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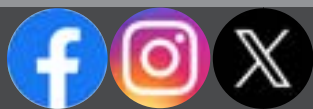
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Chairperson's Report

Another long hot summer is now behind us and mercifully the grass has responded to the rain and cooler temperatures.

How wonderful it is to see again the artistry of the mown fairways. And what a relief to know that the greens have survived in excellent condition once more, thanks to the expert care of our greens team. As well as the greens, the break in the weather has come in time to afford us enough time to bring back the few stressed tee-boxes on the course before Autumn's shorter days and cold nights. Members' patience in putting up with a few mats and temporary tees will no doubt be rewarded in due course.

The planned drainage work on the 3rd and 4th greens is scheduled to go ahead in the next few weeks. We are using the same company as we did for the 15th, so members can expect a relatively quick turnaround and return to play of those greens. It will be fascinating to see what a difference it makes to their condition throughout the upcoming winter; let's hope for the sort of success we had with the 15th.

The management committee has not met since I last wrote, so there is not the usual update on the committee's work. However, the financials for the months of July and August are in. Costs have continued to be managed well, coming in under budget to-date, but July and August (like June) have been disappointing on income. We are still behind on annual dues at £29k below budget, and greens fees are £16k behind. The management committee will be meeting shortly and we will be looking at what we can do to close the gap over the second half of the financial year.



Chairperson's Report - continued

On the positive side, improvement efforts continue on the hospitality in the clubhouse and a new menu with better quality food options is now available. I have asked for a copy to be attached to the newsletter so that you can take a look - the prices are very competitive indeed! Please do take the opportunity to try out the menu and let Sam, our catering manager, know what you think. My thanks in advance.

Until next time,

Best wishes,
James


Breakfast
Poached eggs on sourdough £4.95
Baps £4.50
Bacon, sausage or egg
Additional item £1.50
Toasted Teacake £2.00
Homemade sausage roll £2.70
Cheese and onion pasty £2.20
Toasties, sandwiches or paninis £5.75
All served with salad garnish
Fillings available: ham, cheese, tuna melt
Three Egg Omelette , chips and side salad
One filling £7.00
Two fillings £7.50
Three fillings £8.00
Peppers, mushrooms, cheese, ham, onion


Chicken Goujon wrap with chips and side salad £7.50
Homemade Beef/Vegetarian burger with chips, onion rings and side salad £10.00
Salad Bowl £6.50
Ham/Tuna/Chicken
Sides
Chips £2.75
Chips and cheese £3.75
Onion rings x 6 £2
Garlic Bread £2



Captain's Report

WINNERS CIRCLE

AUGUST MEDAL - DIV 1 Nick Arpino net 72 DIV2 - Denis Price net 72 -
DIV3 Richard Cole net 76

SEPTEMBER MEDAL - DIV1 Iain Scotland net 70 DIV 2 Rob Tansley net 71
DIV3 Philip Twiselton net 65

FENWICK CUPS - Deb and Iain Scotland 39 pts

SEPTEMBER STABLEFORD - DIV1 Michael Jursa 37 pts DIV2 Denis Price
38 pts DIV3 Richard Tuz.. 38 pts

PAST CAPTAINS - LADIES - Christine Rowell 34 pts, MEN Richard Cole
also 34 pts.

Other news

As per e mails etc and to some golfers great regret the local rule on the 13th
has been rescinded.

Drainage work is also beginning on 5th October and we ask members to be
patient whilst this work is ongoing.

As everyone is now aware I hope, we have a new catering manager, Sam,
and I would please/plead members to use the bar as much as possible. If we
don't use it, we may lose it.



Captain's Report - continued

So season end is approaching and no doubt in a month or so we'll be moaning about the rain.

So to everybody have a good golfing october and good luck in Dave's summer raffle. cheers.

Many thanks,

Dennis Price Oundle GC Captain.



Women's Section Report

Well, the days are definitely getting shorter but it's still perfect weather for golf and this week sees "a wrap" for the Women's 2026 trophy competitions.

