

THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



NEWSLETTER NUMBER SEVEN – AUTUMN 2018

Well - that's it then, another hugely enjoyable golfing season done and dusted and many happy days and events to set into the memory bank. Although most green-keepers would argue the point, weather-wise it's been a wonderful summer of almost never-ending warm sunshine. The final results of 2018 look like this.

1. COUNTY MATCHES

Our County match season was concluded with the visit of our Cornish friends and the final table looks like this:

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE
April				
25 th April	Somerset	Carswell	WON	5 - 3
May				
Monday 7 th	Cornwall	Trethorne	HALVED	6 - 6
Tuesday 8 th	Cornwall	St Austell	LOST	4½ - 7½
Wednesday 9 th	Cornwall	Carlyon Bay	LOST	5½ - 6½
Wednesday 16 th	Cambridgeshire	Badgemore Park	WON	6 - 2
Wednesday 23 rd	Worcestershire	Gaudet Luce	LOST	2 - 6
Wednesday 30 th	Devon	The Wychwood	WON	8 - 0
June				
Tuesday 5 th	Sussex	Mid-Sussex	WON	8 - 2
Thursday 14 th	Dorset	Hadden Hill	WON	4½ - 3½
July				
Monday 2 nd	Oxfordshire Ladies	Kirtlington	WON	6½ - 3½
Thursday 5 th	Berkshire	Henley	WON	5½ - 2½
Thursday 12 th	Warwickshire	Stratford-U-Avon	LOST	3½ - 6½
Wednesday 25 th	Gloucestershire	Lilley Brook	LOST	½ - 7½
August				
Thursday 2 nd	London	The Oxfordshire	WON	6 - 4
Monday 13 th	Wiltshire	The Wiltshire	HALVED	4 - 4
Tuesday 21 st	Buckinghamshire	Lambourne	LOST	3½ - 4½
Wednesday 29 th	Hampshire	North Oxford	WON	6 - 4
September				
Monday 17 th	Cornwall	Tadmarton Heath	WON	7 - 5
Tuesday 18 th	Cornwall	Cotswolds Club	WON	6½ - 5½
Wednesday 19 th	Cornwall	Burford	LOST	4 - 8

The summary of results reflects a degree of mixed fortunes, with an excellent "home" record, but an "away" record leaving a little to be worked on next year!

	PLAYED	WON	HALVED	LOST
HOME	10	9	0	1
AWAY	10	2	2	6
ALL	20	11	2	7

2. THE CORNWALL TOUR 2018/2019

Having lost both trophies to the Cornish Captains in May, the competitive edge between our two counties re-emerged when they returned to Oxfordshire in September for our three matches. The results, shown in the above table, meant that we won back the Wychwood Shield, (Philip Haynes) which is the overall trophy, by two matches to one, but that we lost the Truscott trophy (Fred Davies) for the third day match at Burford.

Both tours involving our Cornish friends are eagerly anticipated and hugely enjoyed by everyone who takes part and this year was no exception. Warm friendships forged over many years will undoubtedly continue for many years yet to come.

Our trip to Cornwall next year will be from Sunday 12th to Thursday 16th May, with matches at the Point of Polzeath, Launceston and Carlyon Bay golf clubs; rooms at the Carlyon Bay hotel were reserved some months ago.

Should you be interested in travelling with us next year to Cornwall, please let me know now as soon as you like at roger.sillence@live.co.uk or 01993 776303.

3. OGC INTERNAL EVENTS

The 2018 internal competitions have now all been finalised.

The [Mixed Foursomes Invitation Meeting](#), which attracted the biggest entry for several years of 26 couples, was held at the Springs Golf Club on Monday 30th July, when the results were as follows:

Winners	Mike Rothery and Judith Ryan Oxford City Golf Club	39 points
Second	Tim and Jenny Nunneley Tadmarton Heath Golf Club	38 points - On countback
Third	Dave Bowd and Lyn Bewley The Springs Golf Club - 2018	38 points
Front 9	Michael and Sarah Moore Badgemore Park Golf Club	22 points
Back 9	Olly Bowden and Paula Sibley Drayton Park Golf Club	20 points - On countback

Our [Autumn Meeting](#) was held at the Magnolia Park Golf Club on Thursday 6th September, when 43 Captains arrived to compete for three trophies, the first of which was the Autumn trophy ([the Honey Bowl](#)) which is awarded to the individual winner on the day. The happy winners were;

