

THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



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THE CAPTAIN'S GREETING

I'm sure it was only yesterday that I wrote the intro to the Spring newsletter! The golfing events for the year are now complete, and I have never known a summer go so quickly.

The weather has been generally kind - the Mixed being the notable exception. Your support at all matches and events has been fantastic and very much appreciated. If you've enjoyed yourselves half as much as I have, then you've had a great time!

I'm sure Roger will summarise our performances this year, but let me say I am very proud of our match record - and especially chuffed to win the Queen's Jubilee. The Captain's Tour was great fun - amazing that we don't get more members coming along. Give it some thought for next year!

I will save my thank-yous for the AGM. However, I'd like to wish Graham Robinson a great year when he takes over in December.

Chris

Captain 2019

1. COUNTY MATCHES AND EVENTS

The programme of County matches has now concluded for the season with the following record:

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE
April				
25 th April	Somerset	Long Sutton	WON	4½ - 3½
May				
Monday 13 ^h	Cornwall	Point of Polzeath	WON	7½ - 4½
Tuesday 14 th	Cornwall	Launceston	LOST	5½ - 6½
Wednesday 15 th	Cornwall	Carlyon Bay	LOST	5 - 7
Wednesday 16 th	Cambridgeshire	Brampton Park	LOST	2½ - 5½
Wednesday 29 th	Worcestershire	Cotswolds Club	WON	4½ - 3½
June				
Tuesday 4 th	Dorset	Weymouth	WON	4½ - 3½
Wednesday 5 th	Devon	Honiton	LOST	3½ - 4½
Wednesday 12 th	Sussex	Kirtlington	WON	5½ - 4½
Monday 24 th	Berkshire	Newbury & Crookham	LOST	2 - 6
July				
Monday 1 st	Oxfordshire Ladies	Bicester (H)	WON	6 - 2
Thursday 11 th	Warwickshire	Feldon Valley	WON	7 - 1
Wednesday 17 th	Gloucestershire	North Oxford	WON	4½ - 3½
August				
Friday 2 nd	London	Wyke Green	LOST	3½ - 6½
Tuesday 6 th	Wiltshire	Carswell	WON	6 - 2
Tuesday 20 th	Berkshire	The Oxfordshire	HALVED	4 - 4
Thursday 29 th	Hampshire	Hartley Wintney	WON	6½ - 3½
September				
Monday 16 th	Cornwall	Henley	WON	7 - 5
Tuesday 17 th	Cornwall	Oxford City	WON	9 - 3
Wednesday 18 th	Cornwall	Burford	WON	9 - 3

MATCH SUMMARY

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

	PLAYED	WON	HALVED	LOST
HOME	10	9	1	0
AWAY	10	4	0	6
ALL	20	13	1	6

You can see how all the individual games in each match panned out by visiting our website at <https://www.oxfordshiregolfcaptains.co.uk/> and then clicking on "Members area," password "drive4show."

2. THE CORNWALL TOUR 2018/2019

This is the 50th year of these matches between our two Counties and, as usual, all six matches were played with the usual banter and friendly rivalry attached. Having lost by two matches to one in Cornwall in May, and having lost both trophies in doing so, we were determined to put up a better show when our friends visited us recently.

The first match at Henley Golf Club was a close encounter but resulted in a win for the home side and when the other two matches both ended in 9 - 3 wins, we reclaimed both trophies. Consolation for the visitors was a hole-in-one for Chris James on the 11th par 3 hole at Henley.

The final night's dinner at Burford Golf Club, slightly more raucous than usual, was further evidence of the bond that exists between our two organisations.

Next year, the Golden Anniversary of this tour, we will be visiting Cornwall from Sunday, 17th until Thursday, 21st May, which is a week later than this year. Accommodation is already reserved at the Carlyon Bay hotel and the matches will be played at St Austell, Looe and Carlyon Bay Golf Clubs.

If you have not travelled with us to Cornwall before, especially if you are a fairly new member and perhaps have not previously had the opportunity to do so, please note that we maintain a perpetual list for you to enter your name for the next year's trip.

So, think it over and, if you are interested in the 2020 tour, please let me know now as soon as you like at roger.sillence@live.co.uk or 01993 776303.

3. OGC INTERNAL EVENTS

➤ THE MIXED GREENSOMES attracted the largest entry for many years and was played on the lovely Studley Wood golf course on Tuesday, 30th July, a day on which the weather might have been kinder to us, although, judging by the scores returned, it didn't seem to interfere too greatly with the quality of the golf.