As usual, I'll congratulate our recent winners:

Championships: Best Gross Claire Izod, r/up Priya Salvi

Best Nett Deb Scotland, r/up Karen Taylor

Elaine Leach: 1st Sally Anderson, 2nd Deb Scotland

9-Hole Salver: 1st Diane Croskell, 2nd Barbara Jenkinson

Challenge Cup: 1st Claire Izod, 2nd Sarah Parsell

Midsummer Cups: 1st Priya Salvi, 2nd Deb Scotland

Good luck to everyone playing in Tuesday's 9- and 18-hole finals, results will be reported next time!

Please make a note of our Women's AGM and trophy presentations on Tuesday 17th November - we look forward to welcoming our Section members.

Hoping for an extended Indian Summer for us all to enjoy!

Happy golfing!

Sarah Parsell



Senior Captain's Report

Wow - what an extremely busy month since last time!

The hot weather has gone now and for a while the ground softened from the welcome rain, but the course was definitely quite bouncy again when I played yesterday.

Matches

We have played our last 4 friendly matches this month:

Toft Away – lost

Staverton Park Away – lost by 1

Collingtree Park Home – won 6-2

Burghley Park Away – lost by 1

We also lost in the semi-final of the Seniors County KO Competition Away at Northampton Golf Club where 3 matches were snatched from our grasp on the 18th green. A hard loss to take but I must pay tribute to the great efforts from my team who punch well above their weight; there's always next year.

The season has gone pretty much as expected where we have won all but one of our home matches and lost most of the away ones albeit with some very close results. Home advantage is a huge thing in golf!

Faith Brocklehurst Trophy

Our annual event with the Women's section resulted in another loss for the Seniors – perhaps we need to find a new format! Best individual scores on the day came from Sue Brown and Karen Johnson both with 37 points with the golf followed by a most enjoyable meal in good company.



Senior Captain's Report

Team roll-up 7th September

The winners were Graham Drage, Andrew Ireson and Dave Woods with 77 points while Andy Billing scored the only 2 on the day.
Collison Cup (Medal)

Winner - Doug Walker with a great score of Net 70, 4 shots clear of Steve Rozak in 2nd place – a neat reversal of the Individual Roll-up result last month. Clearly, Doug's lessons with Dave Moreland are starting to pay off!

Summer Stableford Round 8

1st – John Finlayson 40 pts 2nd Rob Darby 38pts 3rd Charlie Underwood 36pts
The roll-over pot for Twos obviously provided some motivation as no less than 5 Twos were holed on the day with a rather greedy Chris Dix claiming 2 of them!
Past Senior Captains' Competition and Lunch - this year we had 13 Captains playing plus an extra for lunch. We welcomed back Past Captains Ray Rata and Phil Churchward while the winner on the day was Paul Kime with 35 points. We had an excellent meal afterwards where it was clear to see the influence of our new Catering Manager Sam Ryan – please support her efforts.

Of course, the two biggest days of the month were the Seniors Charity Open and the Senior Captain's Away Day.

Seniors' Charity Open Day

Once again masterminded by Peter Rice supported by an amazing team effort from numerous people, the day was a great success.



Senior Captain's Report

Some numbers

160 players – Raffle £800 – Half Way House £400 – 80+ meals served in clubhouse - £4,000 raised for Prostate Cancer.....what a day!

We must thank our fantastic team of volunteers on the day who helped with car parking, starter duties, registration, marshalling, half way house etc – I will not name them as I might miss someone out – you all know who you are and what you do for our golf club so please accept my sincere thanks and admiration for that.

The winning team on the day was from Brampton Park with a score of 86 points on countback. The best result from Oundle players was third place – well played Tony Shillcock, Tony Wilkes, Chris Hankins and Nick Arpino who scored 85 points, so close.

Senior Captain's Away Day

My Away Day at Stoke Rochford was a fabulous event blessed with dry weather although a bit breezy at times. Stoke Rochford is always worth a visit and did not disappoint the 32 players who made it on the day. Thank you to all of you who took part and made it such a memorable day.

We played Stableford competitions with both Individual and Team Prizes together with Nearest Pins on 12 and 17.

