

# THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



## MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE 2022 A.G.M.

### The County Matches 2022

For the first time in three years, our County match programme was happily completed, totally unimpeded by Covid.

We are ever-grateful to our member clubs, who once again contributed hugely to our matches, providing us with splendid hospitality throughout the summer months. This year, for the first time, we were welcomed by The Club at Mapledurham, where we played our Mixed Invitation event in July; fittingly, two Mapledurham partnerships were amongst the prize winners.

Over the years, our County matches have inevitably created long-standing friendships, and so once again, many happy relationships were renewed during the course of the summer, not only with our adjoining Counties, but also with our participating golf clubs.

My thanks, as always, go to all of you who represented our group in our tours and matches, and I am also eternally especially grateful to those of you who make my life so much easier by agreeing to fill in, often at the very last minute, when others unavoidably drop out.

I know I repeat myself, but the mostly happy relationships we enjoy with each of our clubs must neither be assumed nor jeopardised, and should be nurtured on each visit we make to them.

The end of term match result sheet for 2022 looks like this;

#### MATCH SUMMARY

(Excludes Queen's Jubilee Trophy and the Four Counties)

	PLAYED	WON	HALVED	LOST	GAMES WON	GAMES LOST
HOME	10	8	0	2	57½	38½
AWAY	10	5	0	5	48½	45½
ALL	20	13	0	7	106	84

The [Cornwall trip](#) in May was apparently another roaring success, and the clamour remains for places on the tour next year. We lost our three-match series in Cornwall by two matches to one, but we did retain, and bring home, the trophy for winning the final match in the series.

The return series of three matches in Oxfordshire in September resulted in a home whitewash, so both trophies were retained and the year's account stood at 4 matches to two in our favour.

The OGC team enjoyed a wonderful day at Gerrards Cross Golf Club on the 14<sup>th</sup> July in the [Four Counties](#), coming away as winners once again with 188 points, from Berkshire on 184, Gloucestershire on 177 and Buckinghamshire on 173. This was our fourth win in the past six years, and our highly delighted Captain accepted the trophy on behalf of the team.

There was also another [Four Counties](#) repeat performance from Chris Spearing and Simon Berry who, for the second consecutive year, lifted the best pairs' trophy with 42 points, clear of their nearest pursuers by some margin.

The [Queen's Jubilee trophy](#) is an individual stableford event for teams of eight players from seven different Golf Captains' Associations. The seven best scores in each team count towards the final score, and this year the trophy was played for at the Romford Golf Club, with the home team, Essex, for the second year running, coming out on top of the heap. Although we finished in fifth place, we were only 17 points behind the winners; a very creditable performance.

## [The Internal Events](#)

Once again, all our internal events were well supported by our members and, each in their own way, represented an enjoyable break from County matches. If you're not in the habit of attending these days, why not try one or more next year? They are great fun, well organised, and there are always good prizes on offer.

With some highly impressive scores, the full list of winners is as follows:

Date	Event	Host Golf Club	Winner	Points
13-04-2022	Spring Meeting	Burford	Olly Bowden	42
14-06-2022	President's Day	Kirtlington	Keith Bowker	39
19-07-2022	Mixed Greensomes	Mapledurham	Bethany & Ken McIntyre	48
09-08-2022	Captain's Day	The Oxfordshire	Frank O'Neill	42
24-08-2022	Founders' Cup	Henley	Chris Spearing	42
31-08-2022	Autumn Meeting	North Oxford	John Waring	39
31-08-2022*	Powell Cup	North Oxford	Drayton Park	113
Season long **	Hookham Trophy		Olly Bowden	80

\* the best three scores returned by Captains of the same club playing in the Autumn Meeting.

\*\* the best two aggregated scores returned by an individual Captain at the Spring and Autumn meetings and the Captain's and President's Days.

For more details of these events, please visit our OGC website, "Internal Events Report 2022."

➤ The remaining internal event, the [Golden Anniversary Knock-out](#) trophy, attracted the largest ever entry with 29 pairs entering this year's event.

The final, was played at the Oxfordshire on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, when Keith and Graham Henley competed against Paul Brain and Phil Stanway. The match finished all square after 18 holes, with Keith and Graham prevailing at the first extra hole.

## [The Captain's Autumn Tour 2022](#)

Your Captain, Rob Daniels took 26 Captains to the St Pierre Golf resort, where three games were played on the two courses in early September. You will find all the scores on the website, but David Ryan emerged as the overall winner, beating the Captain into second place.

## [The Cornwall Tours 2023](#)

We have sufficient reservations for 36 travellers for our stay at the Carlyon Bay hotel from Sunday afternoon, 14<sup>th</sup> May, until Thursday morning 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, during which time we will be playing our matches against the Cornish Captains at the Looe, St Enodoc and Carlyon Bay Golf Courses.

The list for next year is already pretty full, but there are still a couple of vacancies should you be interested in travelling; if so, please let me know.

The Cornish Captains will be returning to Oxfordshire from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, for matches at Feldon Valley, Witney Lakes and Burford Golf Clubs.

## [The Captain's Autumn Tour 2023](#)

Keith Henley, your Captain Elect for 2023, has chosen Le Touquet for his Captain's Autumn Tour, which will take place from Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. So far, 31 members have indicated their presence and paid their deposits.

Everyone will be travelling together on a coach provided by Alan Gray, so there should be no great issues over the channel tunnel.

Should you wish to attend, that may still be possible, provided that there are still available hotel spaces. You'll need to be speedy though, so please do get in touch with me at [roger.sillence@live.co.uk](mailto:roger.sillence@live.co.uk) or 01993 776303 as soon as possible.

## *The 2023 Golfing Season*

I will be circulating to all members our 2023 golfing calendar, together with the usual return form, upon which you can denote your interest in our 20 matches and all the internal events, so please keep a wary eye on your inbox.

Please make sure that speedily complete and return that document, because the teams for all the matches are selected within a few weeks of that circulation; if you delay too long, you may well miss the deadline, and I am anxious to avoid that at all costs.

As most of you will know, all the match selections are circulated to everyone involved in the early spring, so please make sure that you're all on board in good time.

All-in-all, I think it fair to claim that 2022 was a successful and enjoyable golfing year. The camaraderie and bonhomie at all our events were obvious to everyone who played; thank you all for your contribution to that, and may 2023 be just as memorable and enjoyable for us all.

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*"Membership of the OGC is the best thing that ever came from being the Captain of a golf club."*