

Captain Olly Bowden Welcome message

A warm welcome to the Oxfordshire Golf Captains website, where you can find information and details of our officers, fixtures and history.

2025 was a great season under the captaincy of Roger Davies, winning six, halving two and losing two. The Four Counties Team won the trophy, retaining it for the fourth year in a row, while Tom Campbell and Glyn Hall won the individual trophy.

I'd like to take this opportunity, as your new Captain, to tell you a little about me. I was born and brought up in the village of Clifton Hampden, where I still live today, in South Oxfordshire. After attending Clifton Hampden Primary School I moved to the secondary modern, at Dorchester. In July 1959 I started work for Lowe and Oliver but my weekends were dedicated to playing football and cricket for the village. In October 1974 I started my own business as a domestic engineer. It was my good mate, Bruce Butcher, who I grew up with and went to school with (sadly no longer with us), who got me into playing golf and involved with the Oxfordshire Golf Captains. When I retired in 2008 I continued to work part-time for Jonathan Draycott at Drayton Park repairing golf trolleys, where I have become known as Olly the Trolley, which has even been embroidered on my work shirt!

I am honoured to be Captain this year, and was very surprised to be asked.

We have a full calendar of matches and internal events, so please do get involved. The Captains Tour will be at Hawkstone Park and it would be lovely to see you there.

I would like to thank our new President, Chris Spearing (aka Mr Grumpy) and all of the committee members for their continuous hard work that enables us to come together and play a game we love, what would we do without them.

With best wishes and happy golfing,

Olly Bowden

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