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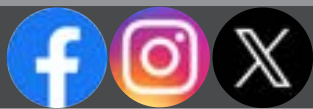
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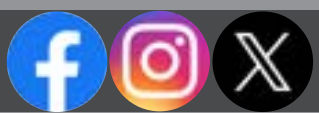
Chairperson's Report

What a joy to see the sun again and witness the temperature's first tentative steps into double figures. Thank you again for continuing to respect our Greenkeeping team's measures for protecting the course. With Spring emerging over the horizon, we will soon be reaping the benefits.

The club's Management Committee met in early February to discuss a number of regular items and few extraordinary ones. We received an update from the Greens Committee: course improvements continue, including the state of the bunkers, together with a general clean up of rough areas and copses. Equipment purchase plans were reviewed and will be rolled into next year's budget and a rolling three-year view.

A longer term view of major needs has been put together, including planning for the end-of-life of the sprinkler system, estimated to be within a 2 to 10 year timeframe. The preferred solution at the moment would be for watering greens from bowsers, using water from a bore hole that we have on the course.

The Greens Committee believes this to be both superior and significantly more cost effective than attempting to replace the sprinkler system. In the meantime, the Greenkeeping team will seek to get as much life out of the sprinkler system as is economically sensible.



Chairperson's Report - continued



On our financials, we continue on a trajectory to end the year with a small operating deficit of around £20k. Work continues on finalising next year's budget which, on a turnover of about £500k, will eliminate the operating deficit, provided that assumptions are met. The Management Committee's objective is to return a small surplus to enable continued course improvement and accelerate the reduction of the club's debt.

With regard to our marketing efforts, the early year membership offers have met with some welcome success. Additionally, we are putting together some pre-packaged sponsorship offers as part of a drive to raise additional revenue. And may I offer the committee's thanks for our members' excellent support of the MacMillan Quiz.

On hospitality, we are reviewing menu choices from the kitchen and will be taking steps to ensure that members are aware of what is available to them.

Finally, we will soon be launching a fundraising campaign to make the course more accessible (Handrails, upgrading pathways and walkways etc) - We'll announce more soon!

Until next time, happy golfing!

James Ormrod

Captain's Report



Welcome to February's newsletter and I will begin as usual with the 100 club winners for last month.

1st Jane Stanyon

2nd Tony Shillcock

3rd Christine Wright

Thank you to all that have entered and the best of luck throughout the year. The first bottle of wine winner from the receipt draw was John Lynch.

Now onto the golfing winners. We began February with the first mixed social of the year and the sun shone all day, which as you know is quite a rarity so far this year. The winners were the Captains team of Veronica Lyon, Nick Riley and myself.

We held two American Greensomes competitions in February with Chris Hardinges and Anthony Marriott on 41pts winning the Saturday version. Then later in the month Jarrod Gregory and Kieran Kakkad won the Sunday one with 39pts.

The winter Texas Scramble went ahead over 14 holes and the winners, with a nett 41 were Richard Runciman, Jeremy Nicholas, George Montgomery and Paul Spicer.

The medal was cancelled due to the weather.

Which just left the monthly stableford, this was not only played over the full 18 but was also a qualifier. The victors on the day were Iain Scotland with 37 points in division one and David Rogers with 39 points in division two.



Captain's Report - continued

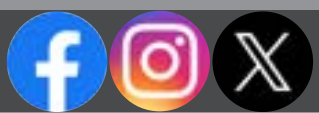
Coming up in March we have a Pairs Bogey competition. The usual monthly stableford and medal. The Hollingsworth team begin their fixtures with an away match against Cold Ashby. Also the mixed have their first match, playing Ramsey at home. Finally to finish, the Captain's drive in is due to be played on the 16th March. Entries can be made either direct on BRS or by adding your name to the sheet in the Pro shop.

I'm not sure if this newsletter will reach you before Friday or not, but if it does, be sure to buy some raffle tickets for the Macmillan Charity quiz. There are some great prizes on offer and all monies are going to a really good cause.

No change in my handicap this month due to there only being the one qualifier to be played. I'm hoping a few more go ahead in March and the weather starts to improve somewhat.

