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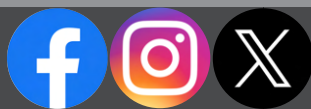
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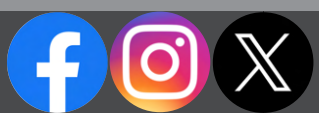
Finally, Spring's sunny face is smiling upon us. There is nothing like 10 straight weeks of grey, sodden winter to make one appreciate the sunshine. And with the extra hours of daylight, the season is up and running!

Not much to report this time. The club's Management Committee has not met since my last update, and we have yet to receive our financials. As I understand it, however, things are looking solid – fingers crossed for a reasonable February and a good March. If we can close the financial year with another surplus, we can look back on the last 12 months with great satisfaction.

Let me just take the opportunity if I may to remind members to replace divots, repair pitch marks, and avoid walking in any areas of lingering damp, all of which will help the course get back to its glorious best as soon as possible. Thanks. The course is already looking very good and I believe that we have among the best greens around, if not the very best.

More next time.

Best wishes,
James





Captain's Report

Well, can we hope that the flooding type of rain has left us. A better month all round with everything crossed for the future. Thanks to all who read last months report and performed a sun dance.

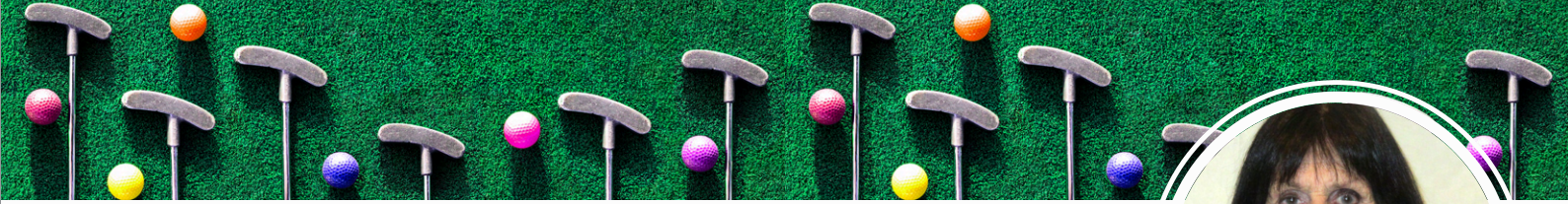
MARCH WINNERS CIRCLE

March Medal = DIV1 Peter Black net 70 DIV2 Stephen Rozak net 70 also
Captains Drive In = Sarah Parsell & Paul Kime 39 points [nb 25 point back 9]
March S/ford = DIV1 = Rory Coates 38 pts DIV2 = David Andrews 41 pts

I do have to record that on the 22nd I unfortunately broke my glasses an hour before the event and my golf and vision were both extremely fuzzy. Better excuse than most I hear around the bar area.

Please note that we have a friendly match coming on FRIDAY 24TH APRIL away at Ramsey GC. So if interested please sign up and if necessary obtain away day tickets from work or your wife.

Many thanks,
Dennis Price Oundle GC Captain.



Women's Section Report

Happily, Spring is finally making an appearance and at last I have some competition results to share.

Congratulations to Deb Scotland who won the final round of our Winter Knockout against Sally Anderson last weekend. Well done both of you - and everyone else who trudged around the course in soggy winter conditions to participate!

The first of our Trophy Competitions, the Oundle Greensomes, was played on Tuesday 24th March. Results - hot off the press - was a win for Sally Anderson and Alison Page, with Claire Izod and Barbara Jenkinson taking 2nd place. As buggies are now allowed on the course, we had a great turnout and all enjoyed our beautiful course in Spring-like conditions.

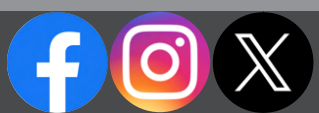
Our Captains' Drive-in on Sunday 8th March was a very pleasant occasion - congratulations to Paul Kime who carried me around the course (with the exception of a stonking putt on the 17th!) and won the day for us.