Winner	Brian Wheeler	Kirtlington	42 points
Second	Dave Palmer	Drayton Park	41 points
Third	Bill Major	Drayton Park	39 points
Fourth	John Robinson	Hadden Hill	35 points - countback
Fifth	Giulio Viglieno	Kirtlington	36 points
Front 9	Colin Cargill	Magnolia Park	22 points
Back 9	Allan Harries	Badgemore Park	19 points

The second trophy ([the Powell Cup](#)) is awarded to the associated golf club whose past Captains return the best three aggregate scores in the event and this was won for the second year running by Drayton Park Golf Club with a points total of 111, with Kirtlington golf club filling the runners-up berth with 109 points.

The third trophy to be decided at the Autumn meeting is the [Hookham Trophy](#), which is awarded to the Captain who returns the best two scores from the Spring and Autumn meetings and the Captain's and President's days; this year your *Victor Ludorum*, Brian Wheeler, rounded off a great day by adding this trophy to his tally with a total of 80 points from his best two events.

Our [Founders' Cup day](#) was held on the Thursday, 23rd August at Studley Wood golf club, where we had invited representatives of all the County Golf Captains' associations against whom we play, to help us celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Forty-seven members and guests received the warmest of welcomes from the Studley Wood folks and a splendid day was enjoyed by all, especially those mentioned below.

The winning visitors were;

Visitors

1 st	Nick Wood	Berkshire	39 points
2 nd	Terry Glover	Essex	38 points - countback
3 rd	Kevin Woodham	Warwickshire	38 points
4 th	Ian Armstrong	Wiltshire	37 points

Meanwhile, for the home players, three octogenarians occupied the first three places - what a wonderful game this golf is,;

Oxfordshire Captains

1 st	Malcolm Hookham	North Oxford	38 points
2 nd	Derek Honey	Oxford City	37 points
3 rd	Theo Ziffo	Badgemore Park	35 points
Front 9	Richard Green	Oxford City	20 points
Back 9	Bob Bannister	Burford	20 points

The final internal event was the inaugural [OGC pairs knock-out](#) competition, which was held this year with 14 pairs competing for [the Peter Walton trophy](#). The final was held at the Oxford City golf club on the 5th September when Chris Spearing and Simon Berry from Drayton Park recorded a fine victory over Tim Nunneley and Ray Shaw from Tadmarton Heath.

For full details of the competition, together with rules and the result from earlier rounds, please visit https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/12f05a_9e0afc8cd94645dc99a187e037452edf.pdf . Should you be interested, why not find a partner and enter next year?

4. [THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE TOURNAMENT](#)

This event comprises teams of eight captains each from Bedfordshire, Essex, Hampshire, Kent, London, Oxfordshire and Sussex, playing in singles stableford format, with the best six scores from each team to count.

This year it was held on Thursday, 16th August at the Nevill golf club, and must have been a total nightmare for the organisers. Firstly, a series of accidents on the M25 resulted in many players arriving late and then the Good Lord decided we had already had enough sunshine for one summer and provided an absolute downpour for several hours, during which the course, most notably the greens, were quickly flooded, making play all but impossible.

We won't linger on individual misfortunes but suffice it to say that the winning total was the lowest for many a long year. London won with 178 points, with our team languishing some way further back; the best individual score of the 56 starters was 33 points, another tangible reflection on the conditions.

5. THE CAPTAIN'S AUTUMN TOUR 2018/9

Twenty-four Captains travelled down to south Wales to play three rounds on the two courses (the Lakes and the National) at the Vale Resort, near Cardiff. Splendid accommodation, good food and two very challenging golf courses linked together well to provide a most enjoyable break. After the three rounds Graham Robinson emerged with the winning score to scoop the pool.

For next year's Captain's tour, initial enquiries have been made to secure hotel and three different golf course reservations in the Torquay area from Monday, 9th to Wednesday, 11th September, 2019, so please keep a wary eye on your Inbox over the coming weeks and months for more detail.

6. YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

As usual, you will be receiving your 2019 OGC golfing calendar before the end of the year. It would be just wonderful to see some new faces returning their availability forms to me, seeking to play in events and matches; the more the merrier, so please try and find some space in your busy diaries to spend some times with us all.

In the meantime, happy golfing and enjoy what remains of the better weather before winter arrives.

***Best always,
Roger***

*Roger Sillence
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Oxfordshire Golf Captains.
September, 2018*

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