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

Chris Dix OundleGC Captain.



Senior Captain's Report



As with February being the shortest month this contribution to the Newsletter is similarly short.

Firstly however, on behalf of the Seniors section, I must add our condolences to Sarah Parsell and family for the sad news of the passing of Roger Parsell, a long term and active member of Oundle Golf Club Seniors.

There is not a lot to report this month since our last newsletter except for the following competitions:-

Wednesday 29th January - Winter Stableford Round 6 - This had to be cancelled due to the weather. This has been re-arranged for Monday 10th March.

Monday 3rd February - 4BBB. Winners Anthony Marriott & Ted Jones - 33 points (14 holes)

Wednesday 12th February - Winter Stableford Round 7. Winner Peter Izod - 29 points (14 holes)

Wednesday 19th February - Waltz. Winners Peter Izod, Steve Angell & Andrew Sulston - 64 points

Senior Captain's Report - continued



As mentioned in the previous newsletter we did have a Roll-Up on Monday 17th February and being a shortgun start it enabled us to sit down together for a lunch afterwards. Thanks to Rob Darby for organising and to Roger and team for the meal. I think all agreed it was a success and will therefore be repeated, if not again this year, but certainly next winter.

The competitions to look forward to in March are 3 Club + Putter, Texas Scramble and Winter Comps Final plus the re-arranged Winter Stableford Round 6. I understand that the overall accumulated scoring is quite close at the top so the final two rounds could prove to be decisive.

But then April starts the busy time of the year with four competitions and more importantly three Seniors matches. All of these matches in April are away games at Cambridge Country Club (Bourn), Brampton Park and The Leicestershire. The availability sheet for April's matches is now on the notice board. Please ensure you have paid your seniors subscription of £5 to ensure you are eligible and put your name down to take part.

So after a pretty wet miserable and cold month perhaps we can now look forward to an improvement in the weather and I personally look forward to an improvement in my golf. I just hope that the lessons I've been having with Dave will start to bear fruit.

Colin Stanyon

Women's Section Report



Hi everyone

We have had our first Women's Full Section Meeting which was a very positive meeting and well attended.

We had a very pleasant Mixed Social on Sunday February 2nd with 18 members playing an AmAm waltz style. I would like to thank Nick Riley, Debbie Verdino and Priya Salva for stepping in at the last minute because of illnesses in the squad. I would also like to welcome new players to the Mixed Gang – Kenny and Ellie Merrill and Pete Smith and Lorraine Robbins.

The competition winners were Nick Riley, Chris Dix and me!! Second were Debbie Verdino, John Homer and Priya Salva. Chris Dix also won the nearest the pin on the 13th. We had a lovely meal afterwards too.

The next event after the Captains' Drive-In on Sunday 16th March is the Mixed Match versus Ramsey at home on Sunday 23rd March – I have almost got enough players. I need 6 Pairs, but could do with at least 3 more to be in the team and/or reserves if anyone could do that please?

If anyone else would like to be on the email / info list for all Mixed events please let me know – you do not have to be part of a pair to do this – we have many single players already.

Veronica Lyon



Greenkeeper Report



Hi everyone

Just a short one this month, spring is just around the corner now, thank god! Its been a battle with the weather, wormcasts etc but we are getting there.

A lot of work has been going on with the bunkers that being edging and tidying up with so far 30 ton of sand being put into the bunkers so not only do they look better but also play consistent another 20 or 30 ton to go but by the 1st of April all should be done.

Wormcasts have made it hard to present the course as I'd like but we have used the weather breaks to keep this under control. Greens are good going into spring and where I'd like them.

The fairways look great considering the wormcasts without the 90 degree rule they would look nothing like they do at the moment so thanks to everyone for keeping to this, the rewards will be reaped once spring comes with even better fairways this playing season.

Thats me for now, enjoy your golf.

Ian Robins
Head Greenkeeper

Catering Report



Hello my little green fees.

I hope you are all well. I salute all of you who have still been playing in this cold wet windy weather.

Since my last newsletter we have had a wake and an evening party. From what I've been told everything went well and everyone left happy.

