



Oundle Golf Club Newsletter

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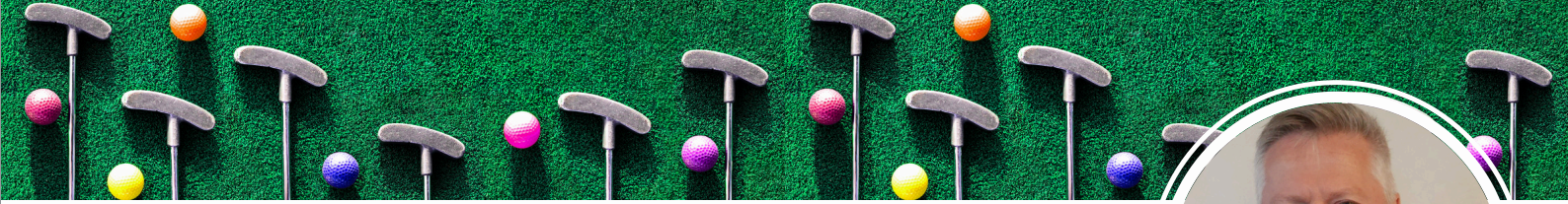
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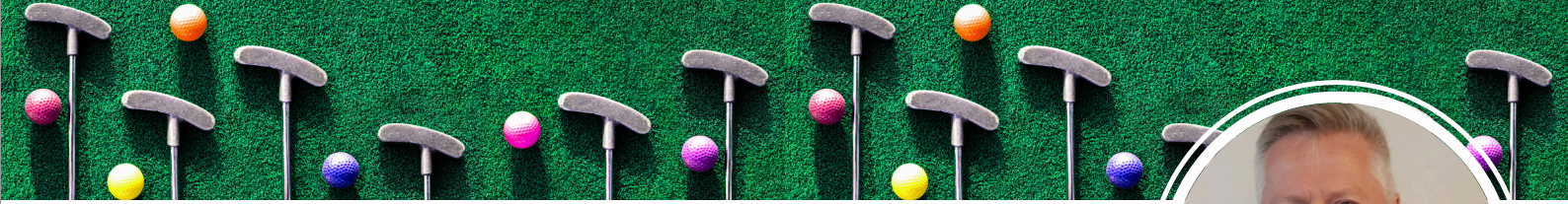
Chairperson's Report

As I write, we are enjoying a brief respite from the merciless heat of a week seeing temperatures in the mid to high 30's. With weather like this it is easy to overlook the fact that it is only June. Clearly, our climate has changed significantly already and we are all having to adapt. The investment by the club in the bowser was a good move, and Ian and his team have put it to good use – in particular, our greens remain in excellent condition and continue to be reasonably receptive. The reputation of the club continues to grow, and the uptick in visitor rounds continues.

The management committee met on 2nd of June. Finalised accounts for the financial year (to the end of March 2026) are in production and will be tabled at the upcoming Annual General Meeting which will likely be scheduled for a date in August – please keep an eye out for that and come along if you can. It is an opportunity to understand the numbers and take stock of the finances of the club. Nes Reed will be distributing the accounts by email prior to the meeting.

When you see the club's formal accounts you will notice a difference from the numbers to which I refer in these newsletters. That is because, for the purposes of the management committee, we use management accounts. The formal accounts, which are audited, differ in some respects from the management accounts in that the formal accounts conform to accounting standards. Management accounts on the other hand depart from accounting standards in some respects because these financials seek to show the actual cash position. For example, formal accounts may allow an expense on an item of machinery to be apportioned over the lifetime of the machine.