On Thursday 19th March we welcomed our first group of ladies wishing to learn or brush up their golfing skills. Many thanks to Dave Moreland whose coaching skills filled them all with enthusiasm, as well as to Nes who's helped enormously with communications over the past weeks. There's still some availability for the next taster sessions beginning in April, so please spread the word!

In response to an plea from the Greens Committee, the Women's Section has donated £500 for the purchase of some much needed replacement sprinkler heads. We look forward to seeing them in action in due course!

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter,

Sarah Parsell





Senior Captain's Report

Well, there have been two big events in the last month with the tradition of the Captains' Drive-in held on Sunday 8th March (no doubt covered by Denis Price in his report) but the undoubted highlight in the Seniors section has to be the wonderful day we had to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Peter Turner, which also coincided with his 50th year as a member at Oundle Golf Club.

It was a great honour for me to present Peter with an enlarged canvas photograph of part of the course, together with an engraved glass memento which Peter will treasure judging by the smile – please see pictures below.



We were joined by a number of the Women's section for a team event with 2 out of 3 scores to count. With reasonably kind weather in place the winners were Rob Stead, Sheila Homer and David Hart.

It has been great to see the weather continue to improve as the month wore on with all restrictions lifted by the time of writing.



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In some very close competitive golf other results were:

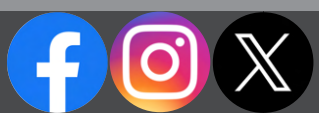
3 Clubs and a Putter – won by myself with 31 points over 14 holes (I should probably eject some clubs more often).

Winter Stableford Rd 8 won by Guy Bolsover with 38 points just 1 point ahead of John Foster who a few days later won the Winter Competition Final open to players who had won a competition during the winter. John beat David Hart who was second on countback from Mike Thompson in third place.

We have been trialling a team roll-up concept through the winter which has proved very popular with changing formats keeping it interesting: this month Rob Darby created a 3 Man Texas Scramble. This was an extremely close-run thing with the first 9 teams being separated by only 4 points – winners on the day were Guy Bolsover, Jeremy Nicholas and Chris J Hankins on countback from Peter Rice, James Ormrod and Merve Price.

Enjoy your golf in the better weather!

Paul Kime
Seniors Captain





Greenkeeper Report

Hi everyone,

It's finally nice to see some warmth and sunshine. Thanks to all for adhering to the course restrictions. The course has come out of the winter in a good place and I'm looking forward to the play season ahead.

We are behind on the 5th tee due to the weather we have had but once things settle down we will crack on with that project.

We are trying a different nutrition mix this year, we're one of the first UK clubs to go all in on this, it's been very successful in the States so I'm looking forward to seeing the results.

We will be doing some spring maintenance on the greens, which involves punching holes into the greens and filling them with sand. This is the start of us making firmer, diluting thatch and improving drainage on the greens so that the greens can cope with winter conditions better than they have in previous years. Next spring we will see a big ramp up on this work, when we'll have the cultural machines needed so we can do work throughout the year and take the greens to a new level.

Ian Robins
Head Greenkeeper



Professional News

It looks like Spring is finally on its way and the course is already looking fantastic so now is the time for some new equipment & lessons!

For those interested in a team shirt I am placing orders for Navy (mens) and Yellow (seniors) so let me know if you would like to reserve one.

It is also Major time with the Masters only a couple of weeks away, which means it's time for the return of Nine & Dine. I will be running the first one later in April as many of you are away during the Masters so keep an eye out for an email update.

LESSON PACKAGES

From April 1st lesson prices will increase, however book and pay for a package before April 15th and pay the current price of £150 for 5 x 30 min lessons (£165 new rate).

GOLF SHOP

Stock is arriving every day for the golfing season so come and check out the new arrivals:

- PING G440K driver - £579
- New Footjoy models from £109
- Callaway Quantum Max irons - £899
- Cleveland wedges from - £99
- BRAND NEW MOTOCADDY SE TROLLEY ONLY £499

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