I'm sure you are aware we have the MacMillan Quiz Night coming up. I will let you all know how it goes.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the bar deep cleaning on the 20th of Feb.

As you are aware the door between the bar and the kitchen is being kept closed to keep you all warm and toasty. If we aren't in the bar we are more than likely in the kitchen so please can you ding the bell by the Cotton Room door and may I also ask all people if they please close the ground floor main door leading to the bar when you enter and leave as this is another reason why the bar gets really cold. Many thanks.

The Catering Team



Professional News

MARCH MADNESS!

KICK START THE SEASON WITH MASSIVE SAVINGS ON CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, RE-GRIPPING AND LESSONS

MASSIVE CLOTHING SALE

- BUY ONE GET ONE FREE ON ALL LADIES CLOTHING*
- BUY TWO GET ONE FREE ON ALL NON LOGO MENS CLOTHING*
- 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL FJ SHOES
- £75 PER PAIR ON ALL SKECHERS SHOES

*lowest price item will be free

EQUIPMENT SALE

Now the new PING G440 has arrived we are offering huge discounts on G425 and G430 models

- G430 demo driver - Only £299
- G430 hybrid - Was £269 - Now £219
- G430 irons (6) - Was £840 - Now £710
- G425 Driver - Was £379 - Now £329
- G425 hybrid - Was £229 - Now £179

If you are interested in the NEW G440 then we have demo clubs in driver, fairway and hybrids and offer free custom fitting.

RE-GRIP SPECIALS

Now is the perfect time to refresh your grips ready for the new season!

- PAY FOR 6 GRIPS AND GET ONE FREE
- PAY FOR 11 GRIPS AND GET TWO FREE



Professional News

LESSON DEALS

DEAL #1 - 2 MONTH PACKAGE:

Following an amazing uptake and fantastic feedback from the winter lesson deal, I have decided to keep the same theme running into the Spring:

- Pay just £150 and have a 30 min lesson every week for 2 months!

DEAL #2 - SHORT GAME SERIES EARLY BIRD:

The popular 6 week short game series is back covering putting, chipping and pitching basics and drills

- Pay by March 14th and receive the early bird discount rate of £75 (full rate £85)

Email davemorelandgolf@gmail.com or call the pro shop to book.

EVENTS

NINE & DINE starts again this month on Friday 21st and we will kick start the season with a putting clinic & the famous buttered chicken curry.

Tee times will be earlier than usual due to the light, but we hope you can still join us. For booking please email professional@oundlegolfclub.com

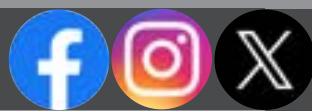
We would like to encourage more non-golfing partners and friends to join the evening meal and activities so please spread the word.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Finally some nice weather to get back outdoors again with the video so please head to my [youtube](#) page for this months tip:

<https://www.youtube.com/@davemorelandgolf>

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Operations Report



Hi, this is a pretty short update as February has been quiet for me.

As I write this we have just finished the annual deep clean of the bar. There were a good number of us with rubber gloves on and getting to work. No one tell my wife, I don't want her thinking I'm any good at it! Thanks to all who helped out.

One of the things I'm going to be starting in the next few months is an audit of the car park area, walkways and paths etc. Anything at all that leaves good or bad first impressions. If you are like me when visiting a club it always strikes me when I see something well done, tidy or functional. Equally it leaves a bad impression when something looks tired, signs stuck on the walls using tape, walkways that are unkempt etc. So, this is definitely something that we can look at that will be low to no cost. It will be part of a strive for excellence just to add those finer details that helps us to sell the club and course. If you see anything that needs a bit of TLC (non human please!) then let me know. If it's reasonable it will get added to the list.

As we come into longer days with more opportunity to play please do be aware that the bar is not always attended. You will notice the signs asking you to ring the bell for service. Please be patient and courteous, if we have one person on that person will be nearby.

I hope to have an update on changes to the menu and on the addition of a specials board in the next newsletter.

Wishing you all success on the course and in the bar!

Paul Kane
Operations Manager