Individual – Ian Hood triumphed with a great score of 42 points having never played the course before! Second was Mike Thompson and third came Iain Scotland.



Senior Captain's Report

Team – Ant Marriott, Rob Darby, Mike Thompson and Paul Kime won with 90 points on countback from Colin Stanyon, Ian Hood, Paul Tarrant and Richard Cole.

Nearest pins – Ian Hood (again!) and Chris Dix

Ian Tucker picked up the Sweepstake pot which was a great surprise to him as he selected Ian Hood “blind” so didn’t know who he should be cheering on! More money was raised on the day for my chosen charity Prostate Cancer UK and my target is now to get to £5,000 for the year as a whole.

Some pictures below from the day.

Enjoy your golf,
Paul Kime





Greenkeeper Report

Greens Maintenance

As part of our ongoing greens maintenance programme, we will begin pencil tining the greens from October, which will be the start cultural maintenance of the greens with the new machines.

Since joining the club, my first priority was to get the greens to a standard I feel happy with, getting the correct nutrient inputs... now it's time to move to phase 2 and get the greens from good to great.

What is pencil tining?

It is a form of light aeration where very small, solid tines are used to create narrow channels down into the greens.

Although the holes are small and may be visible immediately after the work, they have minimal impact on the putting surface and normally disappear relatively quickly.





Greenkeeper Report

Why do we do it?

Healthy greens depend on a healthy rootzone beneath the surface. Pencil tining helps to:

- Improve air movement into the rootzone
- Improve water infiltration and drainage
- Relieve surface compaction
- Encourage stronger and deeper root growth
- Help maintain healthy turf and reduce stress on the grass
- Support the quality and consistency of our putting surfaces throughout the autumn and winter

The small channels created by the tines provide pathways for air and water to move through the soil, creating a better growing environment for the grass roots.

Minimal disruption to play

One of the main advantages of pencil tining is that it allows us to carry out important aeration work without the level of disruption associated with more intensive hollow coring or renovation work.



Greenkeeper Report

Following the operation, the greens will be rolled and the surface will quickly return to a good playing condition. The holes (resulting from the pencil tining) may be noticeable initially, but the visual impact should reduce rapidly as the grass grows and the surfaces recover. As often as we can we will dress the greens with sand. Lightly sanding the greens increases drainage and also helps firm the greens whilst also smoothing them after aeration work has been done.

We appreciate your understanding while this important work is carried out. Any short-term disruption is an investment in healthier greens and better playing surfaces for all members in the months ahead.

That's all for this month, busy busy time for us now... nothing new there, enjoy your golf until next month.

Regards,

Ian Robins,
Head Greenkeeper.





Professional News

We are not quite at the end of the golfing season yet, however the clocks will change at the end of October limiting playing and coaching hours. Why not take advantage of the final few light evenings and book an on-course lesson while you still can. By the way congratulations to my latest three pupils Richard Cole, Christine Rowell and Richard Tuz, who have all won competitions the week following their lesson!!

The summer draw was a huge success with the following lucky winners picking up the prizes:

- 1st - Motocaddy SE trolley - Simon Fitton
- 2nd - Titleist Bag - Paul Tarrant
- 3rd - Lesson package - Ian Hood
- 4th - Ping midlayer - Steve Eaton
- 5th - Titleist AVX balls - Cameron Mckinnon

The CHRISTMAS DRAW will be available in the pro shop from October 1st with even bigger prizes including a set of PING G440 irons worth over £800 as the top prize!! Tickets will be £2.50 each or 5 for £10.

GOLF LESSONS

ON-COURSE LESSON SPECIAL CONTINUES UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER

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



Professional News

GOLF SHOP

REGRIP PROMO

Now is a great time to renew your old grips so why not take advantage of the following promo:

Pay for 6 grips and get a 7th free

Pay for 11 grips and get a 12th & 13th free

LADIES CLOTHING SALE

Check out the ladies clothing sale rail with all items 60% OFF. New OGC Logo winter clothing in stock. The new winter range of OGC logo clothing is now in stock.

COACHING TIPS

Please follow true link below for this months tip

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