

THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



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THE CAPTAIN'S GREETING

I was delighted with the turn-out for my Captain's Day at Drayton Park which was held on the hottest UK July day on record and unfortunately one or two Captains suffered as a result! We also received the warmest welcome from the Club, whose course was presented in a superb state and the catering was first class; all in all, as several others put it, "the club did us proud." Thanks to all 51 of you who turned up to offer your support.

Incredibly we are now well over half-way through the fixture list, with some decent match results as detailed by Roger below. I'd like to thank all the members who have played as "Victim of the Day", helping me to win more than I've lost.

I suspect most of us take the running of OGC for granted. However, another county has demonstrated how badly things can go wrong if the committee do not have their A game going. This county turned up in at one match 5 players short, and another match had to be reduced by two pairs per side. Remember that next time you have a grumble!

I make no apology for repeating from the last letter. Have you ever considered joining the committee? It doesn't matter if you been a member for 12 years or 12 months - what is needed is enthusiasm. The nomination process can be a little dry - a formal notice telling you when nominations have to be in for the December AGM. Your committee is concerned that you may feel that it is awkward putting yourself forward - please don't hesitate. Perhaps chat to one of the current committee. New blood on any committee is very healthy.

Keep on hacking!

Chris

Captain 2019

1. COUNTY MATCHES AND EVENTS

The programme of County matches continues with the usual mixed fortunes, and with more than half our matches played, we have achieved the following results, mostly with some very tight finishes;

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

This makes a running total of having played 13, of which 8 have been won and 5 lost, with seven matches yet to be played.

2. THE CORNWALL TOUR 2018/2019

The usual optimistic hope of returning from Cornwall with at least one of the trophies was proved yet again to be a forlorn one! Hopes soared with an amazing win on day one at a new course for us, The Point at Polzeath. However, two very tight games on days two and three that sadly went against us, pricked our bubble and, once again, we returned home empty handed.

As ever, it was another memorable Cornish trip to mark down in the annals of the OGC, spent once again in excellent quality company (well, for the most part!) and at a superbly appointed hotel.

Our Cornish friends will be returning to Oxfordshire in September for matches to be played at Henley, Oxford City and Burford golf clubs.

Next year 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 2019 tour, please let me know now as soon as you like at roger.sillence@live.co.uk or 01993 776303.

3. OGC INTERNAL EVENTS

In addition to the County matches, we have also held several of our internal competitions; the results from the [Spring Meeting](#), contested by 64 Captains, which was held at Burford Golf Club on Wednesday 17th April, were;

Winner	Keith Willis	Cotswolds Club	42 points (C/B)
Second	Ollie Bowden	Drayton Park	42 points
Third	Tom Durant	Cotswolds Club	38 points (C/B)
Fourth	Robert Branch	Tadmorton Heath	38 points (C/B)
Fifth	Mick Greenall	Magnolia Park	38 points
Front 9	Kevin Hardy	Tadmorton Heath	22 points
Back 9	John Rees	Bicester	21 points

Stuart Sinclair's [President's Day](#) was held at Badgemore Park Golf Club on Tuesday 18th June, where 47 Captains were received with the usual warm welcome, excellent hospitality, great food and a superbly presented golf course. Heavy rain showers and thunderstorms had been promised but they thankfully did not arrive until the evening, when most folks were pleased to see them after the dry spell.

Mention should be made of the winner, Dave Haddock, who knocked it round this difficult course in one-over par gross - an excellent score! This was another highly memorable day, which was hugely enjoyed by everyone present. The other happy home-goers were:-

Winner	Dave Haddock	Badgemore Park	40 points
Second	Ray Shaw	Tadmorton Heath	38 points (C/back)
Third	Mick Greenall	Magnolia Park	38 points (C/back)
Fourth	Jim Weir	Drayton Park	38 points (C/back)
Fifth	Danny Fois	Badgemore Park	37 points (C/back)
Front 9	Chris Spearing	Drayton Park	19 points
Back 9	John Waring	Cotswolds Club	21 points

Chris Spearing has commented on his [Captain's Day](#) earlier in this newsletter so enough has been said except to thank him for hosting a thoroughly enjoyable day in the hot sunshine. Fifty-one Captains enjoyed the excellent hospitality and food, and when it was all done and dusted, and without wishing to add further comment about their home clubs, the winners were;

Winner	Simon Berry	Drayton Park	39 points
Second	Terry Killick	Badgemore Park	36 points
Third	John Fisher	Drayton Park	34 points
Fourth	Ollie Bowden	Drayton Park	33 points C/B
Fifth	Jim Weir	Drayton Park	33 points C/B
Front 9	Tim Nunneley	Tadmarton Heath	21 points
Back 9	Graham Robinson	Magnolia Park	21 points

4. [THE FOUR COUNTIES TOURNAMENT](#)

This event is competed for by past Captains from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire, with each county being represented by 6 pairs playing in a 4BBB format, with the best five scores to Count.

This year's event was hosted by us at the beautiful Wychwood Golf Club on another lovely, sunny day. Despite all our pairs returning scores of or over 40 points, and producing a team score that would have won the event in almost all of the recent years, and in fact did win it last year, the final tally was;

Winners	Buckinghamshire	219 points
Second	Oxfordshire	208 points
Third	Gloucestershire	200 points
Fourth	Berkshire	177 points

The "best pairs" trophy was won by Rod Crisp and Roger Gillam from Buckinghamshire with an amazing 50 points.

***Best golfing always,
Roger***

Roger Sillence

Match Secretary

Oxfordshire Golf Captains

27th July, 2019

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