



THE OO GOLFER

Old Oundelian Golfing Society News

OOGS Newsletter

The season is now in full swing and we hope you enjoy the latest news. Please also find details and your application form for this year's Annual Weekend attached to the email.

Halford Hewitt 2021

1st Round v Wellington

Friday September 10th, 7:15 am

Prince's Golf Club

OOGS Clothing 2021

See Page 2 of this Newsletter for details on how to order the exciting new range of OOGS clothing from
<https://www.glenmuir.com/corporate/oogs>

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The Mellin, 2021



Robert Barrell & Nick Owles with their Millard Trophies (Over 75s)

Results in brief:

Mellin Salver (Over 55s): lost in the Plate Final

Peter Burles (Over 65s): lost in the Semi Final

Bunny Millard (Over 75s): won Qualifying and won Knockout



Peter Pentecost (Captain) writes –

It all started so well on the Wednesday in the Burles (Over 65s) with both pairs (Nick Copestick & Duncan Smith and Patrick Fossett & Michael Williams) winning through in the first round against Aldenham. This was followed by a stirring performance by the new Bunny Millard (over 75s) pairing of Robert Barrell and Nick Owles, who, though finding the West Hill greens a tad tricky, led the qualifying event. The Burles team beat Mill Hill in the second round with Copestick & Smith winning comfortably and Fossett & Williams halving. So day one was a complete success.

Day two on the other hand was less emphatic. In the Mellin, over 55 rookie Steve Carr partnering Nick Wilson stormed out of the blocks with a win, but the second pairing of Fred Domellof & Peter Edwards were not having their best day and lost, leaving the critical match on the shoulders of the third pairing of David Beamish & Peter Pentecost. There were several two hole swings in this match and notably most of them went against Oundle at 9, 13 and particularly 17 where Oundle missed a short putt to halve, Aldenham having been 40 yards off the fairway from the tee. A moment of drama and gallows amusement occurred at the 18th when the Oundle ball finished on the Clubhouse roof and the match was lost.....and so to the Plate.

Meanwhile the Burles pairings were having mixed fortunes with Copestick & Smith winning 'in the country', but a closely fought battle in pair two against a relatively youthful, but experienced Felsted pairing left the score at one apiece. In extra holes, with Oundle pair one playing Felsted pair two, Oundle had a glimmer of a chance at the 19th but took three from a slightly better place than Felsted and so it went onto the second extra hole, which Felsted won and Oundle was out.



Back to the Bunny Millard and the evergreen pairing of Barrell & Owles kept motoring on, winning the semi-final and setting up a final encounter against Sherborne. In the Mellin Plate, Oundle came through against Mill Hill and we repaired to dinner on a beautiful evening at Worplesdon with the Old Lorettonians and a jolly time was had by all who attended; Oundle had the largest cohort with players, supporters and some partners, Loretto had slightly fewer and there was one notable Old Cheltonian.

The Friday dawned bright and sunny and in the Mellin Plate, Oundle deployed the meritocracy principle and changed the order; this worked against Downside where we had two matches in the bag and the now middle pair of Beamish & Pentecost dormy 2 up, having had a nasty financial scare at the par 3 15th when the Oundle tee shot, after a fortuitous bounce, finished but a ball's width from going in!

So to the final against Bradfield – one of the stronger schools. Oundle's middle pair was no match for a very strong Bradfield pairing, but the third match of Domellof and Edwards came through victorious, leaving the top match to slug it out. Sadly the top Bradfield pair prevailed at the 17th and Oundle were runners up in the Plate yet again.

The high point of the week was undoubtedly Barrell & Owles taking on the might of Sherborne's Bunny Millard team of John Youngman and Mark Cannon-Brookes, two redoubtable players, in the final. They were no match however for the Oundle pair who were rock solid and won the Bunny Millard 4&3. This gave Robert Barrell the great achievement of having won the Halford Hewitt, The Grafton Morrish, the Mellin Salver, the Burles and now the Bunny Millard – a tremendous feat. Congratulations Roberto!



Midland Public Schools Meeting

Little Aston GC, June 23rd

A wonderful day as always, the Oundle team assembled by Shane Dodd, enjoying himself hugely after lockdown, did not do justice to the surroundings or the manager. Too many putts and loose shots into the long grass put paid to our challenge but we enjoyed our private dining room (below) and will be back next year for more fun and hopefully better scoring.

