

For this months tip please head over to my youtube channel via
<https://www.youtube.com/@davemorelandgolf>

Operations Report



Bar News

Following our most recent meeting with Edwards Drinks Suppliers and Heineken UK (HUK), the decision has been made to transfer the lead brewer status for the club from Carlsberg to Heineken UK. As I have indicated previously, the most significant impact on the members will be the choice of beers at the pumps. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Carlsberg and London Pride will be withdrawn from sales
2. Cruz Campo will be replacing San Miguel
3. Thatcher's Cider will be replaced with Inch's.
4. Draft Guinness to be maintained
5. A Nene Valley Brewery option will be maintained
6. A 0% Lager option via a Bar Top Dispenser will be available

Allow me to explain.

The ongoing quest to identify areas where costs can be reduced and to deliver better value for money for our members continues. A recent audit of the OGC Bar operations has identified several inefficiencies, and having explored several alternatives, the above changes will deliver both cost savings and efficiencies in the sales of alcoholic beverages.

The current model involves Edwards Drinks Supplier who are a 'one stop shop' wholesale supplier and who have a comprehensive delivery and distribution network with all the main breweries across the UK.

Operations Report - continued



Carlsberg currently holds the position of the 'lead brewer' for the Club. As part of the arrangement, they provide vital cellar and equipment support to the Club. Whilst this system serves its purpose, the ongoing costs associated with maintaining the current model are proving to be unsustainable, particularly in light of the following issues that have been identified.

1. Beer consumption across the UK is in steady decline – This fact is reflected in beer sales at the Club. For example, London Pride has suffered from a particularly low level of throughput. 434 pints were sold in the 12 month period Sep 23-Sep 24, which equates to just over 1 pint per week!
2. Low or No alcohol is the fastest growing category within the industry. The club has experienced a steady increase in the demand from both members and visitors alike.
3. We currently offer more draft beer brands than our sales support, this is costing the Club significant money in wastage.
4. Forthcoming changes to some beer brand ownership, specifically Carlsberg, means that if we avoid making some brand choice changes, the Club runs the risk of being isolated and without vital cellar and equipment support from a major brewery. If the club fails to act, the issue also has the potential to work out very costly in the event of beer chiller breakdown.

We are committed to delivering a quality draft product and have a strict weekly cleaning regime for all beer pipes. Every weekly clean for each beer necessitates wasting whatever beer is in the pipe for that brand and then pulling through water and fresh product to ensure the pipes are spotless and free of any cleaning product.

Operations Report - continued



The approximate cost of wastage associated with the cleaning of the lines for 2 x brands is c.£1000 per annum.

The proposed changes are in part driven by financial incentives offered by HUK to become our lead brewer.

We are therefore reducing our draft beer options to 4, to include a real ale when demand dictates (Blond Session has proven to be very popular, and as long as we continue to sell a real ale we will continue to stock one). Suffice to say, the changes will lead to significant cost savings over the next 2 years

Beyond direct cost savings, the proposed change will bring several operational benefits including:

- **Cellar Services:** An all-important guaranteed and ongoing cellar maintenance service
- **Risk reduction** – Less stock = less risk of out-of-date product, which in turn makes better use of members money.
- **Support** – Locally based HUK Representative
- **Bar Furniture:** Enhancement of the appearance of the bar through the provision of new bar fittings

I hope that the above narrative has provided you with the rationale behind the changes and that you will continue to support your Club.

Operations Report - continued



A Changing of the Guard

Finally, and on a personal note, over the coming weeks I will be stepping down from my role on the Management Committee and will therefore not be seeking re-election at the AGM in December.

You will be pleased to learn that the decision is nothing personal. For some time now, Jenny and I have been giving thought to my impending retirement from work and have made the decision to move away from the area and to settle down on the South Coast. The timeline is very much dependant on when we can sell our current property.

This obviously leaves the role of Operations Manager vacant with effect from the next AGM.

You know what's coming next..... I would appeal to any member who could provide the time and support in this important area of the club, to put themselves forward for election. **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.**

Malcolm Taylor