

## *O.G.C. Captain's Golf Tour*



*Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

The Captain's Tour, having been cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions, was carried over to Tracy Park in 2021. All was well until quite late in the day, when Tracy Park decided that wedding parties were a far more lucrative prospect than a bunch of wary old golfers staying in their hotel, and playing golf, and duly cancelled us with neither notice nor apology.

Fortunately, Old Thorns Hotel and Golf Club came to our rescue in good time and provided the necessary hotel facilities and also tee times for the first two days.

In my absence, Chris Spearing manfully sought to cast aside his mantle of Mr Grumpy, and handled all the on-course decisions, mostly in good cheer. He made some on-the-spot decisions on count-backs and nobody complained. On the first day, all attendees were presented with a pack of golf balls, which were apparently greatly appreciated, although most were lost over the coming days.

Twenty-four Captains arrived on the first tee, but not all in good time, which had Mr Grumpy swearing and stamping his feet in frustration; maybe he's beginning to understand my anxieties now! The golf was played in six 4-ball groups, in the 4-BBB format and the tour champion was to be the Captain who returned the best two scores over the three days.

The weather remained fine for golf, and the hotel was excellent. Those who had played Old Thorns before knew it to be a cracking course, but also taxing on old guys' stamina. Those with buggies on day two were regarded as having considerable foresight!

The views were spectacular, and the course was in excellent condition, with very slick greens. A lot of good golf was played, with some excellent scores returned on those first two days.

Blacknest was an interesting course which the group enjoyed, though were unlucky to find that the club had hollow-cored the greens during the previous week, so they were a bit sandy and bumpy. Just one of those things that golfers are prepared to face at this time of the year - and, of course, it was the same for everybody.

Rousing applause was reported when the Captain thanked the organisers for their hard work. Rob Daniels, Vice Captain, spoke briefly to encourage all to come next year, (St Pierre Golf and Country Club, Chepstow from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 inclusive) and to ask everyone to recruit others. He then announced Keith Henley as his 2022 Vice Captain - congratulations or commiserations followed from all quarters.

In a very tight finish, Chris Spearing emerged as our 2021 tour champion with 86 points; please find all the results on the following pages.

**Roger**

Roger Sillence

Match Secretary

Oxfordshire Golf Captains

21<sup>st</sup> September, 2021

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*Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021*

*Old Thorns Golf Club*

*Match 1 at 13h30  
Match 2 at 13h38  
Match 3 at 13h46  
Match 4 at 13h54  
Match 5 at 14h02  
Match 6 at 14h10*

*The Captain and Paul Goddard with Colin Whittle and David Jones  
Robert Stroud and Roger Davies with Keith Henley and Tim Nunneley  
Andy Mills and Hans Menzel with Glyn Hall and Richard Squires  
John Rees and Bill White with Chris Spearing and Dave Drew  
Gerry Hinnigan\* and Ollie Bowden\* with Kevin Hardy and Rob Daniels  
Alan Gray and David Ryan with Ian Allison and Bill Major*

*Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2021*

*Old Thorns Golf Club*

*Match 1 at 11h20  
Match 2 at 11h28  
Match 3 at 11h36  
Match 4 at 11h44  
Match 5 at 11h52  
Match 6 at 12h00*

*The Captain and Chris Spearing with Roger Davies and Bill Major  
Alan Gray and Robert Stroud with Richard Squires and Paul Goddard  
Gerry Hinnigan\* and Ian Allison with Ollie Bowden\* and Glyn Hall  
David Ryan and David Drew with Hans Menzel and David Jones  
Rob Daniels and Colin Whittle with Keith Henley and John Rees  
Kevin Hardy and Tim Nunneley with Andy Mills and Bill White*

*Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021*

*Blacknest Golf and Country Club*

*Match 1 at 09h36  
Match 2 at 09h44  
Match 3 at 09h52  
Match 4 at 10h00  
Match 5 at 10h08  
Match 6 at 10h16*

*The Captain and Tim Nunneley with Richard Squires and Gerry Hinnigan\*  
Colin Whittle and Bill White with David Ryan and Robert Stroud  
Kevin Hardy and Glyn Hall with David Jones and Chris Spearing  
Rob Daniels and Ian Allison with Andy Mills and Roger Davies  
Dave Drew and Andy Gray with Keith Henley and Hans Menzel  
Paul Goddard and Bill Major with John Rees and Ollie Bowden\**

*NB      \* = Buggies reserved*

*Scoreboard hereunder*

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## THE SCOREBOARD

<i>Name</i>	<i>Golf Club</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Best 2</i>	<i>Place</i>
Ian Allison	Cotswolds	43	33	76	38	81	
Ollie Bowden	Drayton Park	33	37	70	37	74	
Rob Daniels	The Oxfordshire	37	35	72	38	75	
Roger Davies	Hadden Hill	40	34	74	42	82	8
Dave Drew	Studley Wood	44	40	84	40	84	6
Paul Goddard	Henley	32	38	70	32	70	
Alan Gray	Magnolia Park	42	42	84	40	84	5
Glyn Hall	Hadden Hill	38	37	75	37	75	
Kevin Hardy	Tadmarton Heath	37	37	74	37	74	
Keith Henley	Oxford City	36	41	77	36	77	
Gerry Hinnigan	Burford	33	33	66	34	67	
David Jones	Oxford City	34	25	59	38	72	
Bill Major	Drayton Park	36	34	70	32	70	
Hans Menzel	Studley Wood	43	25	68	36	79	
Andy Mills	The Oxfordshire	43	38	81	42	85	4
Tim Nunneley	Tadmarton Heath	36	37	73	40	77	
John Rees	Bicester	42	41	83	37	83	7
Graham Robinson	Magnolia Park	32	42	74	40	82	(9)
David Ryan	Feldon Valley	42	40	82	43	85	3
Richard Squires	Cotswolds Club	38	38	76	34	76	
Chris Spearing	Drayton Park	44	42	86	38	86	1
Robert Stroud	Tadmarton Heath	40	42	82	43	85	2
Bill White	Hadden Hill	42	38	80	34	80	
Colin Whittle	Oxford City	34	35	69	34	69	

## THE WINNERS

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total Score</i>	<i>Prize</i>
<i>2021 Champion</i>	<i>Chris Spearing</i>	86	£40.00
<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	Robert Stroud	85	£35.00
<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	David Ryan	85	£30.00
<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	Andy Mills	84	£25.00
<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>	Alan Gray	84	£20.00
<i>6<sup>th</sup></i>	Dave Drew	84	£15.00
<i>7<sup>th</sup></i>	John Rees	83	£10.00
<i>8<sup>th</sup></i>	Roger Davies	82	£5.00
		<i>Total Paid Out</i>	<i>£180.00</i>

Travellers please note; £264 was collected from you; £180 is paid out here, whilst the remaining £84 was contributed towards the purchase of golf balls and the hotel staff gratuities.