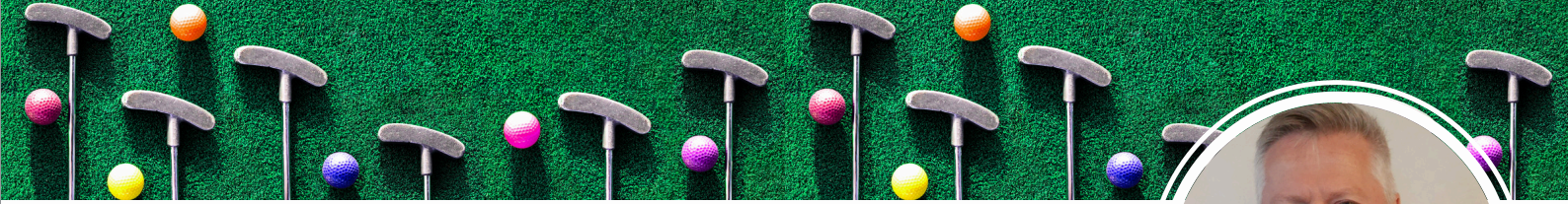


Chairperson's Report - continued

For management accounts, we may prefer to deduct the entire amount in the year the money was spent, since all that cash has left the club's bank account in that year. As a result, formal accounts can show a bigger accounting surplus than the cash surplus – that is what you will see this year. We, as a management committee, prefer to see and talk about the cash position as this is what matters most to the club. In our opinion, it is a more relevant and more prudent measure. If you have any questions about this and want clarification, please come along to the AGM and ask away.

On the subject of finances, the April numbers are in. April is the first month of the new financial year and we have made a solid start. Net income is broadly in line with budget, with lower overall income being offset by lower expenditure and lower unrecovered VAT. With regard to income, member sub's are a little behind budget, but visitor fees are ahead. This may reflect an underlying shift in how a section of golfers are preferring to spend; on the other hand, it is very early in the financial year and we are hopeful of continuing to pick up new members. For example, we have had encouraging feedback from our Women-into-Golf initiative and believe we will see some success from that.

As far as the club's bank balance is concerned, the position continues to improve. We are roughly £20k better year-on-year, and have recovered to the position the club was in as of April 2023. This will continue to be the management committee's primary focus, with a view to continuing to reduce the club's debt and enable incremental improvements to the golf course.



Chairperson's Report - continued

The Greens Committee reported to the management committee, as usual. The greens team are very happy with the performance of the new mowers – certainly, the cut is showing the layout of the course beautifully. The tee boxes are the primary concern at the moment and there is a focus on what can be done in the way of watering and fertilising to improve things.

Testing of the possibility of planting heather on the banks from the 2nd and 15th tees was negative, so the team has decided to go with gorse; this will be kept at a maximum height of just a few feet to ensure that visibility from the tees is unaffected. And finally, the team are already looking ahead to how they are going to present the course for the club championship later this year: among the thoughts, we are promised good bunkers and quick greens!

One last item to report – we have finalised the new contract with Dave Morland, our pro, and we look forward to continuing our fruitful collaboration with him.

That's it for now. I will write again in July and I hope to see you at the AGM in August.

Best wishes,
James



Captain's Report

WINNERS CIRCLE

JUNE MEDAL/POOLE CUP

DIV1= Michael Davidson net 73

DIV2= Denis Price net 76

DIV3= Dale Abbott net 75

BERRIDGE BOWLS

Ian hood & Cameron Mc Kinnon 46 points

Congratulations to Tony Shillcock & Anthony Marriott [4bbb] and Guy Bolsover & Nick Arpino [4somes] for reaching the quarter finals in the county knock outs. Good luck in the next round chaps.

Our teams in the Hollingsworth and Handicap League have unfortunately not made the next round amongst much muttering about handicaps.

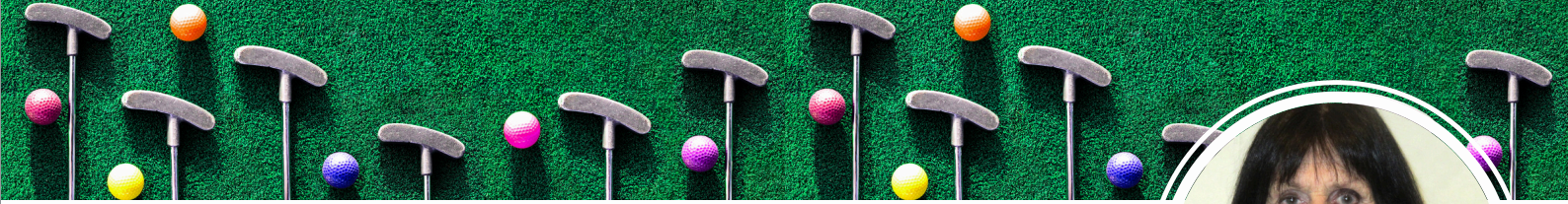
Talking of suspicious handicaps, the friendly at Gedney resulted in a 5 nil defeat.