Magnolia Park members cornered the bulk of the prizes and returned some great scores in doing so. The day's winners were;

Winners	Hil & Mike Pennick	Magnolia Park	41 points
Second	Jean & Ian Allison	The Cotswolds Club	39 points
Third	Anne Terry & Brian Nobbs	Magnolia Park	38 points
Front 9	Pam & Graham Robinson	Magnolia Park	22 points
Back 9	Jane Topliss & Graham Fullagar	Kirtlington	21 points

➤ [THE FOUNDERS' CUP](#) was played at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 28th August, 2019, on another very warm and muggy afternoon, although a brief rain shower was welcomed by almost all of the golfers! Guests from several of the other County Golf Captains' associations were entertained and a most pleasant day was enjoyed by all, especially those receiving the rewards for their endeavours;

	HOME PLAYERS		
Winner	Graham Robinson	Magnolia Park	37 points
Second	Roger Davies	Hadden Hill	36 points
Third	Ray Shaw	Tadmarton Heath	35 points
Fourth	Roger Sillence	North Oxford	34 points
Front 9	Stuart Sinclair	Badgemore Park	21 points
Back 9	Ian Allison	The Cotswolds Club	18 points
	GUEST PLAYERS		
Winner	Pat Blake	Wiltshire Captain	34 points (C/B)
Second	Nigel Mobbs	Dorset Secretary	34 points
Third	Terry Glover	Essex Vice-Captain	28 points

➤ [THE AUTUMN MEETING](#) was held at the Hadden Hill Golf Club on Wednesday 4th 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	Dave Palmer	Drayton Park	40 points
Second	Frank Brazier	Magnolia Park	39 points
Third	Roger Davies	Hadden Hill	36 points - countback
Fourth	Alistair Brown	Hadden Hill	36 points - countback
Fifth	Phil Mosley	Feldon Valley	36 points - countback
Front 9	Tim Nunneley	Tadmarton Heath	22 points
Back 9	Graham Robinson	Magnolia Park	21 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 Autumn event and this was won for the THIRD year running by Drayton Park Golf Club with a points total of 107, with Hadden Hill golf club filling the runners-up berth with 104 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 our winner was Mick Greenall with his tally of 76 points from his best two events.

➤ [THE OGC PAIRS KNOCK-OUT](#) competition attracted 19 pairs in this, it's second year. The final was contested at North Oxford Golf Club between the holders, Chris Spearing and Simon Berry (Drayton Park) and their opponents, Frank Brazier and Richard Harris (Magnolia Park); the holders duly retained the trophy after a closely fought match by 2 and 1.

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

This is arguably the most prestigious of all our events and the most difficult to win, largely because we compete against six other Captains' associations. Each team consists of 8 players in a singles event, with the best six cards counting towards the aggregate score. This year the trophy was played for on the Stoneham golf course in Hampshire and the team had our Captain in raptures when the final returned results looked like this;

Place	Team	Score
1 st	Oxfordshire	211 points
2 nd	Kent	209 points
3 rd	Sussex	198 points
4 th	London	195 points
5 th	Hampshire	184 points
6 th	Essex	179 points
7 th	Bedfordshire	171 points

Bob Bannister top scored for our team with 38 points, closely followed by Captain Chris Spearing and Mike Pennick with 37 points; every one of the team returned a very decent score on a tough course.

5. THE CAPTAIN'S TOUR

This year we visited the Derwent Hotel in Torquay and played three games from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th September on the Churston, Dainton and Weston-Super-Mare golf courses. Twenty-four captains made up the tour which was played largely in warm sunshine but with occasional rain and wind to make the golf a little more challenging.

You will soon be able to see all the scores on the website but, for the moment, suffice it to say that some of those who managed to recover at least a portion of their travel expenses were;

Place	Name	Club	Total Score	Prize
Champion	Rob Daniels	The Oxfordshire	173 points	£40.00
2 nd	John Rees	Bicester	170 points	£35.00
3 rd	Fizz Kassam	Badgemore Park	156 points	£30.00
4 th	Tim Nunneley	Tadmorton Heath	155 points	£25.00
5 th	Mike Mogridge	Henley	154 points	£20.00

The best individual scores, again with the best two of the three rounds, were as follows;

Place	Name	Club	Total Score	Prize
1 st	Roger Sillence	North Oxford	76 points	£40.00
2 nd	Chris Spearing	Drayton Park	74 points	£35.00
3 rd	Ray Shaw	Tadmorton Heath	69 points	£30.00
4 th	Mike Sibley	Bicester	67 points	£25.00
5 th	Martin Hawkins	Badgemore Park	66 points	£20.00

Next year's Captain's tour will be to Tracy Park, Bristol (<https://www.tracypark.co.uk/>) from the 7th to the 9th September.

This is a luxury country house with two great golf courses and holding deposits have already been paid and, as places are limited, you should get your bids in to me as early as possible please at roger.sillence@live.co.uk or 01993 776303.

6. THE OGC 2020 GOLFING CALENDAR

You should be receiving your 2020 OGC golfing calendar around the turn of the year. Please make sure that you get your availability return back to me in good time before the match selections are made in January/February; it would be just great to see some more new faces returning those forms to me, so please try and find some space in your busy diaries to spend some time with us all next year.

**Best golfing always,
Roger**

Roger Sillence

Match Secretary

Oxfordshire Golf Captains

27TH September, 2019

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