Team: Peter Pentecost & Nick Copestick; Fred Domellof & Nigel Hetherington; James Aston & Joss Cheatle; Guy Beresford & Bob Ellis. Also in attendance: Shane Dodd (Captain); David Aston; Nick Cheatle.

Full results can be found here <http://www.psmgm.uk/>



In the dining room: from front left to right – Joss Cheatle, Shane Dodd, Nigel Hetherington, James Aston, Nick Cheatle, Fred Domellof

On the tee: Joss Cheatle, Nick Cheatle, Nick Copestick, Peter Pentecost, Bob Ellis, Fred Domellof, Nigel Hetherington, Shane Dodd, James Aston, Guy Beresford.



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Caption Competition #2

There's a theme going on in this edition where Oundelian golf balls end up in strange places. Below – Nigel Hetherington retrieves the ball he hit into his partner's bag at Little Aston!

A free OOGS Cap to the best caption entry for this or the ball on West Hill clubhouse roof! (p2)



Email to nick.copestick@mac.com





OOGS v Old Sedberghians

We had an excellent game at Moortown GC against our friends from Sedbergh on June 17th.

The weather was fine and the OOs managed to steal a win 2.5 to 1.5. Guy Beresford travelled from London to play as my partner. Unfortunately, despite playing well, we were the only losers!

The Oundle players were

Robert Blackburn & Guy Beresford,
David McCartney & Nigel Ward,
Mike Banks & Richard Ellis
Nick Wilson & Andrew Latchmore.

We look forward to our next match shortly against Uppingham at the same venue.

Robert Blackburn (Northern Area Secretary)



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Clothing

An exciting new range of OOGS golf clothing is now available on the Glenmuir website

<https://www.glenmuir.com/corporate/oogs>

In a range of OO colours - blue, white, or red, along with a grey option - shirts, tops and hats can be purchased with a 10% discount and free embroidered OOGS logo and shield.

Some examples given below:



Sweaters are available in blue or grey. Shirts available in blue, white or red. Performance tops available in blue or grey. Bobble hat in grey: golf cap in blue. Ladies' items to be added in consultation with our lady members.

OOGS Silk Ties

OOGS ties can be ordered from James Aston, Hon Sec. The blue version is an alternative for those who have played in the OOGS Halford Hewitt team. There are bow ties also in each colour.

***Special Promotion – Time Limited Offer*:**

£15 each or £25 for two (normal price £20 each)



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Above - OOGS at The Mellin – the Burles team sporting the new clothing.
From front, left to right, Nick Copestick, Patrick Fossett, Nick Wilson (Mellin Team member), Shane Dodd (caddy), Michael Williams, Duncan Smith.



OOGS Belts

If you would like a belt in OOGS colours, please click this web link
- <https://manyatta.co/products/old-oundelian-golfing-society-members-only>
We have been extended a 10% discount off the purchase price (code OOGS10).

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Ramblings of a Woking Golfer

by Tony Riley, (Ldr '47)

We've included this again in case you haven't had a chance to look: Tony left Oundle in 1947, not 1945 as previously reported – sorry Tony!

Tony Riley has just published the wonderful 'Ramblings of a Woking Golfer'. Secretary (of Woking) from 1979 – 1994, he is now an Honorary Member. His period of leadership computerised the admin, put the finances on a surer footing and consolidated Woking as a home of amateur foursomes golf, all supplemented with anecdotes and some local photos.

Full review <https://finegolf.co.uk/books/woking-ramblings/>

Copies from The Secretary, Woking Golf Club, Pond Rd, Woking GU22 0JZ for £10.00 +£1.80 postage. All receipts will be retained by the club to help with Covid recovery.

UPCOMING FIXTURES – see fixture list for full details

July 28	Loretto Public Schools Foursomes at West Sussex GC
August 28	Old Bedfordians at Royal Worlington GC
September 3	The Birkdale Bucket at Moortown GC
September 4	The Denham Bowl at Denham GC

SAVE THE DATE! OOGS ANNUAL WEEKEND 2021

Starts FRIDAY OCTOBER 1st

NEW FORMAT to mark 90th Anniversary

- Friday: Foursomes from 2:00 pm at Luffenham Heath GC
- Dinner at the George Hotel Stamford
- Saturday: Individual competitions from 10:00 am at LHGC
- Lunch, AGM and Prizegiving

Booking Form included in this mailing. A subsidy of £30 off normal green fees is available. Please reply by September 6th.