Finally as the weather is HOT news a reminder to all to keep hydrated on the course as its too easy to forget whilst playing.

Many thanks,

Dennis Price Oundle GC Captain.





Women's Section Report

Well, we wanted some dry, sunny weather and here it is! Enjoy it everyone, keep hydrated and as cool as you can!

Congratulations to the winners of the Titleist 4BBB - Deb Scotland and Priya Salvi. We await news of whether they will progress to the finals at Woodhall Spa in August.

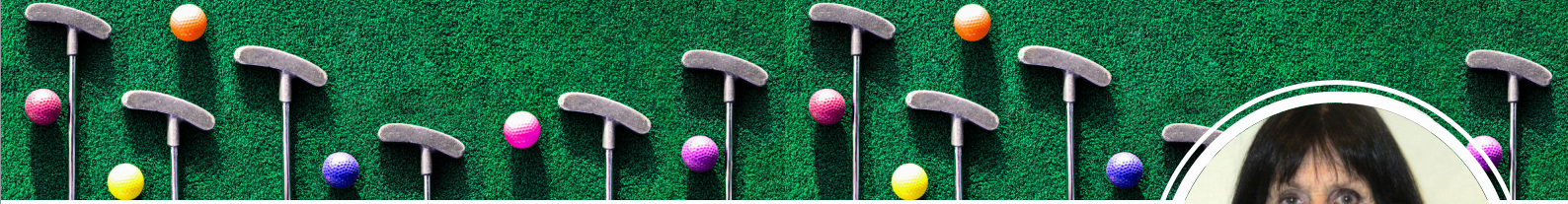
Our third Cecil Leitch match was played on 28th May, away at Northants County, where we achieved a draw. It's now all to play for, lying in 3rd position having played only 3 matches, so good luck to the team! Unfortunately, our home match against Northants County this week had to be postponed due to the extremely high temperatures and will now be played on Wednesday 15th July.

Our main news this month is around the Women's Open held on 17th June, which was a wonderfully successful day thanks to Deb Scotland's fantastic organisational skills and brilliant teamwork from members of the Women's Section and the rest of the Club.

Huge thanks to the Seniors, catering staff, Greenkeepers and all our volunteers who worked so hard to put the day together. It was great to have the clubhouse buzzing with happy golfers. We received so many compliments regarding the beautiful course, the fabulous raffle prizes and of course our gorgeous men in their bow ties at the HWH! The winning team from Beds & County were so impressed with the course they plan to come back with more members from their Club!

We raised an amazing £440.00 from the raffle and £99.00 from donations at the Halfway House for my Captain's Charity, Volunteer Action. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.



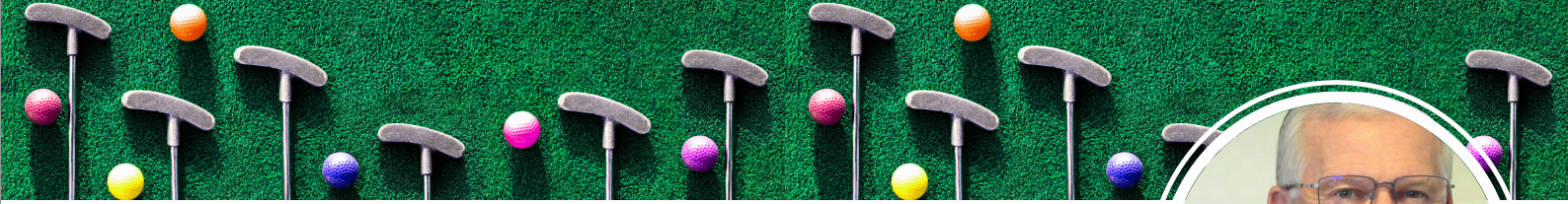


Women's Section Report

On Tuesday 16th June we enjoyed another of Priya's Fun Competitions, won by the Spring/Summer Team, followed by a celebration for Christine Rowell's "big" birthday. Thanks to Christine, who kindly bought everyone a drink and to Dawn Gent who baked some delicious birthday cakes for the occasion.

Sarah Parsell





Senior Captain's Report

Well it's not just the weather warming up, the Seniors match programme is too!

Since last time we have played another County KO match beating Collingtree at home 4-1 – we are now through to the semi-final which will be against one of the biggest clubs in the county – Northampton. I hope to have more good news next month.

Friendly matches:

Lutterworth away – lost

Kingsthorpe home – won

Market Harborough away – match abandoned for a half after 9 holes due to torrential rain

Burghley home – won, but the highlight of the day was the hole-in-one scored by Rob Darby on the 9th – great stuff and not even a massive bar bill!

Priors Hall away – match halved.

Of course, the busy programme of Senior events continues at pace with the following results:

Medal May 18th

Div 1 Mike Davidson with best gross score of 77 (net 70).

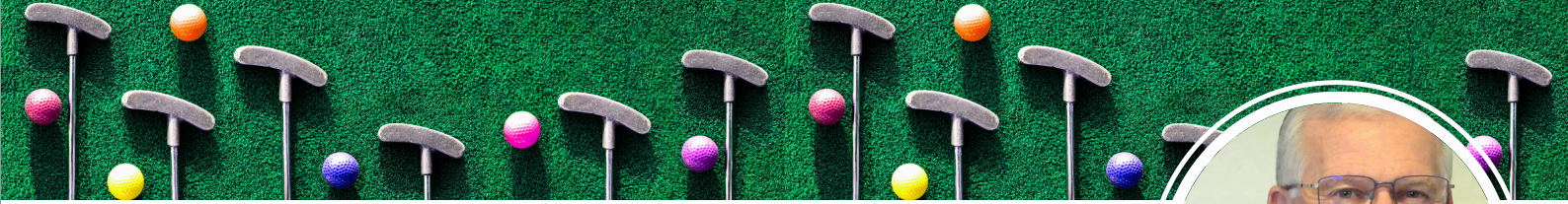
Div 2 Andy Sulston – net 67.

Summer Stableford Round 3

1st – Andy Sulston 40pts

There was only one 2 scored with a roll-over pot won by Rob Svarups – well done Rob.





Senior Captain's Report

Medal June 10th

Div 1 - won again by Mike Davidson (the model of consistency?) with another great score of 77 (net 70) this time by 4 clear shots from Chris Dix

Div 2 – David Doveton with a net 73, 3 shots clear of four players all on net 76.

Again, there were no 2s scored so there will be another roll-over pot available in the next event.

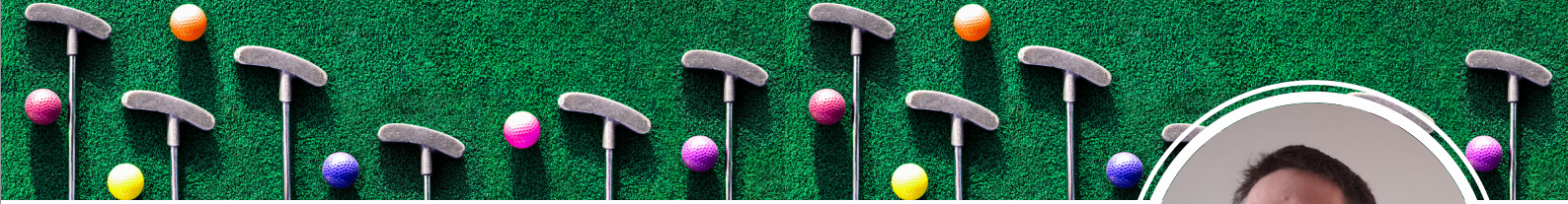
Finally, I am very pleased to announce that following an approach from the Women's section and a brief discussion with my committee, I am delighted to welcome women into the Senior section at Oundle Golf Club. This is a development that puts us on par with a few other clubs in the county and ahead of most. So far, we have welcomed 3 new Seniors as result of this.

So, if you are over 55 and would like to join us in the Seniors section please get in touch with either myself or one of the committee – you are assured of a warm welcome.

Enjoy your golf,

Paul Kime
Seniors Captain





Greenkeeper Report

Hi everyone

Heatwave, stormy weather, heatwave; challenging weather for sure. As I write its a hot 34 degrees; our new feeding and moisture management is so far working well, greens are healthy and look great and most importantly putt well. Our new bowser has been out a lot and with hand watering (thanks Barry watts) the tees are holding up.

I have identified 10 tees which we are going to renovate over the autumn/winter, sometimes you have just got to start afresh. Once done these tees will be far better than what we have currently.

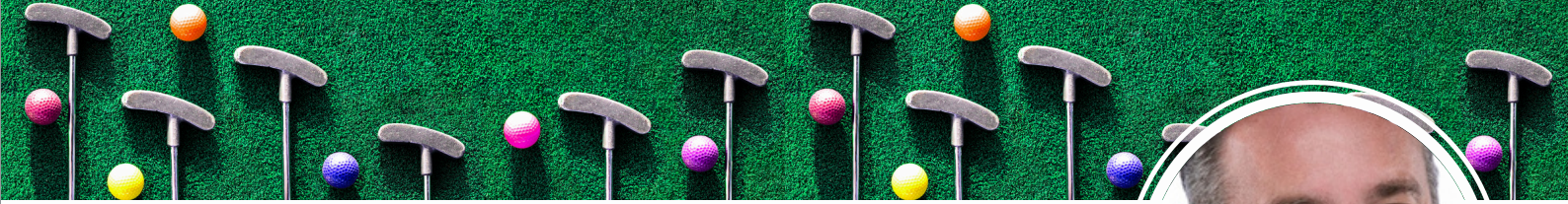
While writing this the 2nd path is having work done and the area around the 1st green will look different, in a good way.

With the removal of scrub and self set trees it's easy to let areas overgrow and at Oundle there are a lot of areas (hidden from view) that can be opened up and clear, to not only enhance the beauty of the course, but help the bio diversity and environment and introduce more wildlife and fauna.

Fri 3 July is the club v staff match, as normal it will be close and hard fought. So far since introducing it the staff have 4 wins with 1 halved match. This years will be no different, one thing that is different is our captain I've handed the captaincy over to Rob Rouse, I'm sure Rob can continue our winning run... lol he better.

Enjoy the sun but share a thought, it is hard for us greenkeepers during this weather but with the members' support we will continue to win.

Ian Robins



Professional News

The golfing season is in full flow and what a weekend we have in store from 17th-19th July with three incredible sporting events - The Open, The World Cup Final and The OGC Nine & Dine!

After missing the previous event we hope to make this month's Nine & Dine on July 17th the biggest of the year. These events provide a great opportunity to bring friends and family along for the meal so please email professional@oundlegolfclub.com to book ASAP.

GOLF SHOP - TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!

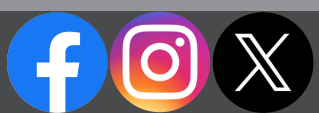
Full Demo sets of both the latest mens and women's PINGS can be tried on the course giving you the perfect opportunity for you to try the latest technology against your current clubs.

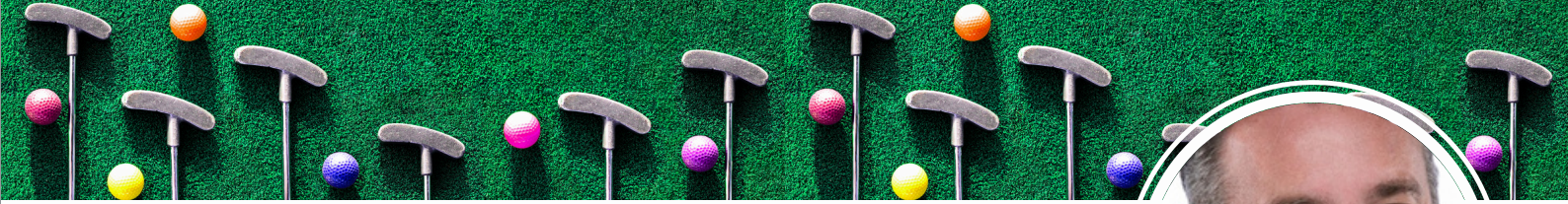
Also I may not keep all brands in stock but if you would like to try other brands such as Callaway, Titleist, Cobra and Mizuno then let me know.

GOLF SHOP - TROLLEY MADNESS!

- 15% discount on all in stock Electric trolleys during July
- 20% discount on all in stock Manual trolleys during July

Please remember that I will always price match with major online sites and most equipment can be delivered within a week!





Professional News

LESSONS

ON-COURSE LESSON SPECIAL

Book a 90 min on-course lesson during July and receive a FREE follow up 30 min lesson to work on the most important areas of your game!

COACHING TIPS

Click below for this month's pro tip:

<https://youtu.be/hwO9NjIXOfg?